

Bank of Granite

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Three Bank of Granite Officers Attend North Carolina School of Banking

Three Bank of Granite officers recently attended the 69th session of the North Carolina School of Banking. Adam Wingler, loan officer in the Morganton office completed his first year of the program; Vicki Lovett, Conover officer manager completed year two, and Nancy Summey, assistant vice president and compliance officer, completed her third year of the program.

The North Carolina School of Banking, which is affiliated with the North Carolina Bankers Association, is the oldest state association banking school in the nation. A weeklong session is held every summer at the William and Ida Friday Continuing Education Center at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, N.C.

“New ideas were brought to the table in each topic through class discussion and group activities,” said Wingler. He received instruction in accounting, sales, lending, financial management, marketing, compliance, team building and other banking related topics. “I learned quickly that the school is designed for all positions within the bank, not just lenders and managers.”

Lovett’s weeklong program focused on government relations, finance, money and banking, managerial accounting, conflict management, sales and customer service and motivation and delegation. “I gathered so many skills and ideas to bring back and use daily,” said Lovett. “I’ve

already put into practice the lessons that I learned.”

Summey’s group concentrated on decision making in simulated banks, investments, asset liability, leadership development, advanced commercial lending, performance measurement and management, alternate funding sources and self-assessment. “We received many suggestions for effective communication and ideas for developing leadership qualities in our co-workers that we can put to use today. We even directed our simulated bank to a position of excellent capitalization,” Summey said.

“The Bank of Granite is delighted to be able to send members of our management team to such a highly respected institution,” said Charles Snipes, Bank of Granite president and CEO. “Providing these opportunities to our employees is such a strong part of Bank of Granite’s philosophy. The knowledge they gain not only benefits them but also every one of our customers.”

North Carolina School of Banking has evolved into a four-year program. The final year is designed to provide rising managers with senior management perspective and uses a combination of lecture, computer-based simulation, role-play and interaction with successful banking leaders. All four phases are intense weeklong programs.

Wingler received his BS in Business Administration in 2002 from Appalachian State University where he majored in finance and banking. He has been involved in Rotary, the Chamber of Commerce and March of Dimes. He and his wife Kamie live in Hudson and are active members of Whitnel Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Lovett, who has been with the Bank of Granite for nearly nine years, is on the Board of the Conover YMCA, a member of Catawba Valley Rotary Club and completed Graduate Leadership Catawba 2001. She and her husband James (JB) live in Hickory. They have two adult children, Jay and Celia, and one grandchild and another due in November.

Summey has been with the bank since 1988. She received her Bachelor of Arts from Longwood College in Farmville, Va. She lives in Newton with her husband, Gary, where they are active members of New Jerusalem Baptist Church. They have three adult children, sons Kelly and Kevin and daughter Jamie.

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.

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