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First Citizens Contributes \$200,000 to Educational Programs

(MANSFIELD, PA) For nearly thirty years, First Citizens Community Bank has proven to be an advocate for education. In December, 2016, the organization donated \$200,000 to a variety of educational programs.

“We understand the impact a quality education can have on the future of our communities,” stated Randall E. Black, CEO and President of First Citizens. “We’re proud to play a role in creating tomorrows leaders, whether they follow a path in agriculture, medicine, technology, a skilled trade or business.”

This year, the organizations who received funding include Blast Intermediate Unit 17, the Potter County Education Council, and the Tioga County Foundation. Blast Intermediate Unit 17 is an education service agency that assists school districts in Bradford, Lycoming, Sullivan and Tioga Counties. They use donated funds to support initiatives such as online learning and curriculum development, which would otherwise need to be funded with taxpayer dollars.

The Potter County Education Council acts as a liaison between individual needs and area educational resources. They carry out accredited courses, skills training, seminars and workshops, as well as, career and financial counseling. Similarly, the Tioga County Foundation serves to recruit, train, encourage and develop caring individuals to participate in community leadership activities throughout Tioga County.

“We view education as one of our core responsibilities, and are delighted to help through support of these organizations,” stated Black.

In the past five years, First Citizens has donated over \$1.2 million dollars to organizations whose goal is to improve the lives of our neighbors. First Citizens Community Bank is headquartered in Mansfield, Pennsylvania. They currently operate 26 offices throughout Pennsylvania and New York. For more information about First Citizens Community Bank, visit www.firstcitizensbank.com, or find them on Facebook.

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Front, left-to-right: Dr. Diana Barnes (Northern Tioga School District), Dr. Sherry Griggs (Sayre Area School District), and Dr. Brenda Freeman (Wellsboro Area School District).

Back, left-to-right: Eric Briggs (Canton Area School District), W. Charles Young (Troy Area School District), Randy Black (CEO and President First Citizens Community Bank), William Martens (Intermediate Unit 17), and Sam Rotella Jr. (Southern Tioga School District).