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VyStar Opens 44th Branch in St. Augustine North

Jacksonville, Florida – Kathy Bonaventura, Interim President/CEO of VyStar Credit Union, announced the official opening of VyStar’s St. Augustine North branch, located at 3654 North Ponce De Leon Blvd., St. Augustine, Florida, 32084. VyStar officials held a ribbon cutting ceremony at the new location on Thursday, October 26th, at 10:30 a.m., as well as other grand opening festivities through Saturday, October 28th.

Kathy Bonaventura says: “VyStar’s St. Augustine North location is our third branch in St. Augustine and responds directly to our membership growth in the vibrant St. Augustine community. We are looking forward to serving the local residents, businesses and visitors to this historic and growing community.” VyStar’s St. Augustine North branch joins their St. Augustine branches on State Road 312 and the St. Augustine Beach branch on Anastasia Island.

VyStar’s St. Augustine North branch has four teller stations, five member service offices, four drive-thru lanes, and one walk-up ATM in protected vestibule. Lobby hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Drive-thru hours are Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Lori Brandel serves as Vice President of the St. Augustine North branch. Lori has worked with VyStar for over two years and has lived in the St. Augustine area for more than three years. Lori transferred to Florida from Tennessee, where she worked as Vice President of a local financial institution for over 12 years. Lori says: “We are honored to be part of St. Johns County and Historic St. Augustine. Our focus is to promote financial literacy while serving our members and meeting their financial needs. We will strive to be a strong, visible community partner that is engaged and willing to roll up our sleeves and work side by side with other community partners to keep St. Augustine strong.”

VyStar Credit Union is the largest credit union headquartered in Northeast Florida. VyStar now serves over 585,000 members with assets totaling \$6.9 billion. VyStar membership is open to everyone who lives or works in Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Brevard, Clay, Columbia, Duval, Flagler, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lake, Levy, Marion, Nassau, Orange, Putnam, St. Johns, Seminole, Sumter, Suwannee, Union and Volusia Counties.



Photo L to R, Front: Paul Waldron, (St. Johns County Government Commissioner); Jeb Smith, (St. Johns County Government Commissioner); Sandy Ford, (VyStar Regional Vice President); Isabelle Rodriguez, (St. Johns County Chamber, President); Dr. Susan Ruffin, (VyStar Board of Directors, Director); Lori Brandel, (VyStar Vice President, St. Augustine North Branch); Kathy Bonaventura, (VyStar Interim President/CEO); P.E. (Ted) Hewitt, (VyStar Board of Directors, Director); Nancy Sikes-Kline, (City of St. Augustine, Commissioner); Todd Neville, (City of St. Augustine, Vice Mayor); Thomas L Allen, (St. Johns County School District)

Photo L to R, Back: Judy Walz, (VyStar Chief Marketing & Planning Officer); Erin Cook, (St. Johns Chamber, Sales & Marketing Manager); P. Kem Siddons, (VyStar Board of Directors, Vice Chairman); Eric Hatfield, (VyStar Board of Directors, Treasurer); Greg Voss, (St. Johns Chamber, Vice President)