

# Bank of Granite

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## **Chase Named One of Outstanding 20 Under Age 40**

T. Rahn Chase, Bank of Granite vice president and manager at the bank's downtown Lenoir office, has been named among 20 outstanding men and women who are our region's best leaders under the age of 40. The designation comes from *Business to Business*, a publication covering business news in the Unifour.

"I'm so honored to be named one of the 20," Chase said. "I truly believe maintaining integrity in all you do is the key to success. Also, in any facet of one's life you must keep promises and follow through with what you have agreed to do."

A Hibriten High School graduate, Chase began his banking career with Bank of Granite in 1993 after graduation from Wingate University with a bachelor of science in business administration. He's also a graduate of North Carolina Bankers Association School of Banking at Chapel Hill.

"Rahn manages a sizeable loan portfolio and the largest of our Caldwell County offices—it's also one of our most profitable bank-wide," said Charles Snipes, Bank of Granite CEO and chairman of the board. "We're so proud of Rahn's most recent honor and his other accomplishments, including having been named Best Caldwell County Banker by *Lenoir News-Topic* readers.

Chase is a member and past president of Rotary Club of Lenoir. His volunteer work includes United Way, March of Dimes, and Caldwell County Schools Business Partnership program and past service on various programs and committees with the Caldwell County Chamber of Commerce, Caldwell Opportunities board of directors, and Communities In Schools tutor/mentor program. In addition to being an avid tennis player, Chase has also completed the Bridge-to-Bridge Bicycle Challenge.

Chase lives in Lenoir with his wife, Martha, and their three daughters; eleven-year-old Claire, nine-year-old Sarah, both of whom attend Lower Creek Elementary School, and eighteen-month-old Jennie. The family attends First Baptist Church of Lenoir.

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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