

# Bank of Granite

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## **Bank of Granite Names Hunt Management Trainee**

William DeVaughn “Dee” Hunt has joined Bank of Granite as Management Trainee. Karen Warlick, Senior Vice President and Human Resources Director, made the announcement.

Hunt comes to Bank of Granite from Merrill Lynch where he was Financial Advisor. He has been in financial services since graduation in 2001 from UNC-Charlotte’s Belk College of Business where he earned a BSBA in Marketing.

“We’re so happy to have someone with the enthusiasm and experience Dee brings to the Bank of Granite family,” stated Warlick. “To have him in our trainee program ensures that customers now and in the future can expect the unique hometown-style service and expertise they’ve come to rely on from our bank.”

Hunt lives in Hickory with his wife Lea, who is expecting their first child in September. They are currently visiting area churches before selecting one to join. He has been a guest/motivational speaker at the Catawba County Adolescents Group and the Western Piedmont Council of Governments 2005 Youth Summit.

Joining the bank early this year, Hunt stated, “Lea and I wanted to come back to my hometown to start our family and to further my career. We feel so blessed that Charles Snipes and the bank have given me this great opportunity.”

Bank of Granite Corporation is the parent company of Bank of Granite and Granite Mortgage, Inc. The bank operates 21 full service banking offices in Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Forsyth, Mecklenburg, Watauga and Wilkes Counties. Granite Mortgage, headquartered in Winston-Salem, originates home mortgages in these areas, as well as, in Hilton Head, S.C.

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