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### **FNBT's Kenneth Nash named OBA Honors Graduate**

Credit Analyst Kenneth Nash of Chickasha was named the 2016 Honors Graduate by the Oklahoma Banker's Association Intermediate School of Banking this fall. In a class of 23 members, Nash excelled and was recognized in a ceremony by the OBA in Chickasha.

He is a 2013 graduate of the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma.

Nash was presented an award in the Downtown bank lobby by the OBA's Executive Vice President Janis Reeser and FNBT Chief Financial Officer Kyle Abrahams, who earned high honors in the program himself, and who chaired the school this past year.

"It is a great honor to be recognized by the OBA," Nash said. "I am happy that I can make an impact and help make our team and bank serve our customers. I really appreciate the staff at OBA, as well as all of my coworkers."

Nash's performance gives FNBT the opportunity to shine in this statewide program, Abrahams said.

"As the Honors Graduate, Kenneth will serve on the advisory board that seeks to improve the Intermediate School each year," Abrahams said. "We salute his hard work and dedication. In three years at the bank, he's been named Co-Owner of the Month by his coworkers, and earned a promotion to assistant vice president. We are proud of his service."

As Honors Graduate, Nash was invited to serve as an adviser to the OBA's 2017 Intermediate School Board of Regents. That will give him an opportunity to influence content and quality for the next round of students in the program. "I will do my best to be an asset to next year's school," Nash said.

Nash enrolled because he was offered the opportunity by Chief Lender Bill Frick at FNBT. "I felt this program would benefit me in many ways," Nash explained. "Being new to banking, there is a lot I do not know and much more I can learn. I wanted to take this program to help increase my knowledge and capacity to serve."

Nash said he learned from the program faculty but also enjoyed learning from the other students.

"I really enjoyed networking with the other bankers and hearing all the different ways other community bankers like me do their job," he said. "There are so many ways to do something and always room for improvement."

Nash got started in banking shortly after completing a bachelor's degree in business at USAO in April 2013. Last year, he was promoted to assistant vice president. He works with the credit administration team downtown to assist businesses getting loans. "I enjoy being

part of a productive team,” Nash said. “I love knowing that what I do really matters in helping customers.”

He grew up in the Marlow area. Nash and his wife, Candace, have a 3-year-old son. Nash enjoys being a dad, spending time with family and being outdoors.



Recognized as the OBA Intermediate School of Banking Honors Graduate for 2016 is Associate Vice President Kenneth Nash, center, who serves as credit analyst at FNBT. Presenting the award is CFO Kyle Abrahams, who chaired the school this year, right, along with President and CEO John Gorton, left.