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**Bank of Botetourt Banker Graduates from the  
Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University**

**June 14, 2023, Salem, VA – Marcus Wade**, Vice President – Business Relationship Officer and Commercial Lender, Salem Office, graduated from the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University (GSBSU) on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. One of 168 graduates, Wade completed this three-year program that provides courses covering banking, economics, and related subjects and is the 8<sup>th</sup> Bank of Botetourt employee to graduate from GSBSU. Wade has been in the banking industry for more than 18 years after earning his bachelor's degree in organizational management and development from Bluefield College. An active member of the community, Wade serves as a board member for Star City Rec Club and Virginia Warriors AAU in addition to being a Deacon and Chairman of Youth Ministry with High Street Baptist Church.

Located in Baton Rouge, the Graduate School of Banking at LSU has provided advanced financial education since 1950. Over 16,000 bankers have successfully completed the program, achieving a requisite for professional advancement within the financial industry. The faculty consists of fifty-one experienced bankers, university professors, and professional leaders from across the United States. The 2023 graduating class is represented by students who have traveled from seventeen different states and Mexico. While working to earn their degrees, the 2023 class successfully completed ten bank study projects over the course of three years in addition to 210 hours of rigorous banking lectures.

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