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NBA RECOGNIZES BANKING LEADERS

LA VISTA, NE - May 4, 2018 - The Nebraska Bankers Association (NBA) honored several bankers for their leadership and contributions to the financial services industry during the association's Annual Convention, held May 2-4 at the Embassy Suites in La Vista. The following awards were announced by NBA President & CEO Richard Baier:

Leading NBA Committees

Committees play an important role in the strength and success of the NBA. Cited for his leadership as a 2017-2018 NBA committee chairman was:

- **Douglas L. Weiss**, West Plains Bank, Ainsworth
2017-2018 Government Relations Committee

Also recognized for their commitment of time and support to the NBA BankPAC were:

- **Butte State Bank**, Butte
- **Cornerstone Bank**, York
- **Farmers State Bank**, Bridgeport/Dodge
- **Platte Valley Bank**, North Bend

Teaching Consumers About Financial Responsibility

The Personal Economics Program (PEP) is a volunteer program designed to teach consumers of all ages about personal finance, economics, and money management. Bankers give presentations to schools, civic clubs, and community organizations in an effort to teach financial responsibility. The following financial institutions were awarded plaques for their outstanding contributions to PEP.

PEP Gold Star Award. This award is presented to financial institutions that have made the largest number of financial and economic educational presentations with a focus on the individual student.

- **Cornerstone Bank**, York
- **Lincoln Federal Savings Bank of Nebraska**, Lincoln
- **U.S. Bank, N.A.**, Omaha

PEP Silver Star Award. This award is presented to financial institutions that have made a large number of financial and economic educational presentations in their communities while maintaining small overall class sizes.

- **American Interstate Bank**, Elkhorn
- **First State Bank & Trust Co.**, Fremont
- **Gothenburg State Bank**, Gothenburg

PEP Bronze Star Award. This award is presented to financial institutions that have reached many people through a large number of financial and economic educational presentations.

- **Adams Bank & Trust**, Ogallala
- **Two Rivers Bank**, Blair
- **Washington County Bank**, Blair

Get Smart About Credit Award. The following financial institutions were presented awards in recognition of outstanding participation during *Get Smart About Credit Day*, held annually in October.

- **Cornerstone Bank**, York
- **First Central Bank McCook**, McCook
- **First State Bank Nebraska**, Lincoln

Teach Children to Save Award. The following financial institutions were presented awards in recognition of outstanding participation during *Teach Children to Save Day*, held annually in April.

- **Citizens State Bank**, Laurel
- **First National Bank of Chadron**, Chadron
- **First National Bank of Omaha**, Omaha
- **NebraskaLand National Bank**, North Platte

PEP Honor Roll. The NBA recognized the following Nebraska financial institutions for outstanding participation in the area of financial education in FY 2017-2018.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adams Bank & Trust, Chappell, Imperial, Indianola, Lodgepole & Ogallala • American Interstate Bank, Elkhorn & Omaha • American National Bank, La Vista, Omaha & Papillion • Arbor Bank, Nebraska City & Omaha • Bank of Bennington, Bennington • Bank of Hartington, Hartington • Bank of Mead, Mead • Bruning State Bank, Broken Bow, Bruning, Hebron, Holdrege & Kearney • Brunswick State Bank, Brunswick • Cattle Bank & Trust, Seward • Citizens State Bank, Laurel • Columbus Bank & Trust, Columbus • Cornerstone Bank, Albion, Aurora, Bartlett, Bradshaw, Central City, Clay Center, Columbus, Davenport, Geneva, Grand Island, Hampton, Harvard, Henderson, Hildreth, Polk, Rising City, | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shelton, Stromsburg, Sutton, Waco, Wilcox & York • Countryside Bank, Palmyra, Syracuse & Unadilla • Dundee Bank, a branch of Security State Bank, Omaha • F&M Bank, Falls City • F&M Bank, Gretna & West Point • First Central Bank McCook, McCook • First National Bank of Chadron, Ainsworth & Chadron • First National Bank of Omaha, Omaha • First State Bank & Trust Co., Fremont • First State Bank Nebraska, Beatrice, De Witt, Dorchester, Firth, Waverly, Wilber & Yutan • FirstBank of Nebraska, Sterling & Syracuse • FirsTier Bank, Elm Creek • Genoa Community Bank, Genoa • Gothenburg State Bank, Gothenburg |
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- **Great Western Bank**, Omaha
- **Heartland Bank**, Geneva
- **Homestead Bank**, Albion, Cozad, Howells, St. Paul & Schuyler
- **Jones National Bank & Trust**, Seward
- **Lincoln Federal Savings Bank of Nebraska**, Lincoln
- **Mainstreet Bank**, Cook
- **McCook National Bank**, McCook & Stratton
- **Midwest Bank**, Creighton & Pierce
- **Nebraska State Bank & Trust**, Broken Bow, Callaway & Merna
- **NebraskaLand National Bank**, Kearney & North Platte
- **Northwest Bank**, Omaha
- **Pathway Bank**, Cairo
- **Security Bank**, Allen, Hartington, Laurel & Osmond
- **Security National Bank of Omaha**, Omaha
- **Two Rivers Bank**, Arlington & Blair
- **U.S. Bank, N.A.**, Fremont, Kearney, Lincoln, Norfolk & Omaha
- **Union Bank & Trust**, Lincoln
- **Washington County Bank**, Blair & Tekamah
- **West Plains Bank**, Ainsworth & Springview

Providing Scholarships to Bankers

Graduate School of Banking Wisconsin/Prochnow Educational Foundation/Nebraska Bankers Association Scholarship to the Graduate School of Banking in Wisconsin

- **Michael Beverly, Jr.**, Arbor Bank, Omaha

Graduate School of Banking Wisconsin/Nebraska Bankers Association Scholarship to the Human Resources Management School of the Graduate School of Banking in Wisconsin

- **Darynn Ruiz**, Arbor Bank, Omaha

Graduate School of Banking Wisconsin/Graduate School of Banking Banker Advisory Board Scholarship to the Graduate School of Banking in Wisconsin

- **Bruning State Bank, Bruning** – Zach Messman

Graduate School of Banking Colorado/Nebraska Bankers Association Scholarship to the Graduate School of Banking at Colorado

- **Martin R. Mickey**, First State Bank, Scottsbluff

Graduate School of Banking Colorado/Alumni Association Scholarship to the Graduate School of Banking at Colorado

- **Derek Minshull**, NebraskaLand National Bank, North Platte
- **Matthew Musgrove**, Waypoint Bank, Imperial
- **Patrick Zach**, Dundee Bank, Omaha

The Nebraska Bankers Association (www.nebankers.org), founded in 1890, is the voice of Nebraska's \$72 billion banking industry, which is composed of small, regional, and large banks that together employ more than 14,000 people, safeguard nearly \$59 billion in deposits, and extend more than \$53 billion in loans, all within the state of Nebraska.