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BENCHMARK EMPLOYEE GRADUATES FROM THE VIRGINIA BANKERS SCHOOL OF BANK MANAGEMENT

(Charlottesville, Va., August 18, 2016) – John Webb, a member of the management team at Benchmark Community Bank, was among the 58 Virginia bankers who graduated August 5, 2016 from the Virginia Bankers School of Bank Management at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. The three-year school is sponsored by the Virginia Bankers Association in cooperation with the McIntire School of Commerce at the University.

The Virginia Bankers School of Bank Management provides a multidimensional banking educational experience. Those accepted into the program are immersed in a comprehensive curriculum which is rolled out during a one-week resident session each summer and through interim assignments submitted online. Graduates broadened their knowledge in all respects of banking, economics, and related subjects.

Webb has risen quickly through the ranks at Benchmark. He joined the bank in 2012 as a relationship banker in South Hill and, through a series of promotions, is now a Vice President serving as both a Branch Manager in South Hill and Area Manager for Lunenburg County. Webb is appreciative of the confidence Benchmark has in him and the support he has received, stating, “I want to thank Benchmark for giving me the opportunity to attend this school and study with other

bankers from across the state. It was a wonderful experience that allowed me to expand my understanding of our industry and increase my professional network. I'm looking forward to applying the knowledge I've gained to better benefit both the bank and our customers."

Founded in 1971, Benchmark Community Bank celebrates its 45th anniversary this year. The \$533 million locally owned and operated full service bank serves Southside Virginia and northern North Carolina. Full service branches are located in Blackstone, Chase City, Clarksville, Crewe, Farmville, Halifax, Kenbridge, Lawrenceville, South Boston, South Hill, and Victoria, Virginia. Loan offices are located in Henderson and Wake Forest, North Carolina.

Benchmark Community Bank was recently named one of the top 200 community banks in the nation by American Banker magazine for the 10th year in a row. Additional information can be found at www.bcbonline.com.

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