



# OKLAHOMA BANKERS ASSOCIATION EMERGING LEADERS INSIGHTS DECEMBER 2015

Happy holidays! Wishing you and yours a holiday season that is merry and bright!



## Lunch with the Legislators

Lunch with the Legislators, presented by the OBA Emerging Leaders, will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 14, at Cafe Alley in Ardmore.

Join your banking peers, invite your customers and members of the community for lunch and conversation with Sen. Frank Simpson and Rep. Pat Ownbey. There is no registration fee, but attendees are responsible for the cost of their own meals. A big thank you to Citizens Bank & Trust Company of Ardmore's Jerold Phillips for securing the date and location. [Click here](#) for more information. To register, email [nancy@oba.com](mailto:nancy@oba.com).

Interested in having a legislative or social media luncheon in your market? Contact Megan ([megan@oba.com](mailto:megan@oba.com), 405-424-5252) at the OBA.



Sen. Frank Simpson



Rep. Pat Ownbey

## Sign up for an OBA Committee

Being a member of Emerging Leaders is just the first step in developing into an industry leader. There is no better way to further your career or to serve your profession than to become involved with one of the OBA's committees. Everything the OBA does is intended to make you a better banker that makes you more relevant to your bank. Find more information at [http://www.oba.com/bankers/oba\\_committees.php](http://www.oba.com/bankers/oba_committees.php). If you have questions, contact Janis Reeser at [janis@oba.com](mailto:janis@oba.com).

## Congratulations, graduates

Hats off to Emerging Leaders Will Andrews, of Exchange Bank & Trust Co. in Stillwater, and Danielle James, of Valliance Bank in Oklahoma City, who graduated from the 2015 OBA Operations Lending School on Nov. 20.



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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### Q&A WITH JUSTIN HENRY VP, THE FIRST STATE BANK, OKLAHOMA CITY



Justin has a business administration degree with a focus in finance. He has one little brother who lives in Austin, Texas, and both of his parents live in Lawton. He has been in banking for over three years and truly enjoys going to work every day. He likes to travel and take trips that revolve around fishing; he just never really has time to do it.

Q. Where did you grow up?

A. I was born and grew up in Lawton.

Q. What is your passion?

A. My family.

Q. Favorite thing about the banking industry?

A. You learn something new every day, and if you don't, you are doing something wrong. And you get to visit with different types of people every day so it never gets boring

Q. What do you enjoy doing outside of work?

A. Anything outside. I really enjoy fishing and golf, and I'm always ready for an OU Football game in the spring.

Q. Something people would be surprised to know about you?

A. I took a 96 mph fastball to the face which resulted in the only broken bone/bones I have ever had to this day.

Q. Top bucket list item?

A. Probably not the top, but I think I will scratch it off in 2016 with some friends: "Yacht week in Croatia."

Each month in this section we'll highlight a member of Emerging Leaders. Would you like to be spotlighted? Do you know someone who should be spotlighted? Let us know by emailing [megan@oba.com](mailto:megan@oba.com).

## 2016: New year, new opportunities

### In Government Relations



**Adrian Beverage**

Join fellow Emerging Leaders on Feb. 17 and/or March 9 to meet with your respective legislators at the Capitol. Led by Adrian Beverage, OBA chief of staff and executive vice president of government relations, we'll observe committees meeting, we'll watch the House and Senate in their daily session, visit with your legislators, and to wrap up the day, the OBA will bring lunch in for everyone.

"The Contact Banker program provides an opportunity for bankers at all levels to experience the legislative process first hand," Beverage said. "Having the knowledge of how the process works and building relationships with the legislators goes hand in hand. This program is great for those who have very good relationships with their senators or representatives or for those who haven't been to the Capitol since elementary school." While these two Wednesdays will be reserved specifically for Emerging Leaders, you are welcome to participate in Contact Banker any Tuesday while the Senate and House are in session. Registration will open in January. Questions? Contact Adrian or Megan with the OBA.

### In Education

Take note of all the OBA schools taking place. We're sure there's on that fits perfectly for you or someone at your bank:

- Intermediate School: Ssn I - Feb. 1-5; Ssn II - June 6-10**
- Commercial Lending School: Feb. 28-March 4**
- Branch Manager School: March 22-23**
- Compliance School: Aug. 22-26**
- Basic Banking School: Sept. 12-15**
- Consumer Lending School: Oct. 3-7**
- Operations School: Nov. 14-18**

Please contact Janis or Nancy at the OBA for more information!

Speaking of 2016, the OBA Leadership Academy 2016 is currently enrolling. The OBA Leadership Academy 2016 will help you reach new heights with powerful speakers offering information leaders need for effectively maneuvering in today's business climate. Each session helps participants become true leaders by understanding those around you through non-traditional methods.

There are six sessions to the Academy: Jan. 22, Feb. 23, March 24, April 15, May 13 and June 2.

[Click here](#) for more information or to register!

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