

# Bank of Granite

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## **Bank of Granite names Shalati SouthPark Assistant Manager**

Virginia B. (Ginny) Shalati recently joined Bank of Granite as assistant manager at its SouthPark location. The bank is located at 4415 Sharon Road. Bank of Granite Senior Vice President Samuel M. Black made the announcement. "We are pleased to have someone with Ginny's banking experience and commitment to delivering excellent customer service," said Black. "She is a great asset to our customer and to the bank."

Shalati, a North Carolina native, graduated from University of North Carolina Charlotte with a liberal arts degree. She comes to Bank of Granite with more than 24 years experience in banking in the Charlotte area. Shalati lives in Charlotte with her 12-year-old son, Ryan.

"I'm excited to be at Bank of Granite," said Shalati. "The bank's 100-year history of outstanding customer service and commitment to the community is what brought me here. I look forward to continuing that tradition."

Bank of Granite and Granite Mortgage are subsidiaries of Bank of Granite Corporation whose common stock trades on The NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol "GRAN". The bank operates a lending office in Statesville, as well as 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 counties and in Fayetteville, Greensboro, and Salisbury, N.C.

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