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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:** Jane Grebenc, President, First Commonwealth Bank

Jane 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):** Dara Klein, Managing Director, Kaplan Partners

Champion for Women Award (Financial Institution Member): Vicki Fox, SVP, Diversity & Inclusion Officer, First Commonwealth Bank

Dara and Vicki 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:** Kirsten Palmieri, VP, HR Partner, Penn Community Bank

Kirsten 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.

“PA Bankers is pleased to recognize the achievements of these four individuals who are dedicated to continually supporting the growth and development of female professionals within the banking industry,” said Duncan Campbell, president & CEO, PA Bankers. “The Women in Banking Recognition of Excellence Program works to celebrate the diversity and strength of Pennsylvania’s banking industry, and we are honored to work alongside these individuals to support our economy and communities every day.”

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 2021 Women in Banking Recognition of Excellence Program was sponsored by Pillar+Aught, LLC and 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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