



Team Member: Megan McClure

Age: 27

Profession: Lending/Banking

Employment: Carolina Farm Credit, ACA
Graham, North Carolina

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Personal Profile

Megan lives in Graham, North Carolina with husband, Griffin and dog, Maggie. Megan was born in North Carolina, and although she has moved within the state several times she has never lived outside its borders. Megan followed in her mother's footsteps by attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and received her undergraduate degree in Journalism in 2004.

After graduating, Megan moved to Charlotte, NC where she worked in human resources for Wachovia Bank in recruiting services.

When Megan and Griffin married in late 2007, she moved to Graham, NC and began to work at Carolina Farm Credit (CFC). CFC specializes in making loans to farmers and rural home owners, and Megan still works there today. CFC employees are very in touch with the community they serve, so working at CFC has provided Megan with a crash course in Alamance County 101.

Megan was also hired as co-editor of Alamance Magazine, a monthly magazine with a circulation of around 20,000 readers. She held the position for about a year, in addition to working at her full-time job. Megan still writes for the magazine on a free-lance basis and cherishes the opportunity for creative outlet that writing provides.

Megan enjoys volunteering in her community and recently completed training to be a Guardian Ad Litem, or a child's advocate in court. It is her role to investigate the cases that have been reported to the Department of Social Services and make an independent report to the presiding judge based on the investigation. She also helps lead the high school youth group at Graham Presbyterian Church. In her spare time, she enjoys running, writing, reading and cooking. She also recently played on a recreational volleyball team, the Volley Llamas.

Megan would like to gain a broader insight into international lending institutions by observing practices of banks and lenders in Australia. Of particular interest would be institutions that specialise in lending to agricultural operations. The ultimate goal would be to gain new knowledge around how banks in Australia increase new business during tough economic times and utilise cross selling techniques to sell insurance and financial services at the closing table or during the loan process. If possible, it would also be beneficial to visit a farming operation.

Megan would also be interested in visiting some local magazines or newspapers, given her past in the publications industry and continued interest in freelance writing.

Megan enjoys outdoor activities including scuba diving, snorkelling and is interested in visiting a koala or kangaroo sanctuary and national parks.