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## **Anderson, Evans Graduate LSU School of Banking**

**WILSON, North Carolina** – J. Todd Anderson, Senior Vice President and Wilson City Executive and Joseph L. Evans, Senior Vice President and Regional Supervisor of The Heritage Bank have graduated from the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University.

For over a half century, the Graduate School of Banking at LSU has been a major provider of advanced financial education in the United States. Completion of the program has become a prerequisite to professional advancement in many banks.

The challenging course of study spans 25 months, with three two-week resident sessions. During these resident sessions, bankers/students receive more than 200 hours of classroom instruction. Students must have a commitment to a high degree of personal discipline to graduate. Those that graduate leave with a new kind of knowledge that will set them apart in the world of banking.

Mr. Evans distinguished himself as CEO of the winning team out of 36 teams of five-six students each that were charged with “Simulating a Bank”. The teams were given the challenge to prevent their banks from failing. Each team had the same starting position and was asked to bring their bank to a profitable position and improve stock value while also creating long-term strength and capital to ensure future stability.

Wholly owned subsidiary of Heritage BancShares, Inc., The Heritage Bank, chartered in 1914, has approximately \$260 million in assets. It serves eastern North Carolina with fifteen branches located in Wilson, Johnston, Nash, Wayne and Edgecombe Counties. The Bank is a Member of the FDIC and is an Equal Housing Lender. For more information, please visit [www.theheritagebank.com](http://www.theheritagebank.com).

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