

Thomas "Tommy" Gabriel Promoted to Vice President and Wealth Management Officer

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APRIL 3, 2025 (El Paso, TX) – WestStar, the Borderplex region's leading financial institution, has promoted Thomas "Tommy" Gabriel to Vice President, Wealth Management Officer within its Wealth Management Division. In this role, Gabriel will serve as the primary point of contact for client relationships, focusing on developing new partnerships and providing expert financial consultations.

Gabriel brings over a decade of experience in the financial industry, including five years with WestStar. His extensive knowledge and commitment to helping clients achieve financial goals have positioned him as a trusted advisor. "I am honored to work with this exceptional leadership team and eager to continue our mission of empowering clients to realize their financial aspirations," said Gabriel regarding his promotion.

He received his Bachelor of Arts in political science from the University of Texas at El Paso and his Master of Business Administration from Capella University. In addition to his work at WestStar, Gabriel is dedicated to community service and actively participates on several boards, including the Advisory Board of the United Way Young Leaders Society, the Board of Directors of the United Way of El Paso County, Treasurer for the El Paso Community College Foundation's Board of Directors, and as vice chair of the Board of Directors of Junior Achievement of the Desert Southwest.

About WestStar

WestStar is the only El Paso-based community bank and the leading commercial bank in the Borderplex region, which includes El Paso, Texas; Las Cruces, New Mexico; and Juárez, Mexico. With over \$3.2 billion in assets, 14 branches, and over 340 employees, WestStar provides commercial lending, treasury management, wealth management, and title services across the region.

WestStar's roots trace back over a century and are built on the combined legacies of four local institutions: Bank of Ysleta, Bank of El Paso, First National Bank of Fabens and Bank of the West (rebranded as WestStar Bank in 2012). These banks united over time and through mergers, ultimately becoming WestStar in 2016. Today, WestStar continues that shared commitment to relationship-based banking.

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