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Silicon Valley Bank's Daniel Wallace Moderating Panel at Capital Crash Course Event on April 16

Chicago, IL - April 9, 2002 - Daniel Wallace, relationship manager in Silicon Valley Bank's Chicago office, will moderate a panel at the Greater Columbus Chamber's April 16 event, called "Capital Crash Course: Realizing the Dream." The event will be held at the Business and Technology Center at 1275 Kinnear Road in Columbus, Ohio.

Wallace's panel is called "Price Points: What's Your Company Worth Today?" They will discuss valuations in the current economic environment. Joining Wallace on the panel will be Brad Eldridge of GBQ Partners, David Bittner of GMS, Geoff Bibo of Astute Solutions and Curtis Crocker of the Battelle Technology Fund.

The goal of the "Capital Crash Course" event is to demystify the entrepreneurial process by providing content on the business formation and development process. This program is composed of panels designed to enhance the quality of Greater Columbus deal flow. In attendance will be entrepreneurs just beginning their businesses looking for industry expert advice. Silicon Valley Bank is a co-sponsor of the event, along with KPMG and the Ohio Department of Development.

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