

Press Release

Citizens State Bank's Adam Talbert Graduates From The Community Bankers School

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Citizens State Bank is proud to announce that **Adam Talbert, Vice President of Marketing**, has graduated with honors from The Community Bankers School.

The Community Bankers School consists of a two-week intensive course held in Bloomington at Illinois Wesleyan University that addresses the important elements of community banking. The program is sponsored by a consortium of banking organizations, including Independent Community Bankers of America, Community Bankers Association of Illinois (CBAI), Community Bankers Association of Georgia, Iowa Independent Bankers, Community Bankers of Wisconsin, Independent Bankers Association of Texas, Independent Bankers of Colorado, Independent Community Bankers of Minnesota, Michigan Association of Community Bankers and the Missouri Independent Bankers Association.

CBAI is a statewide association based in Springfield that represents nearly 450 community banks throughout Illinois. Robin Loftus, CBAI Chairman and Executive Vice President of Security Bank in Springfield, stated, "Graduates of The Community Bankers School are in a better position to advance their careers in banking and to contribute to the overall successful operations of their banks and their communities."

Citizens State Bank President Fritz Kuhlmeier echoed those sentiments, adding, "We're proud of Adam and his accomplishments, and I look forward to seeing how his new skills and knowledge provide better service and improve opportunities for the customers of Citizens State Bank."

Citizens State Bank first opened its doors in Lena in the late 1800s, and opened its Stockton branch in 1998 and Freeport branch in 2008. Today Citizens State Bank maintains \$200 million in assets and \$140 million in loans and employs more than 50 full-time and part-time employees.