

Bank of Granite

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Bank of Granite awards Bowman Distinguished Service Award

Bank of Granite recently presented Cheryl M. Bowman with the Distinguished Service Award at its annual joint staff and board holiday gathering. Bowman, loan services department supervisor, has been with Bank of Granite for more than 38 years.

“Cheryl’s hard work, dedication, and knowledge exemplify the true meaning of the Distinguished Service Award,” said Charles M. Snipes, chairman and CEO. “It’s an honor to present this award to her.”

The Distinguished Service Award has been presented annually since 1964. A committee selects the recipient based on employee performance, team spirit, attendance, and community service. The 20 current employees who were previous Distinguished Award Recipients were also recognized.

“I’m proud to be among the others who have received this honor before me,” said Bowman. “It is especially meaningful to me to have been given this award in the year that Bank of Granite celebrated its 100th Anniversary.” Bowman started with the bank in 1968 in bookkeeping, now called account services, moved to the loan department in 1972, and has been there ever since.

A native of Granite Falls, N.C., Bowman graduated from Granite Falls High School in 1968 and received an American Institute of Banking Diploma in 1986. She and her husband, Mike, live in Granite Falls and are active members of the First United Methodist Church there. Bowman has served the church as youth director, on the administrative board, on the council on ministries, and is currently a member of its nominations committee. She has also worked many years on

fundraisers for the South Caldwell Christian Ministries, March of Dimes, and Camp Kemo for children with cancer.

In addition to the Distinguished Service Award, Bank of Granite presented 55 Above and Beyond Expectation awards; 27 Service Awards to those employees with five, 10, 20, 25, 30, and 35 years of service; and various achievement awards.

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. Granite Mortgage, headquartered in Winston-Salem, originates home mortgages in these counties and in Fayetteville, Greensboro, and Salisbury, N.C.

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Cheryl Bowman, 2006 Bank of Granite Distinguished Service Award Winner