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Economic Development Project Manager graduates from OU Economic Development Institute

The Danville Office of Economic Development & Tourism (DOEDT) announced that Project Manager Samantha Bagbey has graduated from the Oklahoma University Economic Development Institute (OU EDI), widely recognized as the nation's premier economic development training program.

Bagbey completed a rigorous three-year curriculum that included in-person coursework across a broad range of professional development topics. This achievement further enhances her ability to support and promote the City of Danville through her work with small businesses, industry partners, and community stakeholders.

Kelvin Perry, Assistant Director of DOEDT, emphasized the significance of the accomplishment. "We believe in continuous professional development and investing in our team," Perry said. "Our office is proud of her dedication, and we look forward to seeing the value of this training reflected in the community."

Samantha Bagbey, DOEDT Project Manager, said, "I am incredibly grateful that the Danville Office of Economic Development and Tourism sees the value in professional development and keeping up with current trends and programs for our City. This experience has been incredibly beneficial, and I look forward to continuing my work with all community members of the City of Danville."

Since joining DOEDT in 2023, Bagbey has taken on several leadership and service roles. She currently serves as Co-Vice Chair of the International Economic Development Council's Emerging Leaders Task Force and Co-Chair of the Virginia Economic Development Association's Diversity and Inclusion Special Interest Group. She is also a graduate of the Danville Pittsylvania Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Southside program and serves on the boards of the River District Association and the Danville YMCA.

To learn more about the DOEDT team, visit: <https://www.discoverdanville.com/staff-directory/>



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About the Danville Office of Economic Development and Tourism

The Danville Office of Economic Development & Tourism drives the city's growth by recruiting and retaining businesses, supporting small business development, and fostering a dynamic environment for investment. The office also promotes Danville as a vibrant destination showcasing the region's unique attractions, events, and visitor experiences. The DOEDT works to strengthen the local economy and enhance quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors alike. Learn more at www.discoverdanville.com.