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TRI-STAR TRUST BANK WELCOMES NEW EMPLOYEE!

Kara Francke takes position at Tri-Star Trust Bank as Relationship Assistant.

SAGINAW, Mich. – Tri-Star Trust Bank welcomes Kara Francke to its Saginaw office. Francke joins the Tri-Star team as a Relationship Assistant working under Anthony Taylor, Vice President, Director of Personal Trust Administration and Relationship Manager at Tri-Star.

Francke has over 8 years' experience in customer service and administration. Most recently, Francke served as Optician for Meijer Optical. She earned a Bachelor of Business Administration with a major in marketing from Saginaw Valley State University.

Francke resides in Essexville with her daughter, Marissa. She values giving back to the community. Francke enjoys volunteering at the Saginaw Art Museum. She had this to say about joining the Tri-Star team, "I am so excited to begin my career at Tri-Star. The company's reputation for caring about their customers and giving back to the community has me feeling extremely honored to be a part of the team. I've found a position that will allow me to use both my skill and my heart and I couldn't be happier about that." In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family, boating, fishing, cooking and camping.

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