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Name: <b>Brandon Bixler</b>
Bank: NBC Oklahoma
City: Oklahoma City
Position: Commercial Loan Officer
How long in position: 3 years
How long in banking: 7 years
Emerging Leaders Academy graduation year: 2018
Community Involvement: A Chance to Change Young Professionals Board, Current Member; LOVEOKC One Day, Board Member & Leader; Last Supper Club, Co-Leader
<p><b>Brief Description:</b></p> <p>My name is Brandon Bixler and I serve as a Commercial Loan Officer with NBC Oklahoma in Oklahoma City. I have been with the bank for 7 years and have served as a Commercial Loan Officer for the past 3 years. My desire to serve as the Chair of the Emerging Leader Division and on the OBA Board of Directors comes out of a passion to build community. This opportunity would allow me to improve my leadership &amp; problem-solving skills. Community is one of the most important elements in life &amp; banking. My desire would be to increase participation &amp; engagement within the Emerging Leaders Division of the OBA. One of the most important skills in life is making people feel welcome, wanted &amp; comfortable. I would do this through my humor, warmth &amp; sincerity. I would strive to contact &amp; have open dialogue with as many Emerging Leaders throughout the year as possible. Finally, generosity is another important attribute in my life. This position within the OBA would allow me to generously serve the Oklahoma community while increasing my involvement in banking.</p>

Name: <b>Mason Bolay</b>
Bank: First Bank & Trust
City: Perry
Position: Vice President
How long in position: 4 years
How long in banking: 9 years
Emerging Leaders Academy graduation year: 2019
Community Involvement: Rotary; United Fund; Leadership Noble, Co. President; 522 Ambulance Board, Secretary; St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Usher; Noble County Swine, Superintendent; YMCA Board, Mentor
<p>Brief Description:</p> <p>To Whom it May Concern:</p> <p>I am a 2003 graduate of Perry High School, after graduation I studied at Oklahoma State University where I received my Bachelor of Science Degree in Agribusiness with a minor in Rangeland Ecology, in 2007. Upon graduation I was certified to teach Agricultural Education and began my career at Thomas Fay Custer Public Schools, as an Agricultural Education instructor. After teaching at Thomas for two years I was hired on with Farm Service Agency where I worked as a Farm Loan Officer on the eastern side of the state and finished my tenure in Nowata, OK. In 2013, the opportunity to come back to my home community and serve in a leadership role at First Bank &amp; Trust presented itself. My goal had always been to get back to the Perry area and close to my family farm. The choice was easy. My wife and I moved back to Perry after her graduation from Northeastern State University Oklahoma College of Optometry. We have three children, Everett 5, Winston 3, and Margot 1. We are members of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church.</p> <p>Giving back has always been a priority. My background and experiences provide a well-rounded point of view for several different industries. I would like to share these with fellow bankers and the OBA Board to build on the current foundation. Skills and talents can be described in several ways. I try and fit 25 hours in a 24-hour day. For me there is little distinction between work, play, labor and religion. I simply strive for a vision of excellence in all that I am involved with.</p>

Name: <b>Jeremiah Campbell</b>
Bank: Alva State Bank & Trust Co
City: Alva
Position: Loan Officer
How long in position: 4 years
How long in banking: 5 years
Emerging Leaders Academy graduation year: 2020
Community Involvement: QB Club; Lights Over Alva; NWOSU Alumni Board, VP; NWOSU Homecoming Volunteer & Range Run Volunteer
Brief Description: I graduated with a bachelor's degree from NWOSU in May 2015 and December 2015. I was offered a job at Alva State Bank the following January. Having an agricultural upbringing has influenced my career path and ultimately led me to my current position at ASB. I believe serving at the Chair and being a member of the OBA Board will benefit my overall growth as a banker. I will be surrounded by fellow bankers who are not only serving their communities, but also serving the banking industry as a whole. They will help me gain more knowledge about banking and better enable me to serve my community and ASB. I am very hardworking, honest and detail oriented. I tend to put others' needs ahead of my own and always try my best to go above and beyond what is asked of me. I am willing to go to great lengths to better our team and to have a positive influence on those around me.

Name: <b>Lexi Lane</b>
Bank: Grand Savings Bank
City: Grove
Position: Financial Controller/CRA Officer
How long in position: 2 months
How long in banking: 12 months
Emerging Leaders Academy graduation year: 2020
Community Involvement: Will be getting more involved through starting Rotary. I volunteer at the Humane Society and help with the County Livestock Show.
<p>Brief Description:</p> <p>Some believe that being a young banker has disadvantages, however I would have to disagree. I am a high energy, social individual with a desire to be involved. My strong work ethic and positive mindset allow me to establish and accomplish goals. I would love to network and become more involved in the OBA's efforts to create a strong, united banking community. This desire stemmed from my involvement with The Emerging Leaders. I have thoroughly enjoyed this program and learned more about the qualitative side of banking and its community. I have an ongoing desire to learn and meet new people, and am very ardent in all things that I do. I believe that serving as the Emerging Leaders Chairman and a member of the OBA Board of Directors would be a symbiotic relationship by allowing me to continue my involvement and networking and contributing knowledge from my economic and quantitative financial background. I have made several new friends through the Emerging Leaders program and would love to be a part of the next Emerging Leaders class and aid in their growth.</p>

Name: <b>Trey Rateliff</b>
Bank: Citizens Bank & Trust
City: Ardmore
Position: VP/Lending
How long in position: 4 years
How long in banking: 14 years
Emerging Leaders Academy graduation year: 2020
Community Involvement: Chamber of Commerce Board, Cross Timbers Hospice Board, Relay for Life, Past Grace Center Board Member, March of Dimes
Brief Description: I have thoroughly enjoyed the Emerging Leaders experience and would like the opportunity for it to continue in some form. The longer you are in the banking industry the more you realize it is about relationships, both building those relationships and retaining them. I feel that this position is a continuation of a program that would allow me to foster new banking relationships for me career. In addition to the relations aspect it would also give me new experiences by serving on the OBA Board and going to events that I might otherwise not have a chance to attend. I look forward to serving in this capacity, hopefully, and know I will be better for it through the things that will be learned.

Name: <b>Julie Stovall</b>
Bank: American Exchange Bank
City: Henrietta
Position: Market President
How long in position: 1 ½ years
How long in banking: 26 years
Emerging Leaders Academy graduation year: 2018
Community Involvement: Lions Club, Okemah Chamber of Commerce, Henrietta Chamber of Commerce
<p>Brief Description:</p> <p>The primary reason I want to be the Chairperson for the Emerging Leaders Program is to give back by time and 26 years of banking experience to a program that I feel helped me advance further in my career. Additionally, I want to help more bankers feel confident as they move into the leadership forum in their bank and community. I would enjoy having a role in the personal development as often times the person may have the skill set, but is lacking in confidence to become a leader in their bank. I would also thoroughly enjoy serving on the OBA Board of Directors because it is a valued organization to community banks throughout Oklahoma. I would like to have input on the various training programs provided to bankers by OBA and being a part of the OBA Board at they continue to lobby for regulatory changes for community banks. Furthermore, being a banker means more to me than just getting that top-notch customer. My customers are not a number, but a relationship. I care about my customer base and utilize my experience to help them reach their goals.</p>

<b>Name: Kelci Werner</b>
Bank: First National Bank & Trust
City: Elk City
Position: Vice President
How long in position: > 3 years
How long in banking: > 3 years
Emerging Leaders Academy graduation year: 2018
Community Involvement: President Elect Elk City Rotary, Secretary/Vice Chair CPRMC Foundation Board, Treasurer Elk City Chamber of Commerce, Board Member Elk City United Fund, Board Member Elk City Planning and Zoning, Elk City United Methodist Church Praise Band & 5/6 <sup>th</sup> grade youth group leader.
<p><b>Brief Description:</b></p> <p>I was born and raised in Western Oklahoma where communities thrive because of its people and the support it receives from its community bank. My mother is a banker and has been for the majority of my life. Because of this, I grew up knowing the importance of community banks. When I moved back to Elk City to join the bank staff, I was also given the opportunity to go through our local leadership program, Leadership Elk City. The class focused on helping develop new young leaders as well as educated them on the importance of keeping small communities strong and fueled by passion to serve my community and my industry because the two must work together. After Leadership Elk City, I went through the Emerging Leaders Academy at the OBA, further developing my leadership skills as well as connecting me to bankers across the state. I became more involved in the OBA events going to Contact Banker days and joining the OBA in Washington D.C., on multiple occasions. I believe that serving as the Chair of the emerging leaders division will allow me to help further the program through engaging new bankers, further developing leadership skills, and networking next generation bankers to each other and those already active in the OBA. As a young, female professional located in Western Oklahoma, I believe serving as a Director for the OBA Board gives the Board a voice that represents several different demographics that make up our Bankers and that is something the OBA can benefit from to help make bankers better.</p>