



OKLAHOMA BANKERS ASSOCIATION EMERGING LEADERS INSIGHTS SEPTEMBER 2015

EMERGING LEADERS ONLY

The dates for the OBA Regional Updates have been set for this fall. These Updates (formerly called Bankers' Nights Out) will take place at six locations in October and November.

This year, there is an exclusive opportunity for Emerging Leaders only. Prior to the beginning of each Regional Update, the OBA is offering a reception for Emerging Leaders to visit with peers in their region from 5 to 5:30. Following the Emerging Leaders reception, each Update will feature a social get-together at 5:30-6:15 p.m., an informative program held by senior leaders of the OBA from 6:15-7 p.m. and a dinner afterward.

Registration is required and is \$40 per person. [Click here](#) for more information and to register. If you have interest in attending the "Emerging Leaders Only" reception, please contact [Megan McGuire](#).



Regional Update schedule:

Oct. 19 — Tulsa
Oct. 27 — Oklahoma City
Oct. 29 — Woodward
Nov. 3 — Lawton
Nov. 4 — Krebs
Nov. 16 — Ardmore

2016 Leadership Academy Dates Announced

Mark your calendar now for the 2016 Leadership Academy. The six-session academy helps bankers become true leaders and grow professionally. The 2016 sessions will be held as follows:

Session I — Jan. 22
Session II — Feb. 23
Session III — March 24
Session IV — April 15
Session V — May 13
Session VI — June 2

Registration will open in October.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Q&A WITH MICHAEL LEVINE AVP/COMMERCIAL LOAN OFFICER, FIRST LIBERTY BANK, OKLAHOMA CITY

Michael and his wife Jennifer just celebrated their one year anniversary in July and live in Northwest Oklahoma City with their dog, Andie. He is a graduate of Heritage Hall School and received his bachelor's degree from OU in 2008.

Q. What is your passion?

A. My passions are spending time with my family, sports (Boomer Sooner and Go Thunder) and traveling.

Q. Where did you grow up?

A. Born, raised and settled in Oklahoma City

Q. Favorite thing about the banking industry?

A. My favorite thing about the banking industry is developing meaningful, long-lasting relationships with my clients and watching how their success contributes to the overall success of our city and state.

Q. What do you enjoy doing outside of work?

A. Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my wife and dog, playing or watching just about any sport

except tennis (sorry!), going to concerts, traveling and just about anything that gets me outside.

Q. Unique fact about you?

A. A unique fact about me is that I introduced one of my best friends to his wife a couple years ago. It just so happens that his wife is my wife's cousin, and now we're related.

Q. Greatest element of Emerging Leaders?

A. The aspect I enjoy most about Emerging Leaders is having the opportunity to network with the future leaders of Oklahoma City's banking industry. I believe the relationships we build through this program helps foster the flow of ideas and best practices, which will greatly serve all of us in our development and progression.

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.





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EMERGING LEADERS NOTES

2015 Annual Washington Visit

As a reminder, the OBA's 2015 Annual Washington Visit has been scheduled for Oct. 4-6, and the registration deadline is approaching. Fellow Emerging Leader Matt Clouse, Valliance Bank-Norman president, attended in 2014 and had this to share about his experience.

"To make a difference in your local community by helping clients reach their financial goals is one of the most rewarding aspects of any banker's job. The Oklahoma Bankers Association Washington trip not only helps me continue to make a difference in my local community but also allows me to see the bigger picture and impact the state of Oklahoma, as well as, the entire banking industry," he said. "To have an engaged captive audience of regulators and congressional leaders to voice my opinions and concerns to, especially as a young professional, is invaluable."



For registration details or more information on the 2015 Annual Washington Visit, [click here](#). Please note: Emerging Leaders do receive a discount on registration as well as one complimentary room night at the host hotel. For more information on the Washington Visit in general, contact [Adrian Beverage](#).

Kudos to Emerging Leaders graduates

Congratulations to the Emerging Leaders who recently graduated from the 2015 OBA Compliance School.

- Madilynn Dobson—The Citizens Bank of Edmond, Edmond
- Erin Goodall—Valliance Bank, Oklahoma City
- Patsy Judd—Farmers Exchange Bank, Helena
- Matthew Thomas—The City National Bank & Trust Co, Lawton

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 which makes you more relevant to your bank. Find more information at http://www.oba.com/bankers/oba_committees.php. If you have questions, contact Janis Reeser at janis@oba.com.

Last Call: Lunch with the Leadership

The next Emerging Leaders lunch is swiftly approaching. It will take place at 11 a.m., Sept. 17 in the Harris Event Center at the OBA. Join your peers to network and listen to Vice Chairman Curtis Davidson and President and CEO Roger Beverage share their paths to leadership.



After lunch, we will volunteer as a group from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma.

The registration deadline has been extended to Sept. 14. [Click here](#) to register.



Questions?
Contact megan@oba.com.

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