

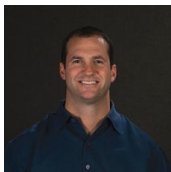
## **Kevin Erickson Appointed to Succeed Troy Appling as Chair of the GSBC Alumni Association**



The Graduate School of Banking at Colorado (GSBC) has appointed Kevin Erickson as the Chair of the Alumni Association for a two-year term, beginning in July 2009. Erickson replaces Troy Appling who has served in this role since 2003.

Kevin Erickson is the Branch President of Summit Bank & Trust at the Thornton, CO location. He assisted in the start-up of the de novo bank in 2006 which now has three branches in Colorado. In addition to graduating from GSBC in 2005, Erickson is a 1999 graduate of the University of North Dakota and is currently pursuing his MBA through the University of Colorado at Denver. He also sits on the Board of the Colorado Bankers Association (CBA) and plays an active role with Bank Leaders of Tomorrow, the CBA's young bank leaders' group in Colorado. Originally from North Dakota, Kevin has lived in Colorado since 2001 with his wife Erica. He enjoys golf, snow skiing, water skiing and biking.

Since 2006, Erickson has acted as the Colorado Alumni Coordinator for GSBC and has assisted greatly in marketing and recruiting efforts in the state of Colorado during this time.



Troy Appling has served as the Chair of the Alumni Association since he graduated in 2003, after serving as class rep during his years as a student. He formed the Alumni Association with the goal to engage alumni in the recruitment efforts of the school, as well as to give alumni a voice in the School. He initiated the first Alumni Association-sponsored Golf Tournament and has worked hard with the staff to reconnect countless alumni across the country with GSBC. Each July, he has returned to campus to host a dinner for the GSBC OK students as well as to encourage all students to stay involved with the school beyond graduation. Oklahoma Bank Commissioner, Mick Thompson, states, "*Troy has been a real force in banker education and he has made a difference in keeping Oklahoma bankers and others engaged with GSBC.*"

Troy also reflected on his experience as the Association Chair:

*Upon my graduation from GSBC in July 2003, I was challenged by Tim Koch with formalizing the school's Alumni Association. To me, it was not only a great way to give back to the school that I had grown to love, but also a way to enable others to stay connected with the school and their friends. After 6 wonderful years of serving as the Chairman of the Alumni Association, I am proud of the accomplishments and hard work that many of the alumni and staff have made to ensure that our association continues to thrive. The association has been involved in many endeavors including the starting of the Annual Alumni golf tournament, creating an alumni database, producing numerous Alumni advisors all over the nation, as well as helping recruit potential students to the school. I have been very blessed with this opportunity and am thankful for my time spent with the trustees and staff. Tim Koch has been an incredible mentor and friend to me and my family.*

*As I step down from my position with the school, I do so knowing that I leave it in very capable hands. I have known Kevin Erickson for several years and find him to be high in character and his passion for the school is unmatched. I know he will continue the work I started and take it to new levels. Thank you!*

The Graduate School of Banking at Colorado will hold its 60<sup>th</sup> Annual School Session July 11-23, 2010. For more information on the school and/or the alumni association, please visit [www.GSBCColorado.org](http://www.GSBCColorado.org) or call 800-272-5138. Please encourage any alumni you know to contact the school to update their contact information (especially emails) if they have not heard from us in a while.