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Zions Bank Real Academy Grand Opening Held in Herriman

HERRIMAN, Utah—The Zions Bank Real Academy was formally introduced to the public with a grand opening event Wednesday in Herriman. The 42-acre, \$78 million complex includes training facilities, Real Salt Lake Academy High School, dormitories, and the 5,000-seat Zions Bank Stadium, among other amenities.

“It has been a fantastic project,” said Herriman Assistant City Manager Gordon Haight. “We now have a beautiful stadium, academy and practice facility that I believe is going to have a far-reaching impact, even worldwide ... With the combination of academics and soccer, this facility is going to inspire generations, particularly the youth.”

“This is something you can’t afford to miss,” said Real Salt Lake owner Dell Loy Hansen. “We’ve now brought the full spectrum of soccer to Utah—training from the ground up, a women’s program that will be enhanced over time, and we will have two complete pyramids of soccer progression that arrive in these top two teams.”

The Zions Bank Training Center boasts the moniker of the largest free-span structure in North America, including over 210,000 square feet of indoor fields, including space for 750 spectators and a 10,000-square-foot concessions area.

RSL Academy High School is expanding to a capacity of 350 students, including those who live on campus and participate with U-17 and U-19 soccer teams while attending the STEM school. The high school’s men’s and women’s choirs each performed a number as part of the grand opening event.

The Zions Bank Stadium will host Real Monarchs games starting this season, while Real Salt Lake, the Monarchs, Utah Royals, and RSL’s youth teams will undergo training and treatment there. Additionally, the facility will host professional rugby, adult soccer leagues, and Herriman City events.

The grand opening event featured several speakers in addition to Hansen and Haight, including Major League Soccer commissioner Don Garber, who thanked many supporters and contractors along the way. The public and VIPs were given thorough tours of the complex, and families enjoyed indoor activities while radio stations from Broadway Media and Sirius XM provided coverage of the event.