

**STUDENTS FROM MIAMI JACKSON AND EDISON HIGH
COMPLETE SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM
AS A PART OF OCEAN BANK, MIAMI DADE COLLEGE AND CENTER
FOR FINANCIAL TRAINING FUTURE BANKERS ' CAMP PROGRAM**

MIAMI, FL – **August 31, 2007** -- A group of 18 students from the first **Ocean Bank, Center for Financial Training and Miami Dade College *Future Bankers' Camp Class of 2007*** recently completed a summer internship program at Ocean Bank headquarters. In an effort to establish the *Future Bankers' Camp* program, earlier this year the Bank partnered with Miami Dade College (MDC) and the Center for Financial Training (CFT) and contributed \$60,000 for a two-year program. Ocean Bank is the first in the banking industry to offer the program as an attempt to help increase the number of African-American professionals in the financial services industry.

"We were thrilled to welcome students from the first Future Bankers' Camp Class and trust that their time here at Ocean Bank provided them with some skills and training in developing a future career in banking, said José A. Concepción, Ocean Bank President and CEO.

Ocean Bank, MDC and CFT launched The Future Bankers' Camp earlier this year as a two-year pilot program with Miami Jackson and Edison High. Students completed the first phase after enrolling in teller operation courses and receiving credit at MDC and an American Bankers Association certificate through CFT. Students also participated in a job shadowing internship at Ocean Bank. Students will now attend Saturday classes to prepare for the College Placement Test (CPT). They will begin the third phase of the program in the spring when they will complete dual enrollment classes. Students have the option to enroll at MDC to continue their career path and ultimately earn an Associate in Science degree in Financial Services.

Ocean Bank is the largest independent commercial bank headquartered in Florida, with more than \$5.8 billion in assets and \$4.9 billion in deposits. Chartered in 1982, Ocean Bank operates a network of 21 branches throughout Miami-Dade and Broward counties. The community bank has received numerous awards and accolades from the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, The Beacon Council and the Florida Department of Education among others for its support of South Florida's communities. For more information logon to www.oceanbank.com.

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