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Paul Grandlienard was awarded a diploma on August 20, 2010, at commencement exercises during the 66th annual session of the prestigious Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Grandlienard is an Executive Vice President and Relationship Banker at MarkleBank and works in the Markle office. He specializes in agribusiness and commercial lending. "Paul's pursuit of advanced banking education is a testament to his dedication to the banking profession and his interest in enriching MarkleBank and the communities we serve. We're proud of his distinguished accomplishment" stated Greg Smitley, President and Chief Executive Officer of MarkleBank.

The School, sponsored by the 18 state bankers associations comprising the Central States Conference of Bankers Associations, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison, was established in 1945 to provide bankers with an opportunity for advanced study and research in banking, economics and leadership. Instruction at the Graduate School of Banking takes place during two-week resident sessions for three consecutive summers, along with comprehensive study between summer resident sessions. The curriculum focuses on the management of strategic issues faced by banking executives and financial services industry professionals.

The Graduate School of Banking enrolls approximately 550 US and international professionals each year. Over 85 esteemed academicians, economists, government officials, and industry professionals comprise the School's faculty.

Craig Goodlock, Chairman and CEO of Farmers State Bank in Munith, Michigan, was the featured speaker at commencement; Mr. Goodlock is a 1992 graduate of the Graduate School of Banking.

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