



**WestStar's Thomas "Tommy" Gabriel Recognized as
Emerging Leader by Texas Bankers Association**

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May 7, 2026 (El Paso, TX) – WestStar congratulates Thomas "Tommy" Gabriel, Vice President and Wealth Management Officer, on being recognized as an Emerging Leader by the Texas Bankers Association (TBA). The Emerging Leader Award honors exceptional bankers across Texas who demonstrate leadership, professional excellence and the potential to positively shape the future of the banking industry.

Gabriel has more than 11 years of experience in banking and wealth management and has been with WestStar for six years. In his role, he provides comprehensive wealth management services and delivers relationship-based financial solutions tailored to the needs of clients and families throughout the Borderplex region.

"I am truly honored to receive the TBA Emerging Leader Award," Gabriel said. "Banking and wealth management have given me the opportunity to be part of an outstanding industry with a bright future. I am proud to be a Texas banker, and even more proud to serve as a member of the WestStar team."

Beyond his professional achievements, Gabriel is deeply committed to community service and leadership. He serves as a board member for United Way of El Paso County, vice chair and board member of the El Paso Community College Foundation, and board chair of Junior Achievement of the Desert Southwest. His dedication to community involvement reflects WestStar's mission to strengthen the communities it serves.

Gabriel earned a Bachelor of Arts in political science from The University of Texas at El Paso and an MBA from Capella University, further supporting his strong foundation in leadership and financial services.

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 \$3.1 billion in assets, 14 branches, and over 350 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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