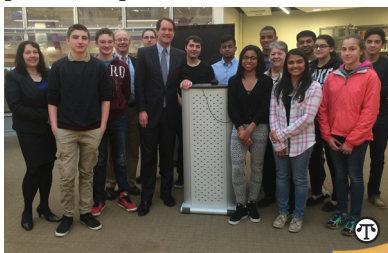


Money Matters

Game Helps Students Learn About Investing

(NAPSA)—An annual competition is once again helping middle school and high school students develop a better understanding of how both the economy and the U.S. government function.

Called the Capitol Hill Challenge, it has student teams invest a hypothetical \$100,000 to see which team can develop the most profitable portfolio.



Student teams are taking part in a game that stresses the importance of saving and investing, while promoting a better understanding of government.

Sponsored by the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA) Foundation, the Challenge uses the Foundation's Stock Market Game as a basis for the competition.

Congressional Support

Each team in the competition is matched with a member of Congress from the district or state and this year more than 50 members of Congress visited teams in-district. The 10 teams with the best returns will be recognized at an awards reception in Washington, D.C. on June 17.

This year's winning teams are:

- Canyonville Christian Academy, Oregon
- Academy of Information Technology & Engineering, Connecticut
- The Westminster School, Georgia
- Passaic Valley High School, New Jersey
- Highland School of Technology, North Carolina
- Cedar Ridge High School, Texas
- Arkansas Baptist High School, Arkansas
- Brookville High School, Virginia
- Carmel High School, Indiana
- Parkview High School, Georgia.

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