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Local Banker Graduates from Future Leaders Alliance

Galesburg, IL – Brittney Shepherd, Business Banking Officer at F&M Bank in Galesburg has graduated from the Future Leaders Alliance (FLA) offered through the Illinois Bankers Association. The graduation commencement was held during the IBA’s annual ONE Conference on Friday, March 3rd. The fourteen-month FLA program is dedicated to enhancing the professional development of promising bank leaders through three primary components: education, community service and networking.

Participants were involved in comprehensive training, which involved attending educational sessions, performing local community service, and completing an advancement strategy project that brought value directly back to their banks and customers. The education sessions covered core topics such as Leadership and Influence, Team Building, Coaching, Service Leadership, Collaboration Skills, Financial Marketing and Branding, Legislative Process, Presentation Skills, Accounting for Bankers, Asset Liability Management, Regulatory Hot Topics, Cyber Security, executed an on-line banking simulation, and more.

Brittney joined the F&M Bank team in 2021 as a Small Business Banker and was recently promoted to Business Banking Officer. She serves as the primary liaison for our small business clients. Her community involvement currently includes: Ambassador for the Galesburg Chamber of Commerce and Board Member for United Way of Knox County.

The Illinois Bankers Association is a full-service trade association dedicated to creating a positive business climate that benefits the entire banking industry and the communities they serve. Founded in 1891, the IBA brings together state and national banks and savings banks of all sizes in Illinois. Collectively, the Illinois banking industry employs more than 105,000 people in over 4,300 offices across the state.

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