

# MAKING A CONNECTION

**IN FOUNDING THE FEDERAL RESERVE MORE THAN A CENTURY AGO**, Congress recognized the importance of connecting the nation's central bank to the Main Streets of America. The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City carries out this role through its president and its programs and activities throughout the Tenth District, and beyond. Here is a glimpse at the recent activities of President Esther L. George and the staff of the Kansas City Fed.

Kansas City Fed President Esther George (right photo) takes time for a photo with, from left, Kristie Holoch, in-coming chair of the Nebraska Bankers Association (NBA), Jerry Catlett, NBA chairman, and Richard Baier, NBA CEO, at the NBA's annual conference in July.

George, below, meets with Judi Stork, deputy bank commissioner for the state of Kansas, during the Kansas Bankers Association CEO Forum at the Broadmoor Hotel in early August in Colorado Springs, Colo.



George, above, spoke during a joint board meeting between the Kansas City Fed's Oklahoma City Branch Board and the St. Louis Fed's Little Rock Branch Board in July in Oklahoma City.



On Aug. 18, George and Ken McCauley, owner and operator of K&M Farms, Inc., spoke for a few moments during a meeting at the Agricultural Business Council of Kansas City.



Peter Barnes with the Fox Business Network interviews George on Aug. 26 during the 2016 Jackson Hole Economic Policy Symposium in Jackson Hole, Wyo. (See page 26)



George spoke with one of the attendees at the Mid-America Labor/Management Conference on July 10 in Lake Ozark, Mo.

# Building relationships ...

## Denver office hosts 2016 Tenth District State Banking Officials Conference

The Denver office of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City hosted the Tenth District State Banking Commissioners meeting on Aug. 3-4 (pictured right). The goals of the conference were to enhance partnerships between state and federal regulators, and to provide attendees updates on economic, banking and regulatory issues. Kansas City Fed President Esther George spoke to the group about monetary policy and current conditions. Branch Executive Alison Felix gave an update on economic conditions in the region and several members of the Denver office's Supervision and Risk Management team provided a variety of presentations on banking and regulatory matters.



## Denver Branch partners with Operation HOPE

The Denver office hired high school intern Miles Vaughn as part of a mentoring program in partnership with Operation HOPE, a nonprofit dedicated to eradicating poverty and empowering the wealth-less. Vaughn is a junior at Overland High School in Denver. He assisted the Public Affairs Department's Money Museum and Economic Education operations.



## President George attends roundtable with the Colorado Women Corporate Directors Chapter

Kansas City Fed President Esther George led a discussion about the current U.S. economy with the Colorado Women Corporate Directors (WCD) Chapter. With more than 3,500 members who serve on over 9,500 boards in 73 chapters on six continents, WCD acts as a catalyst for thought leadership, networking and new relationships.



## Oklahoma City office participates in Elk City economic forum, tour and business roundtable

Public and Regional Affairs staff hosted an economic forum and business roundtable in August in Elk City, Okla. Chad Wilkerson, branch executive, vice president and economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Oklahoma City Branch, was the keynote speaker at the forum, which was attended by 65 business leaders from across western Oklahoma. During the visit, staff toured businesses and held a roundtable with local leaders to learn more about the regional economy.



## The Cloud People returns to Oklahoma City

The Oklahoma City Branch Board of Directors, Branch management and Artist Mike Larsen welcomed the “Cloud People” to the Oklahoma City Branch’s new offices on June 2. The art, part of the “Shaman Series,” was commissioned in 1995 to commemorate the Oklahoma City bombing and was displayed in the original Oklahoma City Branch office. For the past 10 years, the paintings were located at the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City’s headquarters.



## Oklahoma City office the site of the Great Depression teacher workshop

Public Affairs hosted a teacher workshop in July focused on the economic lessons from the Great Depression. Educators from across the state participated in hands-on activities to apply in their classroom.



## Scottsbluff-Gering Economic Forum

The Omaha office hosted an Economic Forum Aug. 23 in Gering, Neb., with approximately 70 local business, banking and community leaders in attendance. The Kansas City Fed has a long history of hosting economic forums throughout its seven-state region. The programs are an opportunity to share insights on economic issues in the region. During the Scottsbluff-Gering Forum, Omaha Branch Executive Nathan Kauffman provided an update on Nebraska's economy, and George Kahn, vice president and economist, discussed the U.S. economy.



## DREAMBIG Academy

Omaha Branch Community Development Advisor Dell Gines spoke to high school students at the DREAMBIG Academy about his career path and role at the Federal Reserve on July 14. Hosted by the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, the DREAMBIG (Develop, Risk, Empower, Achieve, Maximize, Build, Innovate, Grow) Academy exposes upcoming high school seniors who are interested in business and diverse, low income or potential first generation college students to campus life and future career opportunities.



## Nebraska education conferences

Omaha Branch Public Affairs Specialist Nicole Connelly shared economic and financial education resources with Nebraska teachers at the Nebraska State Council for Social Studies conference in Omaha, as well as the Nebraska Career Education Conference in Kearney. The Kansas City Fed presents and exhibits at conferences throughout the Tenth Federal Reserve District to help support and strengthen its relationship with educators.