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WSFS ANNOUNCES 1Q '06 EPS OF \$1.06, AN 18% INCREASE OVER 2005

WSFS Financial Corporation (NASDAQ/NMS: WSFS), the parent company of Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, reported quarterly net income of \$7.3 million, or \$1.06 per diluted share. This compares to net income of \$6.8 million, or \$0.90 per share for the first quarter of 2005. Net income per share for the first quarter of 2006 improved \$0.16, or 18% over the same quarter last year.

Highlights for the first quarter of 2006 include: (i) growth in net loans of \$102.9 million, or 6%, over balances at December 31, 2005; (ii) an increase in total retail deposits of \$49.8 million, or 4%, over balances at December 31, 2005; and (iii) continued strong asset quality with annualized net recoveries of 2 basis points, and the ratio of nonperforming assets (NPA) to total assets of 10 basis points at March 31, 2006.

Marvin N. Schoenhals, Chairman and President of WSFS, said, "Our 17% loan growth and 12% core deposit growth since last year demonstrates the continued success of our focus on our core banking franchise. The success of our recently renovated Airport Plaza branch and early results from our newest West Dover branch are very encouraging. We look forward to opening our new Long Neck branch in Sussex County and completing the renovation of our Pike Creek branch office soon."

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The following is a brief discussion of the first quarter 2006 results.

Net Interest Income

Net interest income for the first quarter of 2006 was \$19.3 million. This compares to \$18.1 million reported for the same quarter in 2005 and \$18.5 million reported for the fourth quarter of 2005. During the fourth quarter of 2005 the Company recognized interest expense of \$615,000 related to an interest rate cap associated with its trust preferred securities and a one-time \$420,000 pre-tax charge related to a correction of interest rates on a certain class of savings accounts. Additionally, during the first quarter of 2006 WSFS recorded income on reverse mortgages of \$158,000, which was \$319,000 less than the amount recorded in the fourth quarter 2005. The net interest margin percentage of 3.04% for the first quarter of 2006 declined from 3.06% for the fourth quarter of 2005. Despite strong growth in retail deposits, the success in increasing the Company's loan portfolio in recent years has put pressure on funding costs, as higher-cost borrowings were required to fund incremental growth. Recognizing these pressures, the Company has continued to place greater emphasis and resources on deposit gathering including the opening of new branches, as mentioned earlier.

Overall portfolio yields on loans have continued to trend upward due to higher prevailing rates combined with the Company's continued focus on growth of variable rate loans. Additionally, the gross yield on the Company's mortgage-backed securities (MBS) portfolio was 4.70% in the first quarter of 2006 versus 4.63% in the fourth quarter of 2005. The weighted average duration of the MBS portfolio was 3.2 years at March 31, 2006 compared to 3.1 years at December 31, 2005.

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Loans and Asset Quality

Net loans grew \$102.9 million, or 6%, during the first quarter of 2006 to \$1.9 billion at March 31, 2006. Net loans grew \$272.5 million, or 17%, compared to balances at March 31, 2005. The following table summarizes the current loan balances and composition as well as recent changes in balances and composition.

(Dollars in thousands)	At <u>Mar. 31, 2006</u>		At <u>Dec. 31, 2005</u>		At <u>Mar. 31, 2005</u>	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>
Commercial and CRE	\$1,170,919	62%	\$1,094,913	61%	\$ 980,437	61%
Residential	476,791	25	459,680	26	433,220	27
Consumer	256,203	14	245,646	14	216,283	14
Allowance for loan losses	<u>(26,143)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(25,381)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(24,647)</u>	<u>(2)</u>
Net Loans	<u>\$1,877,770</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$1,774,858</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$1,605,293</u>	<u>100%</u>

The Company recorded a provision for loan losses of \$688,000 in the first quarter of 2006, compared to \$579,000 in the same period last year. This provision is the result of more than \$100 million in loan growth during the quarter, one of the strongest quarters of loan growth in the Company's history, despite continued positive trends in asset quality. The positive net interest income effect of this growth will not be fully realized until the second quarter of 2006. The ratio of allowance for loan losses to total loans is 1.37%, compared to 1.41% at December 31, 2005.

Asset quality statistics continued to improve from historically strong levels. Nonperforming assets totaled \$2.9 million as of March 31, 2006, down from \$3.5 million as of December 31, 2005 and \$6.7 million as of March 31, 2005. NPA as a percentage of assets improved to 0.10% as of March 31, 2006 versus 0.12% as of December 31, 2005 and 0.26% as of March 31, 2005. Annualized net recoveries in the first quarter of 2006 were 0.02% of average loans compared to annualized net charge-offs of 0.13% for the fourth quarter of 2005 and 0.04% for the first quarter of 2005.

Deposits

Total retail deposits (core deposits and retail time deposits) increased \$49.8 million, or 4%, during the first quarter to \$1.2 billion at March 31, 2006 and increased \$161.4 million, or 15% over March 31, 2005. Core deposit relationships (demand deposits, money market and savings accounts) increased \$18.1 million, or 2% during the quarter and increased \$96.6 million, or 12% over the same period last year. The following table summarizes the current retail deposit balances and composition as well as recent changes in balances and composition.

(Dollars in thousands)	At <u>Mar. 31, 2006</u>		At <u>Dec. 31, 2005</u>		At <u>Mar. 31, 2005</u>	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>
Non-interest demand	\$ 274,983	22%	\$ 279,415	23%	\$ 256,926	24%
Interest bearing demand	141,972	11	141,378	12	106,834	10
Savings	245,011	20	251,675	21	286,229	26
Money market	<u>238,003</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>209,398</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>153,347</u>	<u>14</u>
Total core deposits	<u>899,969</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>881,866</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>803,336</u>	<u>74</u>
Retail time	<u>343,762</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>312,065</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>278,986</u>	<u>26</u>
Total retail deposits	<u>\$1,243,731</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$1,193,931</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$1,082,322</u>	<u>100%</u>

Noninterest Income

During the first quarter of 2006, the Company recorded noninterest income of \$9.0 million, which was \$1.2 million, or 15% greater than the first quarter of 2005. Noninterest income declined by \$461,000, or 5% when compared to the fourth quarter of 2005. The increase over the first quarter 2005 was mainly attributable to increases of \$957,000 in card and ATM income during the quarter, mostly the result of underlying growth in volumes and \$399,000 in increased deposit service charges. The decrease compared to the fourth quarter of 2005 was primarily due to a seasonal decrease of \$173,000 in deposit service charges and a decrease of \$114,000 in card and ATM income primarily at the CashConnect (ATM) business.

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Noninterest Expenses

Noninterest expenses for the first quarter of 2006 totaled \$16.2 million, which was \$1.3 million, or 8% more than the same quarter last year. Noninterest expense for the first quarter of 2006 was \$88,000 greater than the fourth quarter of 2005. The increase over both the prior quarter and the first quarter of 2005 was primarily due to increases in salaries, benefits and other compensation and other operating expenses, mainly the result of the Company's continued growth efforts. The increase in salaries, benefits and other compensation also includes \$333,000 (pre-tax), or \$0.04 (after-tax) per share, of expenses related to stock options due to the implementation of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (revised 2004), *Share-Based Payment* (FAS 123R), during this quarter. The Company adopted FAS 123R using the Modified Prospective Application Method which recognizes expenses related to stock options as compensation costs and does not require the restatement of prior periods. These increases were offset by a \$322,000 reduction of a reserve related to reverse mortgages. This reserve is analyzed quarterly and is adjusted in accordance with a formulaic calculation.

Capital Management

During the first quarter of 2006, the Company repurchased 12,500 of its shares of common stock at an average price of \$61.22 per share. At March 31, 2006, the Company had 637,500 shares remaining under its current share repurchase authorization, or approximately 10% of its 6.6 million outstanding shares.

The ratio of tangible equity to assets was 6.17% at March 31, 2006. The Tier 1 capital ratio was 12.18%, which is more than double the 6.00% level required to be considered "well-capitalized" under regulatory definitions. Tangible book value per share was \$27.56 at March 31, 2006.

WSFS Financial Corporation is a \$3.0 billion financial services company. At March 31, 2006, its principal subsidiary, Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, operated 25 retail banking offices in all three counties in Delaware, as well as Chester and Delaware Counties in Pennsylvania. Other continuing operating subsidiaries include: WSFS Investment Group, Inc.,

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Montchanin Capital Management, Inc. and WSFS Reit, Inc. For more information, please visit the Bank's website at www.wsfsbank.com.

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WSFS FINANCIAL CORPORATION
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)
 (Unaudited)

	Three months ended		
	Mar 31, 2006	Dec 31, 2005	Mar 31, 2005
Interest income:			
Interest and fees on loans	\$ 32,096	\$ 29,616	\$ 23,157
Interest on mortgage-backed securities	7,332	6,924	5,874
Interest and dividends on investment securities	635	943	755
Other interest income	414	352	379
	<u>40,477</u>	<u>37,835</u>	<u>30,165</u>
Interest expense:			
Interest on deposits	8,177	7,267	4,087
Interest on Federal Home Loan Bank advances	10,743	9,254	6,187
Interest on trust preferred borrowings	1,017	1,659	712
Interest on other borrowings	1,237	1,119	1,066
	<u>21,174</u>	<u>19,299</u>	<u>12,052</u>
Net interest income	19,303	18,536	18,113
Provision for loan losses	688	1,006	579
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	<u>18,615</u>	<u>17,530</u>	<u>17,534</u>
Noninterest income:			
Credit/debit card and ATM income	4,160	4,274	3,203
Deposit service charges	2,577	2,750	2,178
Investment advisory income	630	641	608
Bank owned life insurance income	488	481	496
Loan fee income	421	488	426
Mortgage banking activities, net	22	104	144
Securities gains	-	4	-
Other income	740	757	801
	<u>9,038</u>	<u>9,499</u>	<u>7,856</u>
Noninterest expenses:			
Salaries, benefits and other compensation	9,192	8,795	8,822
Occupancy expense	1,300	1,339	1,276
Equipment expense	982	992	983
Data processing and operations expense	857	795	911
Marketing expense	613	703	525
Professional fees	257	755	553
Other operating expenses	3,041	2,775	1,900
	<u>16,242</u>	<u>16,154</u>	<u>14,970</u>
Income before minority interest and taxes	11,411	10,875	10,420
Less minority interest	16	11	37
Income before taxes	11,395	10,864	10,383
Income tax provision	4,054	3,771	3,593
Net income	<u>\$ 7,341</u>	<u>\$ 7,093</u>	<u>\$ 6,790</u>
Diluted earnings per share:			
Net income	<u>\$ 1.06</u>	<u>\$ 1.03</u>	<u>\$ 0.90</u>
Weighted average shares outstanding for diluted EPS	<u>6,904,774</u>	<u>6,870,836</u>	<u>7,508,827</u>
Performance Ratios (continuing operations only):			
Return on average assets (a)	1.03 %	1.03 %	1.07 %
Return on average equity (a)	15.75	15.97	13.66
Net interest margin (a)(b)	3.04	3.06	3.23
Efficiency ratio (c)	56.75	57.04	57.04

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WSFS FINANCIAL CORPORATION
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (Continued)
SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION:
 (Dollars in thousands)
 (Unaudited)

	<u>Mar 31,</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>Dec 31,</u> <u>2005</u>	<u>Mar 31,</u> <u>2005</u>
Summary Statement of Condition:			
<u>Assets:</u>			
Cash and due from banks	\$ 58,589	\$ 59,251	\$ 52,733
Cash in non-owned ATMs	159,042	174,527	129,688
Investment securities (d)(e)	58,694	57,489	96,706
Other investments	46,693	46,466	44,004
Mortgage-backed securities (d)	630,187	620,323	577,670
Net loans (f)(g)	1,877,770	1,774,858	1,605,293
Loans held for sale (f)	1,503	436	2,387
Bank owned life insurance	54,681	54,193	52,686
Other assets	65,702	59,209	60,910
Total assets	<u>\$ 2,952,861</u>	<u>\$ 2,846,752</u>	<u>\$ 2,622,077</u>
<u>Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity:</u>			
Noninterest-bearing deposits	\$ 274,983	\$ 279,415	\$ 256,926
Interest-bearing deposits	968,748	914,516	825,396
Total retail deposits	1,243,731	1,193,931	1,082,322
Jumbo CD's - non retail	79,122	40,567	45,511
Brokered CD's	244,301	211,738	170,921
Total deposits	1,567,154	1,446,236	1,298,754
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	998,533	1,008,721	868,004
Other borrowings	176,379	186,287	244,881
Other liabilities	26,374	23,327	19,208
Total liabilities	2,768,440	2,664,571	2,430,847
Minority interest	72	206	213
Stockholders' equity	184,349	181,975	191,017
Total liabilities, minority interest and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 2,952,861</u>	<u>\$ 2,846,752</u>	<u>\$ 2,622,077</u>

Capital Ratios:

Equity to asset ratio	6.24 %	6.39 %	7.28 %
Tangible equity to asset ratio	6.17	6.33	7.23
Core capital (h) (required: 4.00%; well-capitalized: 5.00%)	8.51	8.56	9.12
Tier 1 Capital (h) (required: 4.00%; well-capitalized: 6.00%)	12.18	12.31	13.51
Risk-based capital (h) (required: 8.00%; well-capitalized: 10.00%)	13.18	13.38	14.36

Asset Quality Indicators (continuing operations only):

Nonperforming Assets:			
Nonaccruing loans	\$ 2,891	\$ 3,410	\$ 6,294
Assets acquired through foreclosure	44	59	425
Total nonperforming assets	<u>\$ 2,935</u>	<u>\$ 3,469</u>	<u>\$ 6,719</u>
Past due loans (i)	\$ 277	\$ 386	\$ 349
Allowance for loan losses	\$ 26,143	\$ 25,381	\$ 24,647
Ratio of nonperforming assets to total assets	0.10 %	0.12 %	0.26 %
Ratio of allowance for loan losses to total gross loans (j)	1.37	1.41	1.51
Ratio of allowance for loan losses to nonaccruing loans (k)	863	709	373
Ratio of quarterly net (recoveries) charge-offs to average gross loans (a)(f)	(0.02)	0.13	0.04

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WSFS FINANCIAL CORPORATION
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (Continued)
AVERAGE BALANCE SHEET
 (Dollars in thousands)
 (Unaudited)

	Three months ended								
	Mar 31, 2006			Dec 31, 2005			Mar 31, 2005		
	Average Balance	Interest	Yield/Rate (a)(b)	Average Balance	Interest	Yield/Rate (a)(b)	Average Balance	Interest	Yield/Rate (a)(b)
Assets:									
Interest-earning assets:									
Loans: (f) (l)									
Commercial real estate loans	\$ 605,189	\$ 11,760	7.77 %	\$ 580,554	\$ 10,951	7.55 %	\$ 550,790	\$ 8,584	6.23 %
Residential real estate loans	466,329	6,279	5.39	447,670	5,854	5.23	437,109	5,580	5.11
Commercial loans	525,339	9,645	7.55	485,242	8,632	7.19	385,439	5,489	5.98
Consumer loans	250,856	4,406	7.12	237,657	4,162	6.95	212,762	3,469	6.61
Total loans	1,847,713	32,090	7.01	1,751,123	29,599	6.83	1,586,100	23,122	5.90
Mortgage-backed securities (d)	623,551	7,332	4.70	598,171	6,924	4.63	542,965	5,874	4.33
Loans held-for-sale (f)	594	6	4.04	1,061	17	6.41	2,510	35	5.58
Investment securities (d)(e)	58,060	635	4.37	57,499	943	6.56	97,194	755	3.11
Other interest-earning assets	48,690	414	3.45	48,736	352	2.87	45,950	379	3.30
Total interest-earning assets	2,578,608	40,477	6.32	2,456,590	37,835	6.21	2,274,719	30,165	5.35
Allowance for loan losses	(25,515)			(25,190)			(24,377)		
Cash and due from banks	51,364			54,486			54,011		
Cash in non-owned ATMs	144,436			143,226			123,306		
Bank owned life insurance	54,365			53,894			52,367		
Other noninterest-earning assets	59,986			59,249			54,310		
Total assets	\$ 2,863,244			\$ 2,742,255			\$ 2,534,336		
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity:									
Interest-bearing liabilities:									
Interest bearing deposits:									
Interest-bearing demand	\$ 123,805	\$ 140	0.46	\$ 119,390	\$ 101	0.34	\$ 99,596	\$ 59	0.24
Money market	226,229	1,714	3.07	223,358	1,475	2.62	141,107	590	1.70
Savings	247,152	511	0.84	256,047	922	1.43	285,462	271	0.39
Retail time deposits	322,184	2,688	3.38	292,503	2,281	3.09	286,722	1,851	2.62
Total interest-bearing retail deposits	919,370	5,053	2.23	891,298	4,779	2.13	812,887	2,771	1.38
Jumbo certificates of deposit-nonretail	60,081	663	4.48	43,444	417	3.81	45,250	294	2.63
Brokered certificates of deposit	226,022	2,461	4.42	212,550	2,071	3.87	156,471	1,022	2.65
Total interest-bearing deposits	1,205,473	8,177	2.75	1,147,292	7,267	2.51	1,014,608	4,087	1.63
FHLB of Pittsburgh advances	1,003,350	10,743	4.28	946,375	9,254	3.83	819,476	6,187	3.02
Trust preferred borrowings	67,011	1,017	6.07	67,011	1,659	9.69	51,547	712	5.53
Other borrowed funds	121,822	1,237	4.06	124,810	1,119	3.59	194,210	1,066	2.20
Total interest-bearing liabilities	2,397,656	21,174	3.53	2,285,488	19,299	3.38	2,079,841	12,052	2.32
Noninterest-bearing demand deposits	257,963			254,542			239,590		
Other noninterest-bearing liabilities	21,022			24,372			15,861		
Minority interest	154			216			224		
Stockholders' equity	186,449			177,637			198,820		
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 2,863,244			\$ 2,742,255			\$ 2,534,336		
Excess of interest-earning assets over interest-bearing liabilities	\$ 180,952			\$ 171,102			\$ 194,878		
Net interest and dividend income	\$ 19,303			\$ 18,536			\$ 18,113		
Interest rate spread			2.79%			2.83%			3.03%
Net interest margin			3.04%			3.06%			3.23%

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**WSFS FINANCIAL CORPORATION
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (Continued)**

(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)

(Unaudited)

	Three months ended		
	Mar 31, 2006	Dec 31, 2005	Mar 31, 2005

Stock Information:

Market price of common stock:

High	\$ 64.50	\$ 64.65	\$ 59.91
Low	60.00	57.55	52.20
Close	62.83	61.25	52.56
Book value per share	27.91	27.59	27.29
Tangible book value per share	27.56	27.32	27.06
Number of shares outstanding (000s)	6,606	6,596	6,998

Other Financial Data:

One-year repricing gap to total assets (m)	0.04 %	(0.57) %	(1.22) %
Number of associates (FTEs) (n)	529	515	487
Number of branch offices	25	24	24

Notes:

- (a) Annualized.
- (b) Computed on a fully tax-equivalent basis.
- (c) Noninterest expense divided by (tax-equivalent) net interest income and other income.
- (d) Includes securities available-for-sale.
- (e) Includes reverse mortgages.
- (f) Net of unearned income.
- (g) Net of allowance for loan losses.
- (h) Represents capital ratios of Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB and subsidiaries.
- (i) Accruing loans which are contractually past due 90 days or more as to principal or interest.
- (j) Excludes loans held-for-sale.
- (k) Includes general reserves only.
- (l) Nonperforming loans are included in average balance computations.
- (m) The difference between projected amounts of interest-sensitive assets and interest-sensitive liabilities repricing within one year divided by total assets, based on a current interest rate scenario.
- (n) Includes the FTEs of WCC (discontinued operations) and Cypress Capital Management (controlled, but not wholly owned subsidiary).