

# Bank of Granite

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## **Bank of Granite hosts awards event**

Granite Falls, N.C. — The Family Life Center of Concord Baptist Church, in Granite Falls, was the scene of the recent 2005 Joint Staff and Board Holiday Gathering for all Bank of Granite employees and board members. Over 275 attended the event, from all 21 of the bank's offices in Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Forsyth, Mecklenburg, Watauga, and Wilkes Counties.

The highlight of the meeting was the presentation of the Distinguished Service Award to Robert "Robbie" W. Livingston, computer network technician based in the Granite Falls Operations Center. The Caldwell County native is a graduate of South Caldwell High School. He earned an Associate Degree from Caldwell Community College in. He has been with Bank of Granite for six years and is a life-long resident of the Dry Ponds community in Caldwell County.

In presenting the award, Bank of Granite Chairman, John A. Forlines, Jr., commented, "The quality of work done by Robbie is outstanding. He truly brings a remarkable attitude and much skill to his performance. He has a high degree of respect from those he helps through his courtesy and sensitivity. He exemplifies what Distinguished Service is all about and he always wears a big smile."

A committee selects the recipient and the award is based on performance, team spirit, attendance, and community service. The Distinguished Service Award has been presented annually since 1964. The 19 current employees who were previous Distinguished Service Award recipients were also recognized.

Service Award pins were presented to 50 employees and board members representing 640 years of cumulative service to Bank of Granite. Other recognitions included 15 Service Beyond Expectation Award winners and Outstanding Year-to-Date Performance awarded to the Boone office, Lenoir office, and to Jeff Prince, for Uvest sales record.

Karen Warlick, Senior Vice President and Director of Human Resources organized the event and served as Master of Ceremonies. Kirby Tyndall, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, gave the invocation. Bank of Granite President and Chief Executive Officer, Charles M. Snipes made closing remarks. The meeting concluded with the premier of a video commemorating the bank's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, which will be celebrated throughout 2006.

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 counties, as well as in Fayetteville, Greensboro, and Salisbury.

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John A. Forlines, Jr., Bank of Granite Chairman, presents Robbie Livingston the 2005 Distinguished Service Award.