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Russell Named Leader in Banking Excellence



INDIANAPOLIS (July 22, 2024) – **Annette Russell**, president and CEO of **Security Federal Savings Bank, Logansport**, is being honored by the Indiana Bankers Association with the IBA Leaders in Banking Excellence award, to be presented on Aug. 2 at a special ceremony in Indianapolis. This award celebrates exceptional leaders who have positively impacted Indiana banks and communities. Two other members of the Indiana banking community will also be inducted into the class of 2024 leaders.

Indiana dignitaries will present the awards at the upcoming ceremony, and honorees will receive an ebony plaque etched with a portrait and biography. Identical crystal plaques will be on permanent display in the IBA offices in Indianapolis.

The Leaders in Banking Excellence awards are the Association's highest honor. For more information, **visit the Association's website**.

BIOGRAPHY

Annette Russell is the president and CEO of Security Federal Savings Bank, Logansport. She graduated from the Stonier Graduate School of Banking and the Graduate School of Bank and Investment and Financial Management. A pioneer for women and diversity in Indiana banking, Russell was the first woman to serve as chair of the Indiana Bankers Association, was appointed by Gov. Mike Pence to serve on the Indiana Board of Depositories in 2016, was honored with the Circle of Corydon by Gov. Eric Holcomb in 2017, chaired the Ivy Tech Kokomo board of trustees and Logansport/Cass County Economic Development Corporation, and has served on the boards of the Logansport Hospital, Cass County Chamber of Commerce, Special Olympics of Cass County and more. Under her leadership, the bank grew from $170 million with three branches in two markets to nearly $400 million with eight branches serving five markets.

Congratulations to the full 2024 class of IBA Leaders in Banking Excellence:

Michael L. Kubacki, Lake City Bank, Warsaw
Annette Russell, Security Federal Savings Bank, Logansport
Stephen E. Zahn, First Federal Savings Bank, Huntington

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