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# **Oklahoma City banker honored for work at OBA Intermediate School**

OKLAHOMA CITY — Ryan Ward, with Great Plains Bank, in Oklahoma City, has been named an honors graduate of the 2024 Oklahoma Bankers Association Intermediate Banking School.

Ward will receive his awards plaque at 10:30 a.m. today at the 6701 N. Broadway location of Great Plains Bank. Kendra Barnes, chair of the 2024 OBA Intermediate School Board, will present the award, along with OBA Director of Education Janis Reeser.

Ward was selected for his Intermediate School honors based on his outstanding work on the school's exam and contributions and participation in class. He was chosen by the school's regents, staff, faculty and students. Ward was among 38 graduates who attended the school over two sessions on Feb. 5-9 and June 3-7, both at the OBA Harris Event Center in Oklahoma City.

The OBA Intermediate School, conducted annually, prepares junior to mid-level bank officers and future officers to effectively serve the needs of their banks and consumers. The school exposes students to a broad range of banking functions and issues, including: economics, marketing, lending, investments, trust services, compliance and legal issues, bank financial analysis, ethics, human resource management, communications, regulatory examinations and asset/liability management.

The OBA conducts more than 70 educational programs and seminars each year, which reach more than 5,000 bankers across the state. The Association represents nearly 200 banks across the state and serves as the primary advocate for the banking industry. It's also heavily involved in fraud training and prevention as well as legal and compliance services and communications for its member banks.

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