

And Then There Was One

As hard as it is to believe, with the conclusion of classes this evening we will have only one day remaining in the 2022 GSBLU session. It never fails that once you hit Monday of the second week, time seems to speed up tremendously and, before you know it, you're all headed back home to put in practice the lessons learned at your shops.

Final Grades

Several members of the Advisory Council have raised questions regarding grades earned while at the school. Upon graduation, your final transcript will reflect grades on all exams taken and all bank study projects completed over the course of the three years. These grades are not cumulative (in other words, they are not combined to reach an overall GPA).

Grades received are held in strict confidence by the school. Only you know your grades. The school does not send grades to your CEO or anyone else without your permission, even if they are requested.

Press Releases

Press-release forms will be sent out as an attachment in group messages via Canvas (FR/JR & SR) and the form will also be added as a link in the 2022 Student Session Information tab in Canvas. It is a fill-in-the-blank PDF (name, title, bank/institution, & city/town) that can be completed and forwarded on to the appropriate agency.

Student Workers

Our "green-shirt-clad" friends! As I'm sure many of you now have seen, there are about 658,213 moving parts during our two-week session each year. We'd like to thank our student workers for helping us keep a lot of those parts moving in the right direction.

Anna Key, Matthew Barrack, Olivia Ernest, Ben Gervais, Cade Rounds, Lauren Taylor, Rachel Toups, Ryne Weiss, Fielding Woolf... thank you, all, for your help this year!

Tomorrow @ GSBLU...

4:30-6:00 pm

FR & JR Week-2 Exam

3:00-7:00 pm

SR BMSim Presentations

SR Week-2 Exam

Special Guest - Steger

As mentioned in Monday's *BMSim Update*, our SR students will present the final performance results of their banks to a panel of judges who will, then, select the most outstanding bank (based upon financial results AND quality of presentation) in each community as overall winner of the competition in that community. Presentations will begin at 3:00 pm tomorrow and will run through 5:30. Each group of judges will hear reports from 10 total banks over that 2 ½-hour period, which is a long ending to an already long day. Each year, we request the assistance of a few additional judges to join the BMSim instructors and one of those this year (as well as in many years, past) is **H. Watts Steger, III**.

Mr. Steger began his career with the Bank of Botetourt (headquartered in Buchanan, VA) in March of 1971 as a Management Trainee and became Chief Executive Officer in April of 1976. When he began his career with the bank, it had one office in the Town of Buchanan and \$6 million



in total assets. Mr. Steger was named President in February of 1984, leading the bank in its growth and the change of its name to Bank of Botetourt (originally, the *Bank of Buchanan*) in July of 1995. He was named Chairman of the Board in 2001 and retired his President/CEO position in June of 2010. Mr. Steger continued serving on the Board of Directors until his retirement in May 2021 after 45 years of service to and leadership for the Bank.

Aside from his outstanding tenure back home, Watts has been a great leader for GSBLU, serving as BMSim instructor for more than **15 years** and as the school's President, 2015 & 2016. We very much appreciate Mr. Steger and his willingness to take time out of his life and make the trip to Baton Rouge for the educational improvement of the future leaders of our industry. **Thank you, Watts.**

Tune in tomorrow for our *Special Guest* spotlight on **Mr. John Womack**.