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NEWS RELEASE

Banner Corporation to Attend Piper Jaffray Financial Institutions Conference

Walla Walla, WA – May 15, 2017 – Banner Corporation (NASDAQ GSM: BANR), the parent company of Banner Bank and Islanders Bank, today announced that Mark J. Grescovich, President and CEO, and executive management are scheduled to attend the Piper Jaffray Financial Institutions Conference being held on May 15-17, 2017 at The Breakers in Palm Beach, FL.

For more information on the conference, or to schedule a one-on-one meeting, please contact your Piper Jaffray representative.

About the Company

Banner Corporation is a \$10.1 billion bank holding company operating two commercial banks in five Western states through a network of branches offering a full range of deposit services and business, commercial real estate, construction, residential, agricultural and consumer loans. Visit Banner Bank on the Web at www.bannerbank.com.

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