

Bank of Granite

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Bank of Granite promotes Dula and Harwell

Bank of Granite has promoted Pamela T. Harwell to vice president and M. Randell Dula to collections officer. Charles M. Snipes, chairman and chief executive officer made the announcement on behalf of the board of directors. "It's truly a pleasure to announce the promotion of these two fine bankers," said Snipes. "We're fortunate to have Pam and Randell as part of Bank of Granite's family and proud of the quality service they provide our customers."

A Florida native, Harwell is a graduate of Hialeah High School in Hialeah, Fla. and attended Miami Dade Junior College. With Bank of Granite for 33 years, she has nearly 40 years of banking experience. Harwell attended the Mid-Management Program at the North Carolina School of Banking, has received many certificates from the American Institute of Banking, is a graduate of Leadership Catawba, and is a past recipient of Bank of Granite's Distinguished Service Award. She is the manager at the bank's Hickory-Viewmont office.

Harwell is a volunteer for March of Dimes, United Way, and works with the Catawba County Chamber of Commerce. She is past president of the Hickory Merchants' Association, served on the Women's Resource Center board, and was active with Viewmont Business Association. She and her husband, Jerry, live in Hickory. They have two grown children, Jeremy and Erin, and two grandchildren, Kaia and Justin.

Dula joined Bank of Granite in 2001 as collections manager. He attended Western Piedmont Community College and studied criminal justice. He was previously employed by the Lenoir Police Department where he earned an Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate and received multiple recognitions,

including Police Officers' Meritorious Service Medal and Police Officers' Community Service Medal.

A graduate of Leadership Caldwell, Dula is a member of the Davenport A+ PTA, serves on the Board of Directors of the Lenoir/Caldwell County Crime Stoppers, and is active in the Caldwell County Chamber of Commerce. He and his wife, Crystal, and their third-grade daughter, Chloe, live in Lenoir where they attend the First Baptist Church.

Bank of Granite and Granite Mortgage are subsidiaries of Bank of Granite Corporation whose stock is traded on NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol "GRAN." The bank operates a lending office in Statesville, as well as, 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 and in Fayetteville, Greensboro, and Salisbury, N.C.

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