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KOOK KRUAPONG EARNS PRESTIGIOUS DIPLOMA FROM GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BANKING AT COLORADO

BOULDER, COLO. -- The Graduate School of Banking at Colorado (GSBC) is proud to announce the graduation of Kamontorn (Kook) Kroapong of Embassy National Bank in Peachtree City, Ga., from its nationally recognized leadership development program. Kroapong has completed GSBC's rigorous 25-month curriculum, designed to prepare rising community bank leaders to make bold, strategic decisions that serve their institutions and communities.

Kroapong was among 175 students honored during a ceremony held July 24 on the University of Colorado Boulder campus. GSBC's Annual School Session, hosted each July, immerses rising community bank leaders in three consecutive years of classroom learning paired with six real-world intersession projects. Each student's final project centers on a strategic opportunity or challenge unique to their organization, bringing immediate value back to their communities.

GSBC's modern curriculum reflects the needs of today's community banks and is taught by industry-leading faculty. Courses fall within four key competency areas: Financial Management & Strategy, Innovation & Engagement, Leadership & Culture and Lending. The program culminates in a hands-on bank management simulation, where students lead a virtual institution through shifting market conditions and competitive pressures.

The 2025 Session marked GSBC's 74th year, welcoming nearly 500 students from across the country. The 75th Annual School Session will be held July 19-31, 2026, in Boulder, Colo. To learn more or start planning your GSBC journey, visit www.GSBColorado.org.

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