

THE REDSTICK TIMES

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BANKING AT LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

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Honor to the President

Our president, Jody Hudgins, has received quite an honor from the Florida Supreme Court. No, his sentence was not commuted or anything like that, but the Court appointed him as a public member to the Florida Bar Board of Governors which meets every other month to formulate and adopt matters of policy concerning activities of the Bar.

The Board has two public non-lawyer members who serve two-year terms on the board. As a banker with over 20 years of experience Jody brings to the meetings the ability to interpret from a lay perspective how Board matters may be viewed by a business person. He will be installed on the Board at the Florida Bar's annual convention on June 28th. While Jody does not have a law degree he does stay at the Holiday Inn!

Congratulations Mr. President on this honor and we trust you will keep the Florida lawyers on the narrow path.

Senior Report Card

Throughout the 70-year history of GSB, only 108 students (out of 16,331) have made a clean sweep with all A's. This year one senior had 10 A's. Congratulations to **Detra Cleven**, Depository Services, Bank of Tennessee, Johnson City, TN.

Four students had nine A's and one B, these are **Leah Hearn**, Vice President Operation/Compliance, The Commercial Bank, Meridian, MS

Timothy Henderson, Financial Institution Analyst, Minnesota Dept. of Commerce, Pine Island, MN

Jack Jackson, Supervisory Examiner, GA Dept. of Banking & Finance, Buford, GA

David LeVeau, Chief Financial Officer, Security Federal Bank, Elizabethton, TN

Junior class results will be reported tomorrow.

Meet the Freshman Politicians

The following candidates are on the ballot:

Brad Branscum, First Community Bank, Dresden, TN

Lacie Campbell, Citizens National Bank, Shreveport, LA

Jeff Dannelly, Hancock Whitney Bank, Destin, FL

Mike Jasper, Bank of Fincastle, Fincastle, VA

Zach Nixon, Peoples Bank, Kahoka, MO

Tom Rasey, The Farmers Bank, Appomattox, VA

Voting will be at the start of the first period this afternoon with results reported tomorrow.

State Receptions Tonight

Continuing a tradition that began several years ago, several sponsoring state associations are hosting receptions for the students attending from their states. All the receptions will be held this evening in the Cotillion Ballroom in the LSU Union from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm and assembly areas for each state will be identified by signs. The same refreshments will be available to all attending. This is an excellent opportunity to meet bankers from your state who are in the other classes. The hosts of the receptions are as follows:

Alabama	Scott Latham
Arkansas, Oklahoma	Lorrie Trogden
Florida	Peter Brokaw
Georgia	Joe Brannen, Alison Moreau, Ryan Earnest
Kentucky, Missouri	Natalie Kaelin
Louisiana, Texas	Bob Taylor, Ginger Laurent
Mississippi	Mac Deaver, Amy Davis, Gordon Fellows
North Carolina	Peter Gwaltney, Blair Jernigan
S. Carolina	Marvin Robinson
Tennessee	Stacey Langford
Virginia, W. Virginia	Scott Cocanougher
Mexico	Courtney Fleming
	Lizette Felix Abrego
	Jorge Martinez Beck

The North Carolina Bankers Association will also be hosting at dinner for all NC bankers at 7:30 pm at Walk On's, located at 3838 Burbank Drive, near the LSU campus. Peter Gwaltney and Blair Jernigan with the NC Bankers Association and Bill Stallings, our NC Trustee, will be there to say hello and personally meet and greet all of you.

TODAY @ GSB

4:45	FR/JR Case Groups
5:30-6:45	Dinner
6:00-7:00	State Receptions

Deadline Extensions on BSPs

The School is quite strict in adhering to the due dates for the bank study projects. Moodle is programmed to receive your bank study projects by midnight on the 15th of the monthly due date.

It is inevitable that situations develop in people's lives that prevent the completion of the projects by their due dates. In such cases, extensions are granted for a two week period. Requests for extensions should be made to Corinne Long prior to the deadline via email or phone.

Wisdom from Senior Class President

The President of the Class of 2019 shares below her thoughts regarding why we are here.

“They” say time flies when you’re having fun...all I can say is buckle your seatbelt. No matter what else you’re juggling in your “real life” it seems these three years are over right after they begin. Your enrollment in the Graduate School of Banking at LSU is an investment in you.

You will meet new college “roommates”, classmates, and instructors. You will interact and become peers (regardless of where you are in your working career) with credit analysts, loan officers, deposit specialists, sales managers, bank examiners, CFO’s, attorneys....you name it. You will broaden your thinking, and challenge yourself to grow and learn new things. I have always told co-workers and employees to learn everything you can from each position that you’re in; you never know where your life’s path will lead, and how that knowledge or experience will help you. Graduate School of Banking at LSU lets you do just that.

I hope each one of you will invest yourselves fully in the experience. Get outside your comfort zone, if needed to make yourself connect with new professional contacts. Discipline yourself (Sorry if I sound like your mother) as needed to do the work necessary to really grow during this time. Enroll in electives that will stretch you.

GSBSLU will allow you to sharpen skills you already possess, expose you to completely new areas of banking, and make you a more well-rounded professional. In addition to the prestige of obtaining a certificate from the Graduate School of Banking at LSU, you will gain new colleagues (both instructors and classmates), gain new life-long friends, and become a more knowledgeable banker. My hope for each of you, is that like me, you can say your years at the Graduate School of Banking at LSU have been worth the effort.

Robin Simpson
Community Bank President
BancorpSouth
Rogers, AR

Packages and Mail

Make sure you stop by the ECA Activity Center room 2 for mail and messages. We already have a few packages for students. We will try to notify you by email if you have a package.

Who are the Faculty

It is very easy to be on the faculty of the school. An individual only needs to know what he/she is talking about and be able to deliver the knowledge in an interesting manner, and of course, receive good reviews from the students. At this session you are being taught by 53 faculty members from 14 states plus Mexico. All of the sponsoring states, with the exception of West Virginia, are represented on the faculty, as well as two non-sponsoring states. The faculty is a diverse and highly experience group of individuals.

Bankers makeup 43% of the faculty and the next largest group is consultants which account for 27% of the teachers. Academics are 16% of the faculty and non-bankers and non-academics make up 14%. This latter group includes regulators, attorneys, and other professionals.

The large representation of bankers on our faculty are intentional. We have found that experienced bankers who can teach and know what they are talking about bring to the classroom knowledge of the industry and its environment possessed by no other group.

New Wisdom – Case Leader

Traditional banking wisdom maintains that banks don’t make bad loans, but sometimes good loans go south. The junior case in “Problem Loans and Workouts” addresses issues associated with these wayward assets.

Teaching the case this session is James Stringer, who is EVP and Regional Loan Administrator for the corporate banking group of BancorpSouth in Jackson, MS. Jim has 44 years of banking experience and more than 27 years in various credit related functions. In his distinguished career he has managed through several business cycles and has “worked out” many loans that have gone south. He has been a speaker and instructor in many credit related topics at universities and professional organizations. He is a graduate of Mississippi State University and GSBSLU and is very active in civic and church affairs in his hometown of Clinton, MS. The school is fortunate to have a banker with James’ extensive background teaching as a case leader.

Lost & Found Service

Most years we end up finding more stuff than has been reported as missing. Just notify the ECA desk of your loss or drop off what you may have found. We collect all of that at GSB headquarters at the Lod Cook Hotel. It never fails that somebody leaves an expensive calculator in a classroom. When the sun comes out, umbrellas are also abandoned. We suggest you may want to tape your name on anything of value so we can find you if we find it.