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Two Local Women Graduate Colorado School of Banking

The Graduate School of Banking at Colorado recently awarded diplomas to the 176 member class of 2017. The 67th annual class included four Kentucky graduates, two of which are Lauren Patton and Tawna Wright from Independence Bank in Owensboro.

Assistant Vice President, Charitable Foundation Manager of the Holding Company, Lauren Patton said, "The education I received at GSBC over the past 3 years has already proven to be invaluable. I am grateful to Independence Bank for this opportunity to advance my education and knowledge in the banking field and look forward to continuing to be part of the growing revolution."

Both women who are each approaching their 20th anniversary at Independence Bank were required to complete six weeks of classroom training focusing on four key areas - General Management, Lending, Leadership in Human Resource Management and Financial Management.

Chief Executive Officer, Chris Reid said, "Independence Bank has made it a priority to invest in the next generation of talent at the Bank. Through continued education programs such as the Graduate School of Banking of Colorado our employees are exposed to banking peers throughout the United States as well as best practices and efficiencies as well as new ideas. We are extremely proud of the hard work and accomplishments Tawna and Lauren have put forth to learning and know they will utilize the knowledge and experiences they obtained at GSBC to make us better."

ABOUT INDEPENDENCE BANK:

Independence Bank is a locally owned and operated community bank with 24 locations in Calloway, Daviess, Franklin, Graves, Hancock, Henderson, Hopkins, Jefferson, McCracken, McLean, Warren and Webster counties with assets over \$2.1 billion.

