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Local Banker Graduates from Graduate School of Banking

Galesburg, IL – Trent Cox, V.P., Commercial Banking Manager at F&M Bank in Galesburg was awarded a diploma on August 9, 2024, at commencement exercises during the 79th session of the prestigious Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Cox also received a Certificate of Executive Leadership from the Wisconsin School of Business Center for Professional and Executive Development for completing the rigorous GSB leadership curriculum. As the elected President of the 2024 graduating class, Cox demonstrated his commitment to both his career in the banking industry and fostering connections among his classmates.

The School, sponsored by state bankers associations from across the central United States, as well as the University of Wisconsin-Madison, was established in 1945 to provide bankers with an opportunity for advanced study and research in banking, economics and leadership.

Instruction at the Graduate School of Banking takes place during two-week resident sessions for three consecutive summers, along with comprehensive study between summer resident sessions. The curriculum focuses on the management of strategic issues faced by banking executives and financial services industry professionals.

The Graduate School of Banking enrolls approximately 600 US and international professionals each year. More than 85 esteemed academicians, economists, government officials, and industry professionals comprise the School's faculty.

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Trent has been an integral member of the F&M Bank team since joining in 2012, currently occupying the position of Vice President, Commercial Banking Manager. Trent holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Accounting from Monmouth College and is a 2017 graduate of the Future Leaders Alliance through Illinois Bankers Association. Additionally, Trent graduated from the Midwest Agricultural Banking School in 2019, courtesy of the Indiana Bankers Association, as part of Purdue University. In his professional journey, Trent continues to hold significant leadership roles, including Past President/Board Member and has contributed to the finance committee of Thrive, formerly KCCDD. He is also the current Treasurer of the Galesburg Noon Rotary Club and plays a pivotal role in the Galesburg Rotary Club Foundation. Trent takes great pride in his Rotarian status and has been honored with the prestigious Paul Harris Award from the Rotary Club. His involvement extends to the Illinois Bankers Association, where he currently serves on the scholarship committee. Trent is in the final stages of his term as the Class President for the 2024 graduating class of the Graduate School of Banking and has previously served as President of the Board of Young Professionals of Galesburg, Member of the BNI of Galesburg, Secretary of the Board of Stone Hayes, former President of the Board of C.A.S.A. of Knox County, and an Ambassador for the Galesburg Area Chamber of Commerce. His contributions have also been acknowledged by being named a 2019 20 Under 40 recipient by the Galesburg Area Chamber of Commerce.

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