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BANKFIVE's Will Mendonca selected as a Community Bank Hero for 2014

Fall River, MA (June 3, 2014) - Will Mendonca, VP Commercial Lending at BankFive was selected as a Community Bank Hero for 2014 for the outstanding commitment to the bank and the community in which he serves. Over the last two months Banker & Tradesman has asked its readers to nominate who they believe to be the Community Bank Heroes in the community. They set out to find those who demonstrate leadership and commitment both within their bank and in the communities they serve. These bankers make charitable giving a priority, and some have gone above and beyond to better their bank and community which is why they are honored with Community Bank Hero Awards

Will serves on a wide variety of community organizations and is completely committed to his community, of Taunton, MA as well as the surrounding communities of the Southcoast. He is a board member of the United Way of Greater Attleboro-Taunton and sits on the Community Impact Committee. He is a board of directors for The Neighborhood Corporations, Inc in the greater Taunton area, which is an organization that addresses community and economic development needs, especially those of low income families and individuals through the redevelopment of brownfields and preserving green space and organizing community events.

Will's involvement in the Junior Achievement of Southern Massachusetts is quite impressive. He has been a Junior Achievement volunteer for over 9 years inspiring over 300 students! He works with students offering financial literacy, college/career readiness and entrepreneurship education.

He takes great pride in his Portuguese heritage and has gone to great lengths to express this passion. He founded the non-profit organization, Taunton Day of Portugal, Inc., whose purpose is to ensure that the annual commemorations of the Day of Portugal, Luis Camoes and Communities are celebrated in his hometown, and to promote Portugal and its culture among the community as a whole. Also Will has been a member for 8 years of the Taunton Chapter of the Prince Henry Society.

"We are very proud that Will has Been Chosen as a Community Bank Hero by Bankers & Tradesman and look forward to seeing him grow his career with BankFive", said Bill Eccles, President & CEO at BankFive.

About BankFive

Since 1855, BankFive has been serving the communities of the SouthCoast with a steadfast commitment to provide local individuals, families and businesses with outstanding products and services designed to meet their financial needs. With twelve offices conveniently located throughout the SouthCoast, BankFive is one of the top community banks in Massachusetts. For more information, visit us online at www.bankfive.com.

