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Georgia Southern University's Center for Excellence in Financial Services and the Georgia Banker's Association will host the fifth annual Community Bank Symposium on March 23, 2011 at the Forest Heights Country Club in Statesboro.

The symposium will be an opportunity for bankers from around the southeast region of Georgia to discuss trends, legislation, and economic indicators that could affect the banking industry and the economy during the next year.

"This is a crucial time for everyone in the financial services industry," said Ed Sibbald, director of Georgia Southern's Center for Excellence in Financial Services in the College of Business Administration. "This symposium is designed to provide information and strategies for community bankers to manage through challenging times and redefine their business models in light of recent regulatory guidelines and legislative actions."

Symposium highlights will include a summary of the economic outlook for the region as well as a discussion of regulatory issues and pending regulation that could impact banks and their customers. Participating banks will also receive a complimentary analysis of their institution's performance and how it compares to its competitors.

Speakers for the symposium include among others, Tom Dujenski, Regional Director –FDIC, Steve Wise, Vice President – Community Banking Supervision of the Federal Reserve Bank- Southeastern Region, Rob Braswell, Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Banking and Finance, and Joe Brannen, President of the Georgia Banker's Association.

Dr. Brooks Keel, President of Georgia Southern University, will attend the luncheon and share his insights about the University's future and its continued commitment and support to the business community

Banking leaders interested in attending the symposium should register by contacting Susie McGehee @www.gabankers.com.

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