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Eldorado, Illinois – Legence Bank is taking financial education to a higher level with their new program – Legence Bank University.

Legence Bank, a community bank with five branches throughout Southern Illinois and Southern Indiana, has created a new financial literacy program through their own website, <u>www.legencebank.com/lbu</u> and through an educational program that is offered to Kindergarten, First Grade, Middle School, and High School students in Eldorado, Harrisburg, Galatia, and Gallatin County schools in Illinois and Evansville Day School in Evansville, Ind.

Legence Bank University (LBU) is an educational program provided by Legence Bank to educate, inform, and encourage financial knowledge to the communities Legence Bank serves. As the economy, culture, and society changes, Legence Bank believes that personal financial management and financial education is a growing need in communities across America. This program is offered for free to all schools and individuals.

Kevin Beckemeyer, President and CEO of Legence Bank said financial education is vital for individuals of all ages.

"At Legence Bank, we believe financial success is developed through a strong education and we believe every individual deserves the right to quality financial education programs," Beckemeyer said. "We are proud to provide such invaluable and important programs to the people of Southern Illinois and Southern Indiana."

The LBU website offers a fun page for elementary students and is focused on money and saving with Lucky, the Legence Bank Star. The Teens and Grads section is made for students from middle school to seniors in high school and provides information and videos written and made by Legence Bank employees. The Continuing Education section is designed for adults and seniors looking to further their education with videos and articles. The LBU Team will offer educational seminars in the upcoming months. More information will be available on the website and in all branches.

Legence Bank, headquartered in Eldorado, Illinois, is independently owned and community focused, providing individuals, families, farmers and businesses in Southern Illinois and the Evansville, Indiana areas a premier financial institution and state of the art convenient financial products, services and solutions. Legence Bank also operates the wholly owned subsidiary American Farm Mortgage Company, Inc. (AFMC). Located in Louisville, KY, AFMC originates and services over \$250 million dollars in agricultural real estate loans nationwide. For more information, visit www.legencebank.com.