

James B. Gardner/Commerce Street Capital 2013 Scholarship Awards \$10,000 to SW Graduate School of Banking Students

DALLAS (July 24, 2013)—Commerce Street Capital, LLC (CSC), awarded four James B. Gardner/Commerce Street Capital scholarships to support exceptional banking students of the SW Graduate School of Banking (SWGSB) at Southern Methodist University's Cox School of Business. This announcement was made by Dory Wiley, President and CEO of CSC.

Each 2013 scholarship recipient received a \$2,500 grant funded by CSC in honor of James B. Gardner, Vice Chairman Emeritus of Commerce Street Holdings, LLC (the holding company for CSC). Gardner is an alum of the SWGSB Class VI who also dedicated 13 years as an instructor.

William D. "Tex" Gross, Chairman of Commerce Street Holdings congratulated each of this year's recipients at a June 6 event:

- Jennifer Crymes – Credit Officer, First VP at TIB-The Independent BankersBank, Irving, Texas
- Ryan Mecredy – Senior VP at TIB-The Independent BankersBank, Kingwood, Texas
- Lisa Saenz – First SVP-Controller at WestStar Bank, El Paso, Texas
- Greg Wilson – Business Development at Lamar National Bank, Paris, Texas



Tex Gross and Jennifer Crymes



Tex Gross and Ryan Mecredy



Lisa Saenz and Tex Gross



Greg Wilson and Tex Gross

"We appreciate the generosity of Commerce Street Capital in supporting our merit scholarships," said S. Scott MacDonald, Ph.D., President and CEO of SWGSB. "The recipients represent the finest in the industry — the leaders and achievers in their field. We commend these recipients, and all of our students, for taking the time out of their busy schedules to pursue graduate-level studies that raise the bar for banking and ensure a highly competitive marketplace for financial services."

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SWGSB is considered one of the top banking educational institutions in the U.S. and is a professional school for bank officers, regulators and others holding management positions in the financial services industry. All students who attend SWGSB are reviewed automatically for scholarship eligibility.

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