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**VBA Bank Day Scholarship Program:  
More than 475 Virginia High School Seniors Shadowed Bankers Across the Commonwealth for  
a Chance to Win Up to \$7,500 in College Scholarship Money**

Glen Allen, VA – On March 20, 2018, more than 475 Virginia high school seniors spent the day shadowing bankers at 35 banks across the Commonwealth as part of VBA Bank Day. This statewide program is sponsored by the Virginia Bankers Association (VBA) Education Foundation and the VBA Emerging Bank Leaders. The purpose of the day is to expose students to the banking industry and provide an opportunity for the students to learn about banking, financial services and the vital role banks play in their communities.

The third Tuesday in March was declared Bank Day by the Virginia General Assembly in 1991 and has grown substantially since then. Following Bank Day, students will write an essay based on their time in the bank. Based on these essays, six regional \$1,000 honorable mention scholarships, six regional \$2,500 scholarships and one \$5,000 statewide scholarship will be awarded to the winning students. The Virginia banking industry is pleased to provide these scholarships to help students as they move to their next level of education.

On Bank Day, students participated in various activities depending on which bank they visited. Activities included meeting with various bank departments to learn about various aspects of banking; the importance of good credit and the profile of a qualified borrower; appropriate etiquette during a job interview; how banks are involved in the community; the Federal Reserve System and the payments system evolution.

Bruce T. Whitehurst, President & CEO of the Virginia Bankers Association, stated “Bank Day is one of the best short-term, hands-on experiences for students. It gives them the opportunity to go inside the bank, learn about the many services that banks offer, and start the networking that often leads to part-time and summer jobs, scholarships, and a possible career path in the financial world.”

The following 35 banks hosted students on Bank Day 2018:

Bank of Botetourt  
Bank of Clarke County  
Bank of Southside Virginia  
Benchmark Community Bank  
Blue Ridge Bank  
Burke & Herbert Bank  
C&F Bank  
Chesapeake Bank  
Citizens Bank & Trust Company  
EagleBank  
Essex Bank

F&M Bank  
First Bank & Trust Company  
First Bank, Virginia  
First National Bank  
HomeTown Bank  
Lee Bank & Trust Company  
MainStreet Bank  
New Peoples Bank  
Oak View National Bank  
Old Point National Bank  
Skyline National Bank

Sonabank  
The Bank of Fincastle  
The Bank of Marion  
The Farmers Bank of Appomattox  
The Fauquier Bank  
Touchstone Bank  
TowneBank

Union Bank & Trust  
United Bank  
Village Bank  
Virginia Commonwealth Bank  
Virginia Community Bank  
Wells Fargo

For more information about the VBA Bank Day Scholarship Program, please contact Monica McDearmon at [mmcdearmon@vabankers.org](mailto:mmcdearmon@vabankers.org). To view pictures from the event, visit our Facebook page [here](#). Please feel free to use these photos, as all students have submitted photo releases.

***About the VBA Education Foundation***

*The Virginia Bankers Association Education Foundation was formed in 2007 with the objective of recognizing the importance of economic education and financial literacy in Virginia and supporting the banking industry as a key participant in these areas. Their mission is to advance personal financial literacy to students in all public and private schools across the Commonwealth.*

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