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Community Bank employees attend the Florida School of Banking

August 2009- Community Bank of Florida employees Julie Romero and Jeffrey Codallo recently attended the Florida Bankers Association's Florida School of Banking, held at the University of Florida. This week long intensive course was part of a three year program to provide them with an opportunity to increase their knowledge about the banking industry and the economy. The full schedule calls for daily classes, evening 'prep' sessions, and a final examination on the last day of the course.

This first year provided them with lectures in Money and Banking, Central Bank and Monetary Policy, Accounting, Leadership and Financial Deregulation. Next year, they will learn more about Financial Statement Analysis, Loan Policy and specialized lending procedures. In the third and final year, they will learn Asset/Liability Management, Funds Management, Regulations, and end with a bank management computer simulation.

Julie Romero, AVP of COMBANK Mortgage, Retail Banking Officer at the Community Centre Location was enthusiastic about attending the school. Upon returning, she stated, *"It was a wonderful experience. I am very fortunate to work for Community Bank who invest in the education of their employees."*

Jeffrey Codallo, Director of Education, believes taking new courses helps him decide what curriculum would be of most benefit to bank employees. He expressed, *"We give our staff every opportunity available for self-growth. Their educational advancement is an asset to our company."*