

Bank of Granite

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Three Bank of Granite officers attend N.C. School of Banking

Three Bank of Granite officers recently attended the 71st session of the North Carolina School of Banking: Victoria A. "Vicki" Lovett, Conover office manager; Adam M. Wingler, commercial lender, Morganton office; and Lee E. Williams, commercial lender, Uptown Charlotte office. "Bank of Granite has a long association with this highly respected institution," said bank Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Charles M. Snipes. "We've had many employees graduate from the School of Banking over the years. Providing such a valuable opportunity is a major part of the Bank of Granite culture. The knowledge they gain benefits them, and also every one of our customers."

Lovett, a graduate of the four-year School of Banking program, completed her final year, which provided a senior management perspective to participants. "This program utilized bank simulations with a variety of scenarios," Lovett said. "We were able to see how each decision we made affected the bank as a whole."

Lovett attended Erskine College in Due West, S.C. She's been in banking for more than 16 years and with Bank of Granite for 11 years. She is chairman of the board for the Shuford YMCA, treasurer of the Rotary Club of Catawba Valley and a 2001 graduate of Leadership Catawba. She and husband, James "J.B.", live in Hickory. They are members of First Presbyterian Church in Newton and have two grown children, Jay and Celia, and two grandchildren.

Wingler completed year three of the program which focused on more advanced aspects of banking in asset and liability management along with operating as a bank president in a simulation. He said, “We were challenged with the kind of decisions Scott Anderson, Bank of Granite’s president, makes every day.”

Wingler received a Bachelor of Science in business administration from Appalachian State University in 2002 where he majored in finance and banking. He joined Bank of Granite upon graduation and is currently an assistant vice president in the Morganton office. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Morganton, a volunteer with Meals on Wheels and United Way and has been involved with the Chamber of Commerce and March of Dimes. He and wife, Kamie, live in Hudson and had their first child, Eli, in January. They are active members of Whitnel Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Williams completed his first year at the school and received instruction in many aspects of banking that include accounting, sales, lending, financial management, marketing, compliance and team building. “I discovered that the school is not designed specifically for lenders and managers, but instead includes all areas of the bank,” Williams said. “With those diverse backgrounds represented, we were given a broad overview of several areas, each with a vital role in bank operations.”

Williams first joined Bank of Granite in 2001 working as a summer intern during his years in college. He received his bachelor’s degree in economics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2004. He has been working with the commercial loan group at the bank’s Uptown Charlotte office since graduation and was recently promoted to banking officer. Originally from Lenoir, Williams and wife, Sara, live in Charlotte where they are members of Forest Hill Church. He is active in the

Charlotte Jaycees and recently coordinated the bank's School Tools efforts; a program to collect new school supplies for needy children.

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