

Bank of Granite

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Bank of Granite Names Management Associates

Dustin T. Seagle and Chris K. Beck have been named Bank of Granite management associates in the bank's management training program. "We're fortunate to have Dustin and Chris as part of the Bank of Granite team," said Senior Vice President and Human Resource Director Karen B. Warlick. "Their energy and enthusiasm for learning and for banking will help us continue the tradition of providing the high level of customer service for which Bank of Granite is known."

A Hudson native, Seagle joined Bank of Granite in 2006 as night operator at the bank's Granite Falls operations center. "Working in operations has provided me with invaluable experience in all aspects of bank operations," said Seagle.

Seagle has been instrumental in developing *Granite eDeposit*, the bank's new internet-based deposit capability for business customers. Also referred to as remote deposit or merchant capture, it allows participating customers to scan the front and back of checks and make deposits without leaving their place of business. "Dustin's one-on-one demonstration of *Granite eDeposit* has shown business customers the value of time and cash management capabilities," said Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer Mark Stephens.

Seagle graduated from South Caldwell High School in 2002 and Appalachian State University in 2007 with a Bachelor of Science in communication degree. He is a member of Dry Ponds Baptist Church and is also employed part-time by the Hudson Recreation Department.

Since 2003, Beck has served as a summer intern for Bank of Granite and now works primarily in the bank's Caldwell County offices. Cross training in different bank locations allows Beck the opportunity to gain exposure to and experience in commercial and consumer banking. "I'm excited to have the privilege to learn from so many talented and experienced bankers," said Beck. "I'm eager to help the bank continue its long-standing tradition of providing first-class customer service."

Beck graduated from University of North Carolina Chapel Hill in 2006 with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration with concentration in finance and international business. He lives in Lenoir and is a member of Mountain Grove Baptist Church.

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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