



Annual School Session Talking Points

Your role past or present with the school {Alum, Trustee, Alumni Advisor, Supporter, Faculty} and the impact the GSBC experience has had on you, your bank, your employees.

GSBC is committed to building leaders for community banks:

Through its flagship Annual School Session, now in its 74th year, an alumni-exclusive executive leadership certification in partnership with CU Boulder's Leeds School of Business and its one-of-a-kind C-suite school, the Executive Development Institute for Community Bankers®.

GSBC believes the industry needs bold, innovative leaders:

Its curriculum is grounded in three stages of development, including **Essentials, Leaders and Readiness**, teaches foundational banking concepts while challenging individuals to envision what the future holds for each area of banking.

Through a future-oriented lens, the school has **expanded curriculum in areas of technology and innovation**, and has **increased opportunities for student collaboration**, resulting in robust and insight-driven relationships and ideas to fuel their careers and organizations.

Annual School Session Details & Logistics:

- GSBC's 73rd Annual School Session will be held in Boulder, Colorado, **July 13-25, 2025**. Enrollment for 2025 will begin this summer.
- GSBC's curriculum transforms community bankers into community bank leaders by:
 - o Providing the **essentials** from which a solid education is built
 - o Building **leaders** who make differences in their banks and communities

- Fostering **readiness** by providing the tools to think critically and act innovatively
- A curriculum of core and elective coursework is organized among **four academic/career competencies**:
 - Financial Management & Strategy
 - Innovation & Engagement
 - Leadership & Culture
 - Lending
- Traditional program length is **25 months in total; three two-week sessions in person on the campus of the University Colorado Boulder** with six intersession projects throughout.
 - Scholarship opportunities exist through the GSBC Alumni Association (second year direct through co-sponsoring bankers associations.)
- GSBC's **peer group program** places new students into groups of 10-12 students, conducts meetings prior to the session to **accelerate networking/relationship building and foster a peer learning experience.**
- **Scenic Boulder location** draws bankers from more than 40 states to Colorado each July and offers an ideal environment for networking and recreation outside of class.