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# News Release

## **Branch opens for RBFCU inside SVHS**

About 30 representatives of Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union (RBFCU), Comal ISD and Smithson Valley High School (SVHS) celebrated the opening of in-school credit union branch on Tuesday with a formal ribbon cutting ceremony.

“Two of our students have been selected from pool of applicants to work here,” said John Montelongo, principal of SVHS. “This is a great opportunity for our students to gain hands-on experience that will last a lifetime.”

Dr. Marc Walker, superintendent of Comal ISD, noted the partnership with RBFCU as one of the “extra-ordinary” programs in Comal ISD.

“This will be a learning experience for these students that you can’t get in a classroom,” he said.

For John Townsley, one of the students who will be working, the benefit is much more practical.

“I’m really excited,” he said. “You get to save money on gas working at school and it will definitely be an awesome experience working around my classmates.”

The branch will be open weekdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Services are available to students, teachers and staff at the school.

Alyssa Almeida is a SVHS senior who worked at the Bulverde RBFCU branch last semester and will be joining John at the SVHS branch.

“Working right here on campus during school hours is so much more convenient than having to work after school,” she said. “I’m looking forward to meeting a lot of classmates in the branch on campus. RBFCU is a great place to work.”

“This is such a great opportunity for our students,” said Janice Balmos, SVHS teacher of Practicum in Business Management. “They are going to learn so much. It’s an experience that will be a building block for the rest of their lives.”

“In this day and age a financial education is more important than ever,” said Jackie Anselmo, RBFCU senior vice president of branch operations. Along those lines, RBFCU will be a full partner for financial education resources with the campus. Representatives from the credit union will spend time in economic classes and business classes teaching the students, “how to take care of your money and how to plan for the future,” she said

The students who work in the branch as part of the district’s career education program will be “building on-the-job skills and developing work ethics, honoring privacy and confidentiality,” Anselmo said. “They will learn first-hand that what they do matters.”