## Meet... Chris Damerell

Chris is an Assistant Vice President/Private Banker for Forward Bank, a mutual bank based in Marshfield, Wisconsin. Prior to that, he lived in Menomonie, where he got his start in the banking industry. Chris originally graduated from the University of Wisconsin Stevens-Point with a degree in English. His original intention was to work in education but changed course towards the end of college and chose to find a career working with people and helping them find ways to be successful, no matter the age.

He has held a few different titles during his eight-year career in banking, but they have all revolved around a common concept – working with people on the deposit side. This includes opening accounts, finding banking solutions to make a business more successful, and helping with financial education in his community. Recently, Chris was promoted to Assistant Vice President/Private Banker where he will continue to serve customer needs and further expand his impact within Forward Bank.

Chris has made it a priority to be an active member of the community. When he first moved to Marshfield, he became involved with Marshfield Young Professionals, including a term as treasurer. He has also coached middle school girls' basketball for the past five years at Columbus Catholic Schools. He currently serves on several boards that include: the Marshfield Area Community Foundation, the Columbus Education Foundation, and the Child Care Centers of Marshfield.

Chris has always felt it was important to give back and be part of the success of every community he has lived in, which is why it was very important to be involved with the Marshfield Area Community Foundation board. He enjoys both being part of the foundation board, and sitting on the budget and finance committee, where he can use his career in banking to make a continued difference. When not working or volunteering Chris spends his time with his wife Devin and son Beckett, as they enjoy spending time outdoors and walking their two dogs.