



## **For Immediate Release**

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### **Maryland Bankers Association Launches a Week of Leadership and Advocacy With 2026 Emerging Leaders Kickoff and Day in Annapolis**

Annapolis, MD – This week, the Maryland Bankers Association (MBA) proudly advanced two of its cornerstone initiatives with the official kickoff of the 2026 Emerging Leaders Program and the convening of bankers from across the state for Day in Annapolis, reinforcing the association’s commitment to leadership development and effective industry advocacy.

On Wednesday, MBA welcomed eighteen participants to the 2026 Emerging Leaders cohort as they launched the year-long professional development program designed for rising banking professionals across Maryland. The Emerging Leaders Program equips participants with leadership training, industry insight, peer collaboration, and hands-on exposure to advocacy and community engagement—preparing the next generation of banking leaders to make a meaningful impact within their institutions and across the state.

“Launching the Emerging Leaders cohort is an opportunity to invest in the talent that’s shaping the future of Maryland’s banking industry” said Tisha Edwards, MBA President & CEO. “This program is all about investing in people—by giving bank professionals the tools, perspective, and connections they need to lead with confidence, and in partnership with an extended network of industry colleagues.”

On Thursday, MBA members will gather for Day in Annapolis, the association’s annual advocacy event that provides direct access to members of the Maryland General Assembly and timely insight into legislative and regulatory issues impacting the banking industry. Comptroller Brooke Lierman will bring opening remarks at the MBA Day In Annapolis morning reception. In addition, bankers participate in scheduled legislative visits with general assembly members to engage in meaningful, one-on-one

conversations about industry priorities, local impacts, and the role banks play in supporting Maryland's communities.

The goal of Day in Annapolis is to strengthen relationships across the banking community and to help elevate the industry's collective voice at a critical point in the legislative session. Together, the week's events highlighted the full scope of MBA's mission—from cultivating emerging leaders to advancing thoughtful, informed advocacy on behalf of Maryland's banking community.

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