

Citizens First Bank's Clements Completes Graduate School of Banking

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Stephen C. Clements was awarded a diploma on August 10, 2018, at commencement exercises during the 74th annual session of the prestigious Graduate School of Banking (GSB) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

The School, sponsored by state bankers associations from across the central United States, as well as the University of Wisconsin-Madison, was established in 1945 to provide bankers with an opportunity for advanced study and research in banking, economics and leadership. Instruction at the Graduate School of Banking takes place during two-week resident sessions for three consecutive summers, along with comprehensive study between summer resident sessions. The curriculum focuses on the management of strategic issues faced by banking executives and financial services industry professionals.

The Graduate School of Banking enrolls approximately 600 US and international professionals each year. More than 85 esteemed academicians, economists, government officials, and industry professionals comprise the School's faculty.

"The program taught me more than I anticipated, and I am grateful for having the opportunity. The Graduate School of Banking at UW is recognized as the nation's most progressive banking school, and my experience was top notch," Clements stated.

In addition to the diploma from GSB, Clements was awarded a Certificate of Executive Leadership from the Center for Professional and Executive Development (CPED) at the Wisconsin School of Business. This is the highest-level certificate offered by CPED and reflects the rigorous leadership curriculum that is delivered through the Graduate School of Banking.

Keith Hook, Senior Vice President and Senior Credit Officer at Citizens First Bank remarked, "Congratulations to Steve on completion of the Graduate School of Banking. Steve is a valuable member of the management team of Citizens First Bank and will provide expertise and guidance to strengthen and grow the bank. His commitment to further education is a testimony to his dedication to the community the bank serves."

About Citizens First Bank

Chartered in 2000, Citizens First Bank plays an important role in community banking. Citizens First Bank products provide customers with effective, locally owned banking choices, latest technology, and services expertise. Headquartered at 1442 Lincoln Way in Clinton, Citizens First Bank also has branches at 403 South Washington Boulevard in Camanche and at 1329 N 2nd Street, Clinton.

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Pictured: Stephen C. Clements, Senior Vice President – Senior Loan Officer, Citizens First Bank.