

THE RED STICK TIMES

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BANKING AT LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

THURSDAY, May 23, 2019

ELECTION RESULTS

Jeff Dannelly was elected President of the Freshman class by a close margin. Jeff is Senior Vice President of Hancock Whitney in Destin, FL.

The number two vote-getter was **Zach Nixon** who will serve as Vice President. Zach is Loan Officer at Peoples Bank of Wyaconda in Kahoka, MO.

And elected to the Advisory Council are:

Lacie Campbell, Officer in Credit Analysis, Citizens National Bank in Shreveport, LA,

Mike Jasper, Chief Financial Officer, The Bank of Fincastle, Fincastle, VA

Tom Rasey, First VP/Loan Administration Officer, The Farmers Bank, Appomattox, VA

Also appointed was **Sergio Burgos Perez**, Business Relationship Director, Banorte, Mexico City, Mexico.

All class officers are invited to attend the School's daily faculty meeting today (Thursday) at 6:00 pm for a reception at the Mini Barn building over by the Ag barn. Food and drinks will be served and officers will have the opportunity to visit with the faculty and administration.

AND newly-elected officers and representatives of the Class of 2021, together with counterparts in the Junior and Senior classes, will meet with GSB officials tomorrow (Friday). When morning classes are dismissed, they should go promptly to Panera Bread (in the PFT) to grab lunch (on GSB) and we will meet in the Patrick F. Taylor area outside of the restaurant.

Students with questions or comments about any and everything related to the School should find one of their class reps to relay the message. If there are small problems, we like to identify and deal with them before they grow up to be big ones.

We intend to do everything within our power to maintain a strong commitment to excellence in all aspects of the School. Feedback through the Advisory Council and from evaluations ensure that we maintain high standards of performance, especially in the classroom.

Junior Class Report Card

FOUR Juniors have made ALL A's. Congratulations to:

- **Jonathan Barnes**, PriorityOne Bank, Hattiesburg, MS
- **Ramsey Diament**, Hancock Whitney Bank, New Orleans, LA
- **Ryan Hess, Hancock**, Whitney Bank, Lake Charles, LA
- **Nebojsa Kostic**, Hancock Whitney Bank, Metairie, LA

TEN Juniors made four A's and 1B. Worthy of recognition are:

- **Kyle Brooks**, Security Bank & Trust, Paris, TN
- **Catherine Bryant**, First American Bank & Trust, Athens, GA
- **Gerald Denicola**, Hancock Whitney Bank, Baton Rouge, LA
- **Leanne Drapeza**, Hancock Holding Company, Gulfport, MS
- **Jonathan Goforth**, The Citizens National Bank, Somerset, KY
- **Brad Jones**, Renasant Bank, Starkville, MS
- **LeVar Joseph**, First American Bank & Trust, Vacherie, LA
- **Seth Norris**, Cottonport Bank, Cottonport, LA
- **John Robertson**, First Citizens National Bank, Dyersburg, TN
- **Andrew Tate**, Wauchula State Bank, Wauchula, FL

Congratulations to each of you!

TODAY @ GSB

4:45 FR/JR Case Groups
5:30-6:45 Dinner

Who is Your Banker Trustee?

The School is supervised and managed by a Board of Trustees which is made up of a banker-graduate from each of the 15 sponsoring states as well as the CEO of the bankers association in their states. The banker-trustees serve two-year terms.

An important responsibility of the trustees is to assist in marketing the school in their respective states and answering questions from potential students. The bankers presently serving on the board are:

- **Bill Allen**, Bank of the Bluegrass & Trust Co, Lexington, KY
- **Scott Cocanougher**, First Community Bank of Tennessee, Shelbyville, TN
- **Shane Cowger**, Arvest Bank, Springfield, MO
- **Ryan Earnest**, Heritage First Bank, Rome, GA
- **Wes Fulmer**, The Peoples Bank, Biloxi, MS
- **Chris Miller**, Southside Bank, Austin, TX
- **Robert Mullins**, Premier Bank of the South, Huntsville, AL
- **John Neal**, Union Bank & Trust Company, Fredericksburg, VA
- **Marvin Robinson**, CresCom Bank, Cayce, SC
- **Ami Shaver**, United Bank, Parkersburg, WV
- **Corey Sisson**, Firststar Bank, Claremore, OK
- **Jason Smith**, Citizens National Bank, Bossier City, LA
- **Les Smith**, Arvest Bank, Fort Smith, AR
- **Bill Stallings**, Wells Fargo Business Banking, Winston-Salem, NC
- **John Sumrall**, Trustmark National Bank, Santa Rosa Beach, FL

Size Matters

In anticipation of graduation, one eager senior has asked about the size of the diploma to be awarded on Friday, May 31st, thinking perhaps he would purchase a nice frame from the Barnes & Noble bookstore. Your diplomas will be framed for you by GSB and this should offer some great photo opportunities. Feel free to post on social media #gsblsu2019.

Barnes and Noble Discount

The store's management is offering our students 10% off on all purchases. Just show them your GSB nametag. The bookstore is located across the street from the Faculty Club.

Some Humor ...

A GSB golfer reported to the RST that he almost scored a hole in one – only missing by three strokes.

If you don't believe success is merely a matter of luck just ask any failure.

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Highs & Lows

The Graduate School of Banking definitely has a personality. The first Thursday is often associated with bankers experiencing brief periods of loneliness as they realize that the weekend is approaching and they are away from love ones and have no plans to fill the vacant time. However, Friday afternoon they attend the seafood party, have a few adult beverages, and join with like lonely bankers and make plans for the weekend and all is well!

The School also exhibits characteristics of a well-oiled machine. Problems and numerous questions arise from students and faculty Sunday to Tuesday, but Wednesday through the end of the school runs like an unstoppable freight train. This is due in a large part to your cooperation! Thank you!

More Simulated Wisdom

The senior course in Bank Simulation is taught at all the graduate schools of banking but it is presented uniquely at GSBLSU by six faculty members who are all senior executives in their banks. They have been there and done that!

A new member of this distinguished team is Bertram (Buddy) Mortimer. Buddy presently serves as President/CEO of the Bank of Kilmichael, MS, a \$180 million community bank serving Montgomery and surrounding counties. He began his career, after graduating from Mississippi State University in 1982, at the first National Bank of Dallas, and returned to Jackson Mississippi to work as a commercial loan officer at Deposit Guaranty National Bank. Leaving the banking industry in 1991 Buddy and a couple of other investors purchased a plastics company and operated it very successfully and sold it in 1998. Buddy is very active in his community by serving on boards of several non-profit organizations. He brings to the simulation not only a distinguished banking background but a thorough knowledge of the businessman setting on the other side of the desk.

New Record for the 459 Cafeteria

It is well known by the experienced staff that the serving lines will be long for lunch at the first Monday of the session because the students tend to leave their morning classes and go directly to lunch. This Monday a record was set. In eleven minutes 361 bankers were checked in for lunch which is 33 students per minute. Three staff were assigned to keep the salad bar supplied but they were unable to keep up with the demand. The lady doing the counting suffered carpal tunnel syndrome in her thumb from working the clicker.

Our bankers are fast learners and have discovered by going to their apartment just after class and eating later, they will avoid long lines.