

**Spring Branch Independent School District
Agenda Item Information**

Date of Board Meeting: January 26, 2009

Subject: Volunteer of the Month-January

Administrator Responsible:

Name: Linda Buchman

Position: Community Relations Officer

Purpose of Agenda Item:

Information only **Action needed** **Report**

Additional Information and/or Back-Up:

Spring Branch ISD's Volunteer of the Month for January is:

**John Grubbs
Northbrook High School**

Long before SBISD created a five year plan goal to be the premier college focused district in the State of Texas, this month's Volunteer of the Month was hard at work on our mission. For the past eight years, he has been a weekly presence at Northbrook High School singularly focused on helping students find their passion, select the right college, and find the scholarship dollars to make their dreams a reality. The thirteen NHS students directly mentored by this amazing retired engineer have chosen fields of study from nursing, to journalism, to industrial engineering and have attended colleges ranging from Michigan's Kettering University to Texas A&M. Many have earned full scholarships as a result of the wisdom, guidance and support he has shared. In addition, his service as a member of the Collegiate Challenge leadership team has helped this program grow and earn prestigious state ranking as a Texas High School Project Exemplar Program and most recently as a Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board STAR award winner. As Duc Nguyen, a former protégé, wrote in November, "Hello, Mr. Grubbs, I just wanna say Happy Thanksgiving and I'm thankful for having you guiding me the way to a successful future," all of us in Spring Branch ISD, too, say thanks to John Grubbs, our January Volunteer of the Month. We applaud his eight years of dedication to the Collegiate Challenge program, and most importantly, his commitment to the students of Spring Branch ISD.