

Bank of Granite

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Bank of Granite employees teach at Camp Challenge

Bank of Granite's Winston-Salem office employees, Vicki L. Aldunate, D. Adam Flippin, and Jeffrey S. Sims, recently visited the North Carolina Bankers Association's (NCBA) Camp Challenge to teach financial literacy to rising middle school children.

"Bank of Granite has consistently been a tremendous supporter of Camp Challenge," said Sam Atkins, community affairs coordinator for NCBA. "We are very appreciative of their help."

This summer is the 14th year for the NCBA to host Camp Challenge, a camp for high-achieving, low-resource, middle school students from across North Carolina. The camp is held at the Sertoma 4-H Educational Center in Stokes County near Hanging Rock State Park. Camp Challenge provides opportunities for rising sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-graders for learning and self-discovery.

Classes include public speaking, creative writing, computers, entrepreneurship, personal development, citizenship, and more. Financial literacy is among the top of the list of important topics taught at Camp Challenge.

"Sound financial management is an important skill for all of us to have and being able learn it at a young age is an invaluable lesson," said Terry N. Freeman, Bank of Granite senior vice president and Forsyth regional executive. "For Adam, Jeff, and Vickie to be able to teach these children about checking and savings accounts, how to budget, and even the difference between wants and needs, is a step in the right direction."

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