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### SEVEN YOUNG PROFESSIONALS RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE AT ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL EMERGING LEADERS CONFERENCE

**Harrisburg, Pa.** – The Pennsylvania Bankers Association (PA Bankers) today awarded seven individuals with the PA Bankers Highlighting Young Professionals' Excellence (H.Y.P.E.) Awards.

The PA Bankers H.Y.P.E. Awards program highlights the accomplishments of seven young industry professionals (aged 40 years or younger) for excellence within their financial institutions/organizations, the banking industry and their communities.

Many individuals from banks/organizations across the commonwealth were nominated for six different award categories in the program, and winners included:

- **Achiever:** This award was presented to a financial institution member and Affiliate Member, or industry-related service provider: **Melissa Wilkins, The Dime Bank,** and **Lindsey Snavelly, Pillar+Aught.**

This award celebrates a professional who produces work more effectively than their peers, is considered a subject-matter expert, and knows how to attain results by their own accord and through others.

- **Change Agent: Levi Diltz, First Keystone Community Bank**

This award recognizes a professional who is likely to initiate new ways of doing things and is a proponent of taking risks to further the organization.

- **Community Ambassador: Jessica Thorne, First Keystone Community Bank**

This award is given to a professional who is interwoven and involved in their community through nonprofit and philanthropic initiatives.

- **Developer: Valerie O'Hare, The Dime Bank**

This award recognizes a professional who has a natural knack for building talent and wants to see others succeed and grow to their fullest potential.

- **Strategic Thinker: Jesse Brocious, First Commonwealth Bank**

This award celebrates a professional who is a forward thinker, shows business acumen, and has a good understanding of the market and industry in which their organization operates.

- **Team Player: Laurel Fidrick, First Keystone Community Bank**

This award recognizes a professional who is collaborative and a good communicator. The winner consistently seeks others' input and opinions and uses it to shape their ideas and generate consensus.

"PA Bankers is pleased to honor the achievements of the young leaders of the Pennsylvania banking industry each year through the PA Bankers H.Y.P.E. Awards," said Duncan Campbell, PA Bankers' president and CEO. "As the next generation of leadership, these seven individuals show immense promise for the future of the industry, as they strive to make a difference within their financial institutions and communities."

The 2020 PA Bankers H.Y.P.E. Awards were presented virtually at the association's annual Emerging Leaders Conference.

*PA Bankers has been bringing banks and bankers together for 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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