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**Legence Bank Announces New Mortgage Loan Officer**

**Legence Bank is pleased to announce the addition of Jennifer Blade, new Mortgage Loan Officer for our Marion and Carbondale market areas in southern Illinois.**

Jennifer Blade has been named Mortgage Loan Officer at Legence Bank for our Marion and Carbondale market areas in southern Illinois. Blade brings a wealth of knowledge in mortgage lending, business development, management, and fiscal responsibility. Her banking experience and communication background will be a tremendous asset. As a Mortgage Loan Officer and member of the bank's team, she will focus on strategy, growth and community development in our southern Illinois market. "We are excited to have Jennifer Blade join our team. She is experienced, professional, and committed to educating, advocating, and helping Legence Bank customers make their dreams come true. This translates well with our mission statement of providing financial solutions to our customers." said Sandy Pemberton, Vice President of Mortgage Lending.

She has a great deal of experience developing business relationships and working with customers to customize products and services to suit their financial needs. Blade brings several years of experience, along with a deep understanding of logistical, managerial and operational dynamics crucial for our customers'. "We are excited about Jennifer's ability to collaborate and build relationships. She will be a tremendous asset to our mortgage team at Legence Bank," said Sandy Pemberton, Vice President of Mortgage Lending. "Her experience in sales and client management will be a great benefit to our company as we continue to grow our mortgage services." "She will be a perfect fit to our caring team and will provide the passion of community that Legence Bank represents."

As an organization that prides itself on community involvement, we take great joy in adding a team member that has given so much to the area through her previous work with Special Olympics. She continues her support of the Carterville United Community

Pantry and is a member of the Marion and Carbondale Chamber of Commerce. “Her enthusiasm and passion for the communities in southern Illinois is infectious,” said Sandy Pemberton, Vice President of Mortgage Lending.

Blade earned a Bachelor’s degree in marketing from Southern Illinois University - Carbondale, Illinois.

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The Bank’s board, management and staff are excited to welcome Jennifer Blade to the team. With over a century of history and a legacy of caring, personal service, Legence Bank is forging ahead into the future, continuing its strategic goal of providing the communities it serves with a premier financial institution and state of the art technology and conveniences, while remaining independently owned and committed to our most valuable asset: our customers. For more information, visit [LegenceBank.com](http://LegenceBank.com).

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