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NorthStar Bank Proudly Announces the Appointment of its President & CEO, Monty Weigel, to the USF Alumni Association Board of Directors

Tampa, Fla., October 3, 2011 – NorthStar Bank is proud to announce that its President & CEO, Monty Weigel, has been appointed to the USF Alumni Association Board of Directors. This two-year appointment was made on Feb. 19, 2011 and Mr. Weigel's first official meeting as a Board Member occurred on June 25, 2011.

This is not Mr. Weigel's first association with the University of South Florida. Prior to this appointment, he served on President Judy Genshaft's Presidential Task Force on Alumni Relations. He is also a proud alumnus of the University of South Florida, having received his Bachelors degree in Finance from the USF School of Business.

Mr. Weigel has over 30 years of banking experience. Prior to the founding of NorthStar Banking Corp, he formed a Florida-based bank holding company, acquired a National Bank and subsequently sold control of it.

Prior to this, Mr. Weigel was President of SunTrust Bank, Northwest Florida from August 1997 until January 2002; and Senior Vice President, SunTrust Bank, Miami from May 1982 until August 1997.

NorthStar Bank, opened in 2007, is an independent community bank in Tampa, Florida with assets exceeding \$175 million. NorthStar Bank was founded on the principle of building solid customer relationships while providing outstanding personalized service along with utilizing the latest banking innovations and technology. NorthStar Bank is rated 5 Stars by **BauerFinancial** (www.bauerfinancial.com), the nation's leading independent bank rating and research firm.

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