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Georgia Southern University's Center for Excellence in Financial Services and the Georgia Banker's Association will host the sixth annual Community Bank Symposium on March 28, 2012 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 as their balance

sheets strengthen and the economy gradually improves."

Symposium highlights will include a summary of the economic outlook for the region as well as a discussion of prospective scenarios for real estate values during the next three years. A regulatory Q&A session will feature the top regional regulators and one of the top banking lawyers in the state will address evolving board of director responsibilities after the recession. Participating banks will also receive a complimentary summary of regional and peer group performance comparisons for community banks within Georgia.

Speakers for the symposium include, Tom Dujenski, Regional Director –FDIC, Allen Stanley, Assistant Vice President – Community Banking Supervision of the Federal Reserve Bank- Southeastern Region, Rob Braswell, Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Banking and Finance, Steve Powell, Roger Tutterow, Jerry Blanchard and Joe Brannen, President of the Georgia Banker's Association.

Georgia Southern University Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Ted Moore, Ph.D., will host the luncheon and share his insights about the University's commitment and support of the business community

Banking and business leaders, as well as professionals with bank clients, interested in attending the symposium should register by contacting Susie McGehee @www.gabankers.com.

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