

Bank of Granite

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Bank of Granite Names Three New Officers

Hickory, N.C. —Directors of Bank of Granite have named Rick Hallyburton, Sam Stephenson and Adam Wingler Banking Officers. Charles Snipes, the bank's President and CEO, made the announcement. "Each of these gentlemen are very deserving of this distinction," Snipes said. "We're very proud of them and the great service they provide their customers."

After 30 years with First Union and four with First Citizens, Rick Hallyburton joined Bank of Granite in October of 2004. He assumed the leadership of the Long View office in January of this year after several months in the bank's collections department. Involved in many civic organizations, he is currently Secretary of the Lovelady Fire Department. Hallyburton lives in Rutherford College with his wife Danna where they attend Abernathy United Methodist Church. Their son Matthew is a sophomore at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Sam Stephenson has been Office Manager at Bank of Granite's Morganton office since joining the bank in March. After many years with Bank of America, most recently he was Financial Center Manager with First Charter Bank in Banner Elk, N.C. In 1985, Stephenson received a BS in Business Administration from West Virginia State College with a major in marketing. He lives in Morganton with his wife Debbie. They attend First Assembly of God Church he is a member of the church band. His daughter Lindsey is a junior at Georgia State University; son Phillip is a junior at Columbus High School in Columbus, Ga. Stevenson has been involved in Rotary and the Chamber of Commerce.

In 2002, Adam Wingler received a BS in Business Administration from Appalachian State University with a major in finance and banking. In June of that year he joined Bank of Granite as Loan Officer in the Lenoir office. In April of this year he moved to the Morganton office where he is a Commercial Lender. Wingler has been involved in Rotary, the Chamber of Commerce and March of Dimes. He and his wife Kamie live in Hudson. They are active members of Whitnel Pentecostal Holiness Church.

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, as well as, in Hilton Head, S.C.

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