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FOUR WOMEN RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE AT ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL WOMEN IN BANKING CONFERENCE

Hershey, Pa. – The Pennsylvania Bankers Association (PA Bankers) yesterday announced the winners of its annual Women in Banking Recognition of Excellence Awards.

The Women in Banking Recognition of Excellence Program acknowledges rising stars and leaders who continually "go the extra mile" to promote and inspire women to reach their full potential within the banking industry, their financial institutions and their communities.

This year's winners are:

- **The Patricia A. Husic Woman of Influence Award:** Susan Nicholson, S&T Bank

Susan was celebrated as a change agent who has achieved success within a leadership role and displays qualities of courage, values and ethics. She demonstrates undeniable enthusiasm for the industry, her institution and the community in which she lives and works.

- **Champion for Women Award (Affiliate Member):** Ariel Meadows, Bridgeway Capital

Champion for Women Award (Financial Institution Member): Alfreda Baer, Fulton Bank

Ariel and Alfreda were recognized as seasoned professionals who, through personal commitment, application and dedication, are invested in the success of others and foster growth to ensure women maximize their potential.

- **Tomorrow's Promise Award:** Anna Van Acker, Wayne Bank

Anna was recognized as a woman, aged 35 or younger, who continues to make a significant impact in the banking field and her community, making her "one to watch" in Pennsylvania's banking industry.

The Women in Banking Recognition of Excellence Program is spearheaded by the association's Women in Banking Network, which provides hundreds of women with opportunities for professional development, networking, mentorship, recognition, advocacy, financial literacy and volunteerism within their institution, the association and the industry.

The 2024 Women in Banking Recognition of Excellence Program was sponsored by Schneider Downs & Co., and the winners were honored at the association's Women in Banking Conference yesterday, at the Hershey Lodge & Convention Center in Hershey, Pa.

PA Bankers has been bringing banks and bankers together for more than 125 years to learn, grow, serve and engage with their peers, communities and lawmakers. The association has built a strong reputation as a leading advocate for pro-banking policies at the state and federal levels, as well as the delivery of quality education, products and services for banks of all sizes and their employees. Follow the Pennsylvania Bankers Association on Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter (@PABankers).

Editor's Note: High-resolution photos of the winners are available upon request.

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