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# 2025 CREDIT CONFERENCE

APRIL 2

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## AGENDA

8 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. **GENERAL SESSION**

### **Portfolio Management for Turbulent Times**

Mike Allen

### **AI 101 and How It Impacts the Financial Services Industry**

### **Alabama's Agricultural Financial & Economic Stability**

Dr. Adam Rabinowitz, *Auburn University*

11:30 a.m. **LUNCH**

### **Hero Flights**

Dave Wood

12:30 p.m. **GENERAL SESSION**

### **Hot Topics for 2025**

Mike Allen

### **Alabama's Economic Outlook for 2025**

Dr. Samuel Addy, *University of Alabama*

4 p.m. **ADJOURN**

## TOPICS & SPEAKERS

### **Portfolio Management for Turbulent Times**

*featuring Mike Allen*

This session will address recent regulatory guidance on prudent commercial real estate practices and stress testing at the loan level. Also, why does your credit culture matter? Lastly, Mike will offer some problem loan management tips and reminders to enable a more strategic approach to successful troubled asset remediation.

### **AI 101 and How It Impacts the Financial Services Industry**

We will discuss the impact and potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the banking industry over the next few years. Some of the topics to be presented:

- What AI is and what it is not
- The importance of AI for financial institutions
- AI risks
- AI benefits in the banking sector
- Key areas where AI can be strategically implemented
- Steps for banks to begin integrating AI into their operations

### **Alabama's Agricultural Financial & Economic Stability**

*featuring Dr. Adam Rabinowitz*

Join us for an informative discussion on the current agriculture environment around our state. Dr. Rabinowitz will share information regarding his research on the topic of risk management issues through the interface of agricultural policy and practices, farm management and marketing affecting our state and region.

### **Hero Flights**

*featuring Dave Wood*

Hear from Dave Wood, retired CEO of Wood Fruitticher, a Birmingham-based business that is one of the largest foodservice providers in the Southeast, about his work with the Veterans Airlift Command, which transports post 9/11 veterans to various appointments, family reunions

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and more across the country to show their respect and appreciation for their service.

Dave considers it an honor to share the incredible stories of individuals who embody the very essence of resilience, loyalty, patriotism, healing, dedication, faith, and bravery. He has made over 118 flights — each one of them not just a journey through the skies, but a chapter in a larger story of commitment to service and personal sacrifice. These flights, however, are not just about aviation. They are a profound testament to the power of the human spirit. Every single one of Dave's flights is a remarkable story, and it's impossible to fully grasp their significance without understanding his deep loyalty to his country and his unwavering dedication to the ideals of service and support for others.

## Hot Topics for 2025

### *featuring Mike Allen*

During this session you will have the opportunity to discuss several key issues we are all facing as we journey through 2025 and beyond. This will be an opportunity for you not only to share, but also to hear from your peers how they are addressing challenges facing their institutions. Topics to be covered include:

- Commercial Real Estate
- Stress Testing
- Protecting the NIM
- Personnel Challenges
- 2024 Election Year Impacts
- Participations – Anyone having success selling and buying?

## Alabama's Economic Update for 2025

### *featuring Dr. Samuel Addy*

Samuel Addy has served as associate dean for economic development outreach in the Culverhouse College of Business and senior research economist for the Center for Business and Economic Research at the University of Alabama since 2015. Prior to his current role, Dr. Addy served as associate dean for research and outreach from 2011 through 2015 and as the executive director of the Center for Business and Economic Research from 2007 to 2015, and he has held various other leadership roles at the university since 1998. Dr. Addy is a member of the board of directors of the Birmingham Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. He is a member of the Alabama Economics Club, the University Conflict of Interest Committee at the University of Alabama, the International Association for Energy Economists, and the American Economic Association.

## HOTEL INFORMATION



Rooms are available at a rate of \$309 per night.  
**The room block expires on Feb. 27, 2025.**

To make reservations, call the hotel at (800) 445-8667 and reference the Alabama Bankers Association Credit Conference.

Or, [click here to make reservations online.](#)

The Valley Hotel is located at  
2727 18th Street South in Homewood.



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