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## **Wes Rouse Joins Magnolia State Bank**

HATTIEBURG, Mississippi (January 13, 2015) --Wes Rouse has joined Magnolia State Bank in Hattiesburg as Vice President and Commercial Lender. Previously the Vice President of Commercial Lending then Vice President of Premier Banking at BancorpSouth in Hattiesburg, Wes adds exceptional leadership and knowledge to the Hattiesburg Magnolia State Bank office.

Wes Rouse's roots in Hattiesburg are exceptional and extensive. Wes attended the University of Southern Mississippi for both his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and his Master of Business Administration. He has provided leadership to the Hattiesburg community through his service on a multitude of boards and committees, such as his involvement as ADP Chamber of Commerce Division Chair, ADP Leadership Pine Belt Steering Committee Co-Chair, and past board member on the Hattiesburg Public School District Education Foundation Board. Wes is currently a member of the United Way Board and the MS Young Bankers Executive Committee.

Having been educated in Wealth Management for Private Bankers from the Cannon Financial Institute and LSU Graduate School of Banking and receiving his Certified Commercial Investment Member Designation, Wes Rouse will undoubtedly uphold the safety, security, and convenience in banking that Magnolia State Bank customers expect and trust.

“Our success lies in the strength of the communities we serve and Wes Rouse embodies this core Magnolia State Bank belief. We are very happy to add Wes's expertise and leadership to the Magnolia State Bank management team.” –Thomas E. Brown, Chairman of the Board of Magnolia State Bank.

Magnolia State Bank is a premier financial institution with locations in Bay Springs, Flowood, Hattiesburg, Heidelberg, Laurel, Petal and Taylorsville. Magnolia State Bank has earned 5 Star Ratings from Bauer Financial and has also been voted one of the 'Best Places to Work in Mississippi' by the *Mississippi Business Journal* for 3 years.

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