

Bank of Granite

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Bank of Granite Names Ross Banking Officer

Jon David Ross was recently promoted to banking officer and commercial lender at Bank of Granite. Senior Vice President and Catawba Regional Executive W. C. "Corky" Upchurch made the announcement. "Jon David's diligence and proven commitment to Bank of Granite are a true asset to the bank and our customers," said Upchurch. "His hard work and dedication make him truly deserving of this promotion."

A Lenoir native, Ross graduated from Hibriten High School in 2002. He then received a Bachelor of Science degree in business management with a concentration in finance from North Carolina State University in 2006. He spent one semester studying abroad through the University of Pittsburgh's Semester at Sea program.

Ross first joined Bank of Granite in 2003 and worked as a summer intern during his years in college. After graduation he became a management associate in the bank's management training program and has worked in many areas. In his new position as commercial lender, he is part of the commercial lending group located at 25 Third St. N.W. in downtown Hickory.

"Bank of Granite has long been recognized for outstanding service to our customers and community," said Ross. "I'm honored by the confidence placed in me and look forward continuing this tradition."

Ross is a 2008 graduate of Leadership Catawba and will be a first-year attendee at the North Carolina School of Banking in Chapel Hill later this year. He is a founder, leadership council member, and chair of the networking and events subcommittee of the newly-formed Hickory Young Professionals. The organization is committed to providing opportunities for young professionals in the Greater Hickory Metro area to excel professionally, socially and

economically. A member of First Presbyterian Church in Lenoir, Ross is a new resident of Hickory.

“It’s been a pleasure to see Jon David’s progression from summer intern, to full-time management associate, to being one of our newest officers,” said Upchurch. “He’s a talented young man and we expect him to continue to grow and be successful at Bank of Granite.”

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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