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Consumers National Bank Leadership Program Graduates Demonstrate Proficiency During Quizzing From Walsh University Business Students

Over 100 Walsh University business students posed tough questions to the Consumers National Bank Leadership program participants who came to Walsh to be tested on their knowledge. The five-person panel was comprised of the CEO and President, Ralph J. Lober, Vice President of Business Development Michele Catlett, Senior Vice President of Retail Banking and Operations Derek Williams, Executive Vice President and CFO Renee Wood, and Vice President of Information Technology Kim Chuckalovchak. The event took place on the Walsh campus on Tuesday, February 25, 2014.

“This is their final exam and it is critical they demonstrate their knowledge because these leaders will influence over 10,000 people in their lifetimes” said Stephen A. Ingalls, president of LGL Leadership who had spent the last two years working with the team. For over 90-minutes business undergraduate students asked questions of the panel such as ‘please define management and leadership and tell us how they differ’ or ‘what is emotional intelligence and how you would use it.’

Dean of the Walsh University DeVille School of Business Carole Mount said of the event, “what a terrific opportunity for our students to see how what they have learned in the classroom translates to the business world. The panel’s examples of how leadership functions in the banking industry help to underscore the kind of leadership and critical thinking we cultivate with our students. Business is a profoundly human experience and we want to bring that to them with events like this.” As part of classwork students researched and crafted the questions and other post event assignments will reinforce what was discussed during the event.

Consumers National Bank CFO Renee Wood reflected on the experience “I loved it. I hope that I shared some pieces of knowledge they can apply and it was good to challenge us too.” Walsh University student David Moser felt the exercise was valuable to show students that learning never stops, “If you want to be successful and contribute to where you work you need to keep actively learning and reading.” Student Karleigh Parks liked the discussions and examples of how different kinds of leadership styles are used as well as hearing real situations where they were applied. “It makes me connect what we have discussed in the classroom to how it might occur in real life.”

The event culminated the creation of the leadership program at Consumers National Bank. “We recognized that we needed to proactively cultivate the next generation of leadership – we needed our bench - and we looked within for those with leadership potential regardless of age. We knew that Steve Ingalls and LGL Leadership had a very unique training program that would strengthen this group of employees. What you see today is the result of a lot of hard work and dedication by our team and Steve,” said Ralph J. Lober, II, chief executive officer of Consumers National Bank.

The next class of Consumers National Bank leadership students has already been selected and they will soon begin the program. “We are excited to get them engaged and watch them assimilate the knowledge they learned. In a few years these are the employees who will move up in the company and lead us,” said Lober.



Caption:

A Walsh University business student discusses leadership with Consumers National Bank's Senior Vice President of Retail Banking and Operations Derek Williams (center) and CEO and President Ralph J. Lober, II (right) after a panel discussion on the bank's Leadership program.



Caption:

Walsh University business students listen to a panel of executives from Consumers National Bank answer questions about the bank's Leadership program.

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