

High School Financial Planning Program

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Isn't it Great?

By now, all of you should have seen a copy of the newly revised HSFPP materials. I hope you are as pleased as I am. I have heard a lot of positive reaction from the instructors who are using the materials. If any of you haven't seen the materials, PLEASE let me know and I

will get a set to you ASAP. The College for Financial Planning in Denver will be contacting everyone in the next month or so to learn if you are still interested in being "active" in the program.

Only orders sent out after mid-October have received the new materials.

New Resource Listing

Enclosed with this mailing is a revised listing of resources available in the county, area and state extension offices. I have been able to continually add to the resources because of the grant made available by the College for Financial Planning. Please let me know of any top-notch resources that I might add to our "library."

North Dakota HSFPP Activity

This fall, 135 students in five (5) high schools across the state were enrolled with the HSFPP materials.

We are well on our way to reaching the goals I had set forth for 1992-1993 (10 schools and 200 students).

I realize that it takes a teacher TIME to review the materials, line up resource materials and speakers, etc., but that is what this program is all about. Contact the extension and financial services

professionals on the mailing list and help each other out! The people who have indicated an interest in this program have done so because they CARE about the financial illiteracy of our youth and want to do something about it! I regularly get calls from financial professionals who want to be asked to help with the program.

If you know an instructor in secondary or post-secondary education who may be interested in the HSFPP materials, please share the information with them.

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We have some new names to add to the list of interested people out there:

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Summer Updates?

Last summer's financial re-sources update went over very well. If you are interested in attending another this summer, let me know. It would have to be early June or mid-July to early August. I am looking at somewhere in western North Dakota (Williston, Dickinson or Minot) and maybe Jamestown or Valley City. Drop me a line if you are interested in a one-day brainstorming and idea sharing session.

For those of you who don't know what we're talking about, last summer two six-hour workshops, "Financial Management Resources for All Ages" were held, in Fargo and Bismarck. Representatives from the NDSU Extension Service, the N.D. Bankers Association and the N.D. Council for Economic Education shared their resources. There was a small (\$5) charge and lunch and lots of materials were included. In attendance were educators, extension staff, consumer credit counselors and bank staff. Evaluations indicated it was a day well spent, and many were surprised at how much our programming has in common. It was a great way to begin networking to attack the "financial illiteracy of our youth."

Certificates Available

As more of you are involved in implementing the program, remember that I have parchment paper completion certificates available free of charge.

Evaluations, Anyone?

I know that we in extension are always trying to account for the impact of our programs. The evaluation tool developed for statewide use in this program can help you evaluate the impact of your work in the HSFPP program. It is also available in quantity and, until the demand increases, I am willing to help compile the data with you and prepare individual evaluation statements for this program.