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**First Mid Bank & Trust Recognizes Top Mortgage Producers for 2025**

*Local lenders recognized for strong mortgage production and commitment to customer service*

**Mattoon, IL (February 23, 2026)** First Mid Bank & Trust (First Mid) is proud to recognize its top mortgage producers for 2025. Through strong relationships, market expertise, and a customer-first mindset, these lenders helped individuals and families across First Mid communities achieve homeownership throughout the year.

**Central Illinois**

- Kayla Aaron (NMLS# 1301922) originated more than \$15 million in Mattoon
- Hilary Peters (NMLS# 1066956) — 39 closings in Galesburg
- Darla McClure (NMLS #1786317) — 38 closings in Paris

**Metro East Illinois**

- Jamie Jackson (NMLS# 1862396) originated more than \$7 million in Edwardsville
- Patty Wooff (NMLS# 524249) originated more than \$7 million in Edwardsville
- Scott Gruber (NMLS# 466924) originated more than \$6 million in Edwardsville
- Tricia Buehne (NMLS# 473136) originated more than \$7 million in Highland

**Missouri**

- Laura Brownfield (NMLS# 468540) originated more than \$9 million in Columbia
- Michael Love (NMLS# 1764829) originated more than \$6 million in Jefferson City
- Erica Pallardy (NMLS# 1299891) originated more than \$6 million in St. Charles

**Northern Illinois / Southern Wisconsin**

- Warren Swanberg (NMLS# 1502042) originated more than \$28 million in Rockford
- Jared Fewell (NMLS# 476484) originated more than \$21 million in Machesney Park
- Kristi Amenda (NMLS# 136999) originated more than \$19 million in Roscoe

**Southern Illinois**

- Jason Cook (NMLS# 636194) — 36 closings in Carterville

“These lenders represent the very best of our mortgage team,” said Tammy Zurfluh, SVP, Director of Mortgage Sales at First Mid. “Their dedication to their customers and communities, combined with strong production results, reflects the trust homebuyers place in our team every day.”

First Mid’s mortgage lenders work closely with homebuyers, real estate professionals, and community partners to provide personalized guidance and a smooth lending experience. The bank remains committed to supporting homeownership and strengthening the communities it serves.

To learn more about First Mid’s mortgage services or to find your local First Mid mortgage lender, visit [www.firstmid.com/mortgages/](http://www.firstmid.com/mortgages/).

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