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COMMUNITY FIRST FUND VP COMPLETES AMERICAN BANKERS ASSOCIATION STONIER GRADUATE SCHOOL

Lancaster, PA – Hope Pearson, VP, Community Lending, recently graduated from the American Bankers Association Stonier Graduate School of Banking in Philadelphia.

“Stonier has given me an unparalleled education from the best in the financial services industry as well as the chance to exchange information and ideas with my peers,” said Pearson.

Stonier is ABA’s national graduate school of banking, an intensive three-year program for bank executives. Students are from the United States and international banks of all sizes, as well as state and federal regulatory agencies and other financial services organizations. This is the school’s 81st year, and it was held June 2 - 9, 2016 at the University of Pennsylvania.

“Hope is a key member of Community First Fund and her training at Stonier will help us identify the challenges in the Greater Lehigh Valley region and create permanent solutions that foster prosperity,” said Daniel Betancourt, CEO.

Since its inception in 1935, more than 25,000 students have followed a curriculum of more than 50 courses and enjoyed networking opportunities with more than 650 fellow students. Between sessions, students keep up with trends by completing additional extension and online coursework. The program culminates with the Capstone Strategic Project, where students develop comprehensive business projects for their financial institutions.

Pearson, a resident of Germansville, has over 25 years of financial services experience. Prior to joining Community First Fund earlier this year, she served as Chief Operations Officer for New Tripoli Bank. She also previously held several leadership positions at Sovereign Bank/Santander US.

Pearson serves on the board of the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce Women’s Council, is a graduate of Leadership Lehigh Valley, and is a recipient of the 2015 Lehigh Valley Business Journal Women of Influence Award.

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