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1. Verb Past Tense

2. Noun Plural

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CenterState Bank was \_\_\_\_\_ by a group of \_\_\_\_\_ and entrepreneurs over 25 years ago with 3 separate banks in Polk, Osceola and Pasco Counties and with the history of quality service and community focus. Our core values at CenterState focus on themes of sustainability, a long-term horizon and the career development of our team. The group of bankers came together around the belief that local ownership and local management would translate into a better bank. Through their vision and investment, a bank was born. Our business structure is designed to value the unique character of the communities we serve, and to encourage decision making by the banker that is closest to the action. We approach business decisions with an emphasis on long term growth, sustainable profits and the career development of our officers and staff. We will not sacrifice credit quality for short term gain. We will exceed our clients' expectations by anticipating their needs and responding with a sense of urgency. Each of us has the freedom, authority and responsibility to do the right thing for our clients. Our bank is built on life-long friendships. We communicate with candor and transparency. We believe that the relationship is more valuable than the transaction. Commitment to our faith and families is fundamental to the overall culture of our institution.