



**AMERICAN BANKERS ASSOCIATION EDUCATION FOUNDATION
ANNOUNCES 2009-2010 BOARD MEMBERS**

The American Bankers Association (ABA) Education Foundation announced its 2009-2010 Board of Trustees. The ABA Education Foundation is a nonprofit subsidiary of the American Bankers Association. Its mission is to help bankers improve their communities through financial education.

Natalie Abatemarco, Vice President of Global Community Relations, Citi, New York, has been elected Chairperson.

Continuing their terms as Board members will be Austin L. Roberts, III, President and CEO, Bank of Lancaster, Kilmarnock, Virginia; Nicki P. Brown, President and CEO, The Wilton Bank, Wilton, Connecticut; Julie Cripe, President and CEO, Omnibank, Houston, Texas; Robert R. Jones, III, President and CEO, United Bank, Atmore, Alabama; Warren K.K. Luke, Chairman, President and CEO, Hawaii National Bank, Honolulu, Hawaii; Stephen R. Martin, Vice President of Public Relations and Marketing, Canandaigua National Bank & Trust, Canandaigua, New York, immediate Past Chairman of the ABA Education Foundation Board of Trustees; Donna J. Petrocco, President and CEO, Valley Bank and Trust, Brighton, Colorado; Teresa L. Ziebarth, Vice President, Program Management and Delivery, Wells Fargo Bank, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

New Board members are Todd Earl, President and Chairman of NBC Oklahoma; Erica Opstad, Vice President and West Region Manager, U.S. Bank NA, San Diego, California; Tanya C. Wheelless, President and CEO, Arizona Bankers Association; William R. White, Chairman and President, Dearborn Federal Savings Bank, Michigan, and treasurer for 2009-2010 ABA Board of Trustees.

Local banker and Board member Austin Roberts states that through the Foundation's efforts, nearly 90,000 bankers across the Country have supported Foundation programs such as "Get Smart About Credit Day" and "Teach Children to Save Day." These Foundation signature programs were designed to help young people understand the

importance of learning to save and the importance of obtaining and maintaining good credit. “We feel it is very important to teach these basic finance skills, these life lessons, to our youth,” Roberts reported; “and nationwide about 4 million young people have been reached to date. I am honored to serve on the Foundation Board and for my bank, Bank of Lancaster, to have been a participating bank for over a decade, making a difference in the lives of the youth here in our Northern Neck.”