

Bank of Granite

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Barrier Promoted to Banking Officer

Brandon Barrier was recently promoted to Banking Officer and Portfolio Management Officer of Bank of Granite. The Bank's President and CEO Scott Anderson made the announcement "Brandon continues to be an asset to this company and he is well-prepared for this role."

Barrier came to Bank of Granite in February of 2002 as a Teller at the Whitnel Office. He was quickly promoted to the Granite Falls Office as a Teller Supervisor, then Mountain View as a Customer Service Manager and his most recent position was in Loan Administration as a Lending Associate.

Barrier received an AS degree in Business Administration from Western Piedmont Community College in 2001 and has a BABS in Accounting from the University of Phoenix Online. He is also a member of the 2009 Graduate Leadership Catawba.

In his spare time, Barrier is on the Board of Directors of Region E Development Corporation and coaches a soccer team for deaf children in Morganton.

A Morganton native, Barrier currently lives there with his wife, Candice.

"I am excited about my promotion and the opportunity to help the bank out in new and exciting ways," said Barrier.

Bank of Granite and Granite Mortgage are subsidiaries of Bank of Granite Corporation whose stock is traded on The NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol "GRAN." The bank operates 22 full-service banking offices in Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Forsyth, Iredell, Mecklenburg, Watauga, and Wilkes counties, and a lending office in Guilford County. Granite Mortgage, headquartered in Winston-Salem, originates home mortgages in these counties and in Fayetteville and Salisbury, N.C.

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