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AMCORE EMPLOYEES RECEIVES AWARD FROM NIU

ROCKFORD, IL — AMCORE Bank is pleased to announce **Jim Hansberry**, senior vice president and private banking manager, has been awarded the 2007 Distinguished Alumnus Award from Northern Illinois University College of Business Rockford Alumni Club. The annual award is given to an NIU alumni who has outstanding success in the business community, contributes to the success of the college and has a record of outstanding community service.

Hansberry is currently president of the board of directors for the NIU College of Business Rockford Alumni Club. He also has served the club as past treasurer and vice president. In his role as president, Hansberry has been instrumental in establishing and raising funding for the David & Diane Graf Rockford Endowed Scholarship. Hansberry is also a member of the NIU College of Business Dean's Board of Executive Advisors and is a member of the NIU Executive Club. Hansberry received both his bachelor's degree and master's degree of business administration from Northern Illinois University.

As the private banking manager at AMCORE, Hansberry oversees the private banking team in all AMCORE regions. His team advises high net-worth clients and specifically tailors all of AMCORE's products and services to the client's individual financial needs.

"Jim is a valued member of the AMCORE team and we're proud of his accomplishments in the community," says Kenneth Edge, AMCORE chairman, president and CEO.

AMCORE Financial, Inc. is headquartered in Northern Illinois and has banking assets of \$5.3 billion with 78 locations in Illinois and Wisconsin. AMCORE provides a full range of consumer and commercial banking services, a variety of mortgage lending products and wealth management services including trust, brokerage, private banking, financial planning, investment management, insurance and comprehensive retirement plan services.

AMCORE common stock is listed on The NASDAQ Stock Market under the symbol AMFI. Further information about AMCORE Financial, Inc. can be found at the Company's website at www.AMCORE.com.

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