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## **JAMES SMITH, COMPLETES GSBC'S EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE FOR COMMUNITY BANKERS®**

**Boulder, Colorado** – James Smith, CEO and President of FMS Bank graduated April 21 from the Graduate School of Banking at Colorado's (GSBC) Executive Development Institute for Community Bankers® program held in Broomfield, Colorado.

Executive Development Institute for Community Bankers® (EDI) participants are up-and-coming C-level executives whose work efforts influence the future direction of their banks. EDI equips these community bank leaders for success with extensive leadership and bank management training, including 10-plus hours of individual executive coaching.

Smith was one of 12 community bankers who graduated from the 19-month program, which concluded April 21, 2021.

"EDI is filling a crucial void in banking education by offering an avenue for banks to succession plan with peace of mind that the futures of their organizations are in good hands," said GSBC President Tim Koch. "It is reassuring to see James' passion for the industry, his community and his customers. GSBC is proud to have been a part of his development."

GSBC will welcome back the 11 members of the seventh cohort of EDI participants in October 2021 and is currently enrolling for a new cohort to begin at that time. Visit [www.GSBCColorado.org](http://www.GSBCColorado.org) for more information.

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*The Graduate School of Banking at Colorado is America's Premier Community Banking School, boasting more than 8,000 alumni since its inception in 1950, and educating approximately 600 bankers and regulatory professionals from around the nation annually. GSBC prides itself on its commitment to providing unmatched higher education to America's community bankers. To learn more about GSBC's lineup of comprehensive educational programs, visit [www.GSBCColorado.org](http://www.GSBCColorado.org).*