

Bank of Granite

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Bank of Granite to open Statesville office

Statesville, N.C. — Bank of Granite is preparing to open a lending office in downtown Statesville with veteran bankers Gayle W. Harris and Donna M. Harris (no relation). In making the announcement, bank Chairman and CEO Charles M. Snipes said, “We are so fortunate to have such great bankers as Gayle and Donna join Bank of Granite to lead our Statesville office. They know Iredell County and its people and will be a great asset to all of our new customers there.”

Senior Vice President Gayle Harris has more than 30 years of banking experience in the Foothills region of North Carolina “I’m so excited to be building the Bank of Granite legacy of superior service in a community I’ve spent so much time in,” said Mr. Harris. “There is so much opportunity here for a community bank.”

Mr. Harris earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration at East Carolina University. He also received a degree from the Graduate School of Bank Administration at the University of Virginia.

Currently a board member for Mitchell Community College Endowment of Excellence Mr. Harris is also a member of Broad Street United Methodist Church and volunteers for the United Way and March of Dimes. He has served on a number of boards in the past including Greater Statesville Chamber of Commerce, Teen Health, Elder Center in Iredell County, as well as past chairman for Alexander County Chamber of Commerce and Alexander Community Hospital. Mr. Harris and his wife, Denise, live in Statesville, and have four children: Ashley Hardin, 27; Lauren Harris, 24; and 19-year-old twins Wesley and Meredith Harris.

Donna Harris comes to Bank of Granite with more than 35 years banking experience in North Carolina. After graduating from Statesville High School, Mrs. Harris began in banking as a teller and has steadily advanced throughout her career. “Knowing your

customers and your community is so important,” she said. “Bank of Granite is really about going back to the basics – putting the customer first and making local decisions. I can’t wait to put that into practice for our customers.”

Mrs. Harris is a member of Clearvision Baptist Church in Statesville and has been involved in the United Way and March of Dimes. She and her husband, Timothy, live in Taylorsville, N.C. She has two stepdaughters: Alysha, 30, and Shayna, 33; and two step-grandchildren: Raven, 12, and Benjamin, 1; and a third due next month.

The office, currently being renovated, is located at 207 South Center Street and is expected to open in early August. It will mark Bank of Granite’s 22nd office and its first in Iredell County. The bank is in the process of applying with the FDIC and the North Carolina Commissioner of Banks to convert the office to full service.

Bank of Granite and Granite Mortgage are subsidiaries of Bank of Granite Corporation whose stock is traded on NASDAQ under the GRAN symbol. In addition to the Statesville lending office, 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, N.C.

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