

AGENDA

South Georgia Community Bank Symposium
March 6, 2019 | Valdosta State University | Valdosta, GA

8 a.m.	Continental Breakfast & Registration	11 a.m.	Director-focused Session / Strategic Thinking
8:30 a.m.	Welcome and Introductory Remarks L. Wayne Plumly, Ph. D., Dean of LCOBA, Valdosta State University		Jonathan Hightower, Partner, Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner, LLP, Atlanta
8:35 a.m.	Big Picture Banking Industry Snapshot Joe Brannen, President & CEO, Georgia Bankers Association		<i>This is the time of year when banks are implementing strategic decisions made from their 2018 plans. Hear what community bank boards of directors across Georgia are doing to position their banks for success.</i>
8:50 a.m.	Next Generation of Community Bankers Valdosta State University Student Panel		
	<i>Survey after survey shows attracting new talent to the banking industry is a top concern for bank leaders. It's a challenge for sure. We'll hear from a panel of Valdosta finance students about their outlook on careers in the banking industry, with thoughts about community banks in particular. The session will also include a discussion of the importance and experience of internships for both companies and students, and include information on resources at Valdosta that can help match up students and banks interested in internships.</i>	Noon	Lunch
		12:30 p.m.	What Next? The Future of Agriculture Panel
			Todd Harrell, United National Bank, Cairo Daniel R. Minick, The Citizens Bank of Americus Adam Smith, Suntrust Bank, Douglas
			<i>GBA's Agriculture Committee works with stakeholders through the sector to support Georgia's number one industry: agriculture. As this session, Committee members will share their insights about the current and future prospects for borrowers, both producers and those local businesses and communities dependent on the sector. The panel will include their initiatives responding to Hurricane Michael, how the 2019 lending environment is developing, how the state and federal bank regulators are reacting, and predictions about the future for this crucial industry to our state and industry.</i>
9:45 a.m.	Break		
10 a.m.	Economic Outlook & Opportunities Cynthia R. Tori, Ph. D., Professor of Economics, Valdosta State University		
	<i>This session looks at national economic trends and data, and then provides a focused look at key economic data from South Georgia.</i>	1:30 p.m.	Symposium Adjourns