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COLONY BANK OPENS NOMINATIONS FOR COLONY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

FITZGERALD, GA. (September 6, 2022) – Colony Bank today announced that nominations recently opened for the third class of its Colony Leadership Academy, a program designed to create an environment that nurtures potential young leaders and encourages students to recognize their own potential.

The program, which is available in all of Colony’s markets, is available to high school juniors during the last half of their junior year through the first half of their senior year. The curriculum encourages students to become familiar with all aspects of their community and to develop skills enabling them to take an active leadership role in their community. Colony Leadership Academy utilizes professional leadership trainers through UGA’s Fanning Institute and community resources for courses such as Health and Recreation, Economic Development, Arts and Culture, Public Safety, Social Services, Education and Government Affairs.

To be chosen for the program, a student must submit an application and meet qualifications that include a minimum GPA of 3.0 or equivalent. Each student applying for the program must be nominated by a community member, have their application approved by parents and their school’s administrator and supply two personal references. Nominations can be submitted from August 24th through September 16th, after which applications will be sent to students nominated. In November, the names of the 30 successful applicants will be announced. Classes will take place quarterly from February 2023 through graduation in November 2023. Upon completion of the program, participants will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to the college/university of their choice.

Commenting on the announcement Heather Bryant, Marketing Coordinator, said, “Colony Leadership Academy is a unique program that has had a tremendous impact on the students who’ve participated and in our local communities. We’re excited to begin receiving nominations for our third class and look forward to another great year.”

For more information on the program or to nominate a student, visit our website at www.colony.bank/colony-leadership-academy

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