



OKLAHOMA BANKERS ASSOCIATION EMERGING LEADERS INSIGHTS MARCH 2016

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Q&A WITH RYAN EDMOUNDSON MARKET PRESIDENT, VISION BANK, DAVIS

Ryan graduated from Oklahoma State University in 2005 with a degree in agriculture economics. While attending OSU, he met his wife Tami. They have one son Braxton. He is a very energetic 2-year-old. He enjoys spending time with his family, traveling, golfing, cooking and attending OSU events.



Q. Where did you grow up?

A. I was born and raised in Davis. I have had the opportunity for the past nine years to work in my hometown.

Q. What is your passion?

A. By far, my passion is my family. I enjoy spending time with my wife and son.

Q. Favorite thing about the banking industry?

A. Our industry is ever changing. It brings new challenges each day. I really enjoy helping people.

Q. What do you enjoy doing outside of work?

A. I enjoy traveling, playing golf and attending various OSU sporting events.

Q. Unique fact about you?

A. Most people do not know, but, on average, I spend over 200 hours attending community events and community service each year. I donate a lot of time to Key Club, FFA/4-H, Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce and economic development.

Q. Top bucket list item?

A. I have always wanted to attend a Boston/Yankees game in Fenway Park and go on to the field.

Advisory Group

The Emerging Leaders advisory group met in early March to discuss the coming months' activities. As dates and locations are confirmed, be on the lookout for more regional lunch-and-learns as well as the Emerging Leaders' presence at the 2016 Leadership Forum and Annual Convention May 23-25 in Tulsa. In addition, if you have interest in joining the advisory group, which is responsible for determining the direction of Emerging Leaders, please contact Megan at the OBA.

2016 Bankers' Night Out

Join your banking peers for dinner, drinks and an industry update.

- Lawton: March 29, Lawton Country Club;
- Enid: March 30, Oakwood Country Club;
- Oklahoma City: March 31, Jim Thorpe Museum;
- Guymon: April 18, Hunny's;
- Krebs: April 20, Pete's Place;
- Tulsa: April 21, Southern Hills Marriott

Click [here](#) for a registration form.

REGIONAL LUNCHEON: LAWTON

Join us for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 7 at Salas Urban Cantina in Lawton. Jeremy Cowen, OBA vice president of communications and adjunct instructor at OU's Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication, will discuss the do's and don'ts of social media as it applies to the world of banking. There is no cost to register, and attendees will be responsible for the cost of their own meals. For more information and to register for the Lawton luncheon, [click here](#). A big thank you to City National Bank & Trust's Jason Hensley for securing the date and location.



KUDOS TO EMERGING LEADERS GRADUATES

Congratulations to the Emerging Leaders who recently graduated from the 2016 OBA Commercial Lending School:

Brandon Appling, Regent Bank, Oklahoma City
Frank Craig, First Liberty Bank, Oklahoma City
Johnny Garrison, RCB Bank, Skiatook
Derek Grubb, Bank of Hydro, Hydro
Chris Lowther, The Exchange Bank, Skiatook
Kyle Nation, Valliance Bank, Oklahoma City
Carl Oblander, First National Bank & Trust Co. of Ardmore, Lone Grove
Alan Ware, Armstrong Bank, Muskogee
Sally Weatherford, The First State Bank, Midwest City
Matt Winzeler, Arvest Bank, Oklahoma City
Jared Wise, Peoples Bank and Trust Co., Ryan



PRESENCE IS POWER

On Feb. 17 and March 9, several Emerging Leaders gathered at the Capitol. Led by OBA EVP of Government Relations Adrian Beverage, they met with their state senators and representatives, sat in on committee meetings, watched the House and Senate floors, made an impact as bankers who care about the legislative process in Oklahoma and wrapped up with lunch. If you missed out on these two opportunities, there are still other dates available. [Click here](#) to see the remaining dates. Upon making your selection, please fax in the completed form to (405) 424-4518.



Scholarship for graduating high school senior

Each year, the Oklahoma Bankers Association awards a \$1,000 scholarship to an incoming freshman who has a parent, grandparent, sibling or spouse who is a Professional Member of the Association. The student must enroll in an accredited Oklahoma institution of higher education. The applicant must also be graduating from an Oklahoma high school. A panel of bankers will select the winning applicant.

[Click here](#) for the application for the 2016 scholarship application. Applications are due May 2, 2016.

2016 scholarships still available

Scholarships are now available for the 2016 sessions of several graduate schools of banking. Click on each below to download an application.

- SWGSB has its Millennium Scholarship available (deadline: March 25). [Click here](#) for more information.
- GSB-Madison has its Prochnow/Oklahoma Bankers Association scholarship available (deadline: March 25). [Click here](#) for more information.
- GSB-Colorado has its Future Leaders Scholarship available (deadline: March 25). [Click here](#) for more information.

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