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Georgia Fintech Ecosystem: CBA Featured in Technology Association of Georgia's 2022 Report

The [Technology Association of Georgia's \(TAG\) 2022 Report](#) focused on Georgia's thriving and constantly evolving fintech ecosystem and included CBA initiatives to move community bankers forward in their innovation journey.

A portion of the article reads: "Community Bankers Association of Georgia is addressing members' interest in fintech through several initiatives. The organization launched its Innovation Circuit blog as a repository for innovation news, resources and events, and established an Innovation Committee headed by **Chris Stanley** of Atlanta's **SouthState Bank** in 2019. CBA has also partnered with Fintech Atlanta on the Run It by the Buyer program, a quarterly venue where fintech companies present new product ideas and receive candid, actionable feedback from bankers that comprise their target customer base. CBA also created an Innovation Exploration curriculum of training and development programs suitable for all levels of practitioners."

TAG's mission is to Connect, Promote, Influence and Educate Georgia's technology ecosystem to advance the innovation economy. TAG serves the technology community, helping to support, grow and ignite tech leaders, companies, and the overall Georgia economy. TAG serves more than 31,000 members statewide.



Cliff Crews Receives CBA Lifetime Service Award

Congratulations to **Cliff Crews**, SVP, **Bank of Dudley**, who was recently presented with his 50-year service award at a special celebration held in his honor by **John McNair**, President & CEO, **Community Bankers Association of Georgia**. Mr. Crews has worked his entire career at Bank of Dudley.

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Chris Stanley, SouthState Bank, Special Guest on Bankers Helping Bankers Podcast



Be sure to listen to the latest Down & Nerdy fintech podcast from Bankers

Helping Bankers with special guest, Chris Stanley, SVP, Payments & Financial Banking, SouthState Bank, Atlanta. Chris also serves as Chair of CBA's Innovation Committee. Chris has been instrumental in becoming a BaaS bank and working with early stage fintech companies. The podcast covers a variety of topics, including questions on BaaS, how a bank can get started and more. Tune in to [Bankers Helping Bankers](#).

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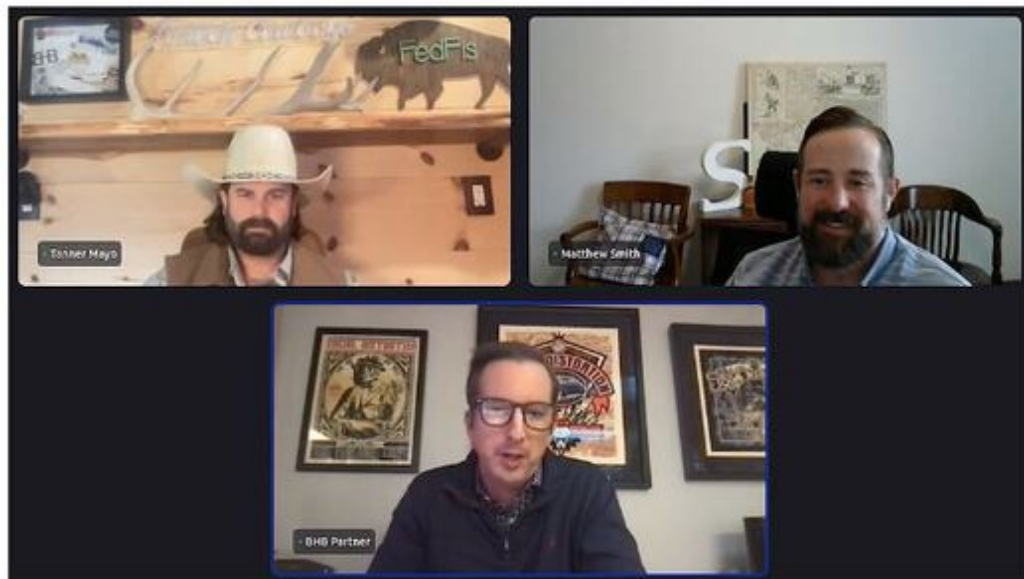
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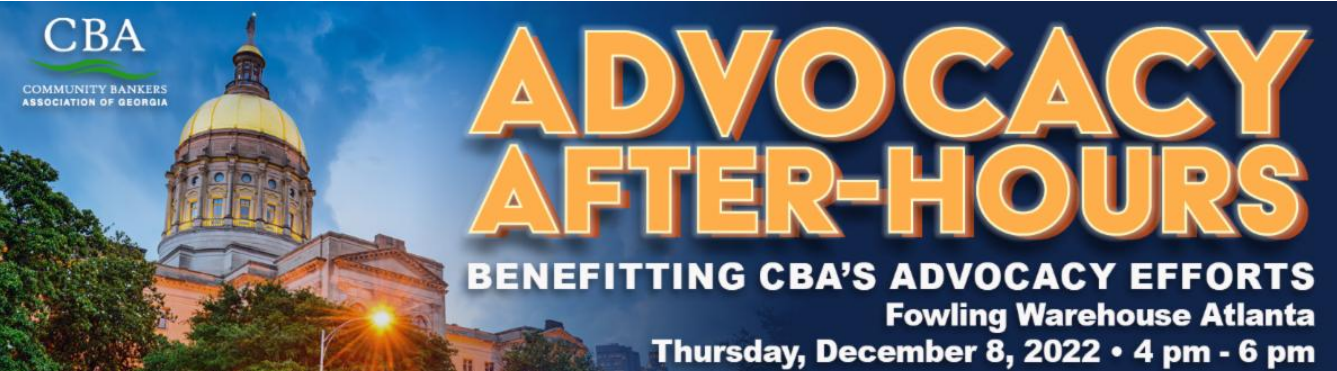
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Ashley Sumner has joined **Planters First Bank, Cordele**, as a Solutions Center CSR.



Georgia's community bankers do great things in their communities every day. Here is the latest on community outreach and news from CBA Members:

- **Matthew McClure**, Branch Manager at **American Commerce Bank, Bremen**, presented a financial education class at Haralson County High School. His focus was on helping students prepare to responsibly manage their finances once they leave school.
- **Georgia First Bank, Soperton**, sponsored **Robert Toombs Christian Academy's** varsity football team. The school was able to purchase new Jr. Pro football helmets for grades 3-5!
- Congratulations to **Flint Community Bank, Albany**. The bank was named the 2022 Small Business of the Year at the 2022 **Albany Area Chamber** Business Awards event. [Read more.](#)
- **Cody Ching**, Mortgage Loan Officer at **River City Bank's** Blairsville office, recently spoke with a group of first-year students at Young Harris College, where he shared information on bank accounts, credit, digital banking, and healthy financial habits.



American Commerce Bank, Bremen



Think CBA First for Your Professional Development Needs!

Here are some upcoming CBA events:



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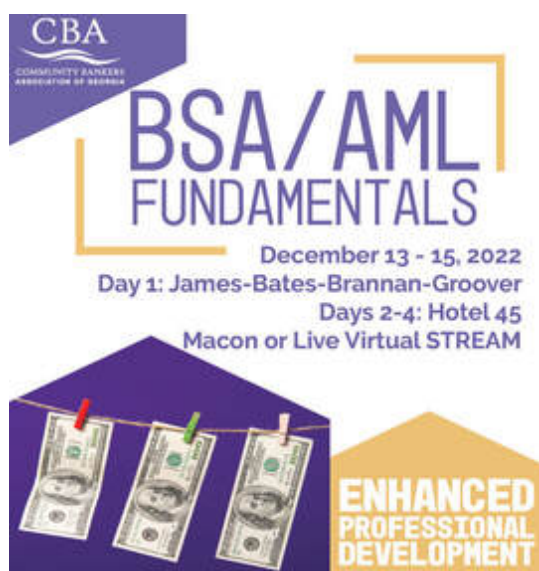
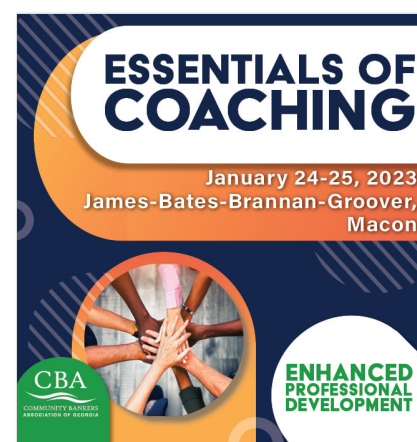
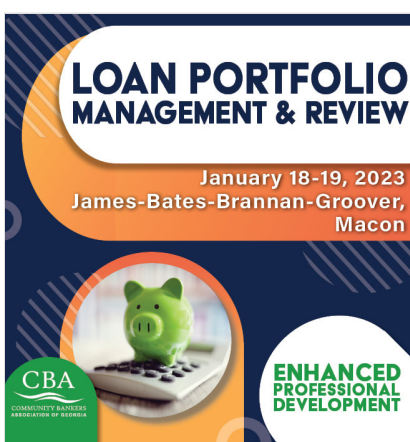
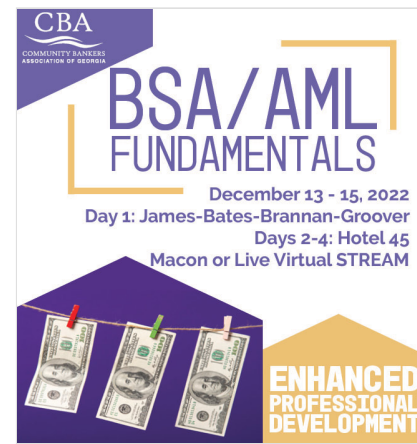
2022 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS & EVENTS

2022 COMPLIANCE PROFESSIONALS PACKAGE

What role does the federal agencies' Third-Party Risk Management Model play in FinTech?

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12/13: Statesboro/STREAM



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Instructor Dianne Barton Performance Solutions, Inc.

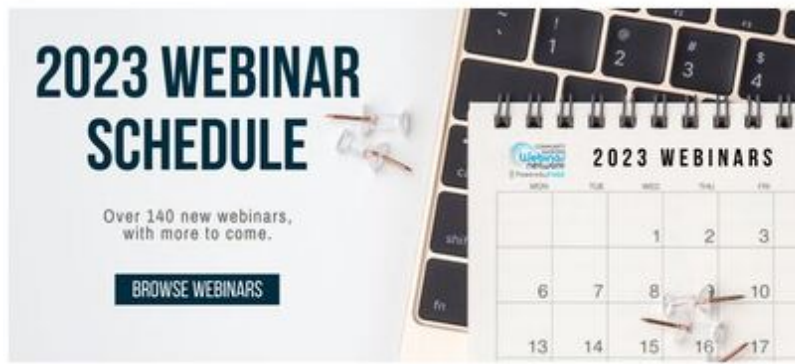


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- Individual and team skill assessments with workplace application
- How to interact and communicate effectively with a variety of communication styles
- Focus on vision, values, conversations with different communication styles
- Leadership insights



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Webinar: Time's Almost Up for CECL: See How CECLSolver Can Help



December 8 | 10:00 AM

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- [Georgia Dept. of Banking & Finance November 2022 Bulletin.pdf](#)
- [FDIC Q3 Report: Community Bank Income Increases](#)
- [Fed's Beige Book: Tepid Growth, Tough Times for Low-Income Households](#)
- [Branch vs. Digital Banking in Georgia – Guest article from Foresight Research](#)
- [Gruenberg: Expect CRA Rule Early Part of Next Year](#)
- [ICBA Accepting Applications for ThinkTECH Accelerator 2023](#)

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