

## James B. Gardner Scholarship Awarded to Four SW Graduate School of Banking Students

**DALLAS (July 7, 2010)** Commerce Street Capital, LLC, (CSC) is proud to continue its support of the SW Graduate School of Banking (SWGSB) at Southern Methodist University by providing \$10,000 for four merit-based scholarships, of \$2,500 each, to student recipients. The grant for the scholarships was funded by CSC, in honor of Chairman James B. Gardner, SWGSB Class VI. This is the fifth year CSC has presented scholarships to the students.

SWGSB has risen as 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. Scholarships are based primarily on merit, although sometimes leadership criteria are also considered.

The **James B. Gardner Scholarship** is the most prestigious scholarship available to SWGSB students and has been offered yearly since 2006. It is given to up to two returning junior students and up to three graduating seniors. Recipients are current SWGSB students in good standing and must graduate from SWGSB.

"We are pleased to support the individuals that make a concerted effort to advance their knowledge in banking," stated Gardner who has

been in the banking industry for more than 50 years and was a previous student at SWGSB as well as instructor for 13 years. CSC Founder William D. "Tex" Gross attended the ceremony to present the awards and congratulate this year's four recipients:

- **Kyle Goins** – Senior Credit Analyst at The Bank & Trust of Bryan/College Station, Bryan, Texas
- **Brett McDivitt** – Examiner at FDIC, San Francisco, California
- **Chris Stringer** – President of SNB Bank of Dallas, Frisco, Texas
- **Luke Longhofer** – Examiner, FDIC, Memphis, Tennessee

Brett McDivitt was also awarded Valedictorian, and Chris Stringer was awarded Salutatorian of their graduating class. The SWGSB Merit Scholarships are awarded without regard to financial need; they are scholarships applied directly to the participant's tuition. All students who attend SWGSB are reviewed automatically for scholarship eligibility.

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Those interested in attending the SW Graduate School of Banking—or in learning more about the school and other SWGSB Foundation programs—may write, call, or e-mail: SWGSB, SMU Box 214, Dallas, Texas, 75275; (214) 768-2991; [info@swgsb.org](mailto:info@swgsb.org). The SWGSB/SMU web site is [www.swgsb.org](http://www.swgsb.org).

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