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BRYAN COLLEGE

Reaching Out!

2007-2008 Annual Report

Team Members	12
Team Hours	125
Projects	3
Total Gross Impressions	700
Business Advisory Board Members	5



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This is the first year for the Bryan College SIFE Program and it is entirely volunteered-based. The team started organizing in September, and below is a timeline of this year's events.

Timeline



Belief

Provide glory to God through our actions, words and service.

Mission Statement

To serve the community by creating and establishing new economic opportunities while learning, practicing and teaching the principles of free enterprise.

Objectives

- Present individuals of all ages with opportunities that exist for an entrepreneur through creative, innovative, and effective programs.
- Provoke individuals to seek out entrepreneurial opportunities to improve their lives.
- Prepare participants with the personal skills and support necessary to succeed in business.
- Promote the importance of ethical and socially-responsible behavior in all areas of business.
- Provide an opportunity for members to gain hands-on experience and develop entrepreneurial and leadership skills in a team-oriented environment.

Signatures

Rick Taphorn

Calvin White

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Project #1

Interview Workshop

On the evening of February 12, 2008, the Bryan College SIFE Team hosted the first of its Success Skills workshops. This workshop focused on the Interview Process—how to prepare for the interview, act during the interview, and follow-up with the employer. Three local human resource managers attended the event and shared their expertise. Ms. Anna Smith, Southeastern Career Center; Mr. Randy Wells, SouthEast Bank and Trust; and Mr. John Newkirk, International Automotive Components, each spoke for ten minutes on selected topics of grooming and personal hygiene, types of interviews and communication, and researching the employer. Five non-SIFE students attended along with three SIFE students. All participants were given a pre-and post-test to gauge interview knowledge. According to the test scores, all students increased in knowledge, and on a scale from one-to-ten, the average answer of “How much do you think your knowledge of interview skills improved?” was a seven. Several more workshops are to come beginning the starting weeks of the next school semester. During this project, the team learned more about how to utilize outside resources, market events, and plan events according to schedules of the audience, and plans to use these skills for better results in the future.

Project #2

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

The VITA program is an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) volunteer program that offers free tax return preparation for low income individuals and families. The SIFE team completed a two-day training program through the IRS, several hours of online training, and then passed an online certification test to become official preparers. The team started preparing tax returns in February and will finish in April. To date the team has prepared 26 returns for community members for a total refund of \$19,529. This program has been a success, and next year the team will consider expanding to an additional location.



Project #3

Market Economics

For the first three weeks in February three SIFE team members taught economics and business to 16 students, grades 5-8, at the Rhea County Academy (a local private school). The lessons were aimed at teaching students about the functions of a free market economy, various investment opportunities, different business models and functions, stock market definitions and operations, and the advantages of saving well and spending wisely. Students were also provided the opportunity of trying their hand at investing in the stock market using an investment simulator accessed at vse.marketwatch.com. Each student was allotted a virtual \$100,000 and allowed to make simulated trades in real market stocks. At the end of the three week period, students each gave a verbal presentation to the class talking about three things they had learned from this class and one thing they were planning on using either now or in the future (such as saving money out of sight, avoiding credit card debt, and/or practicing frugality). Most students said they learned a lot about business structure and dealings, the relationship between a corporation and its stock, the power of compounding interest, what inflation is and why it happens, how credit cards and scores work, why debt is dangerous, and why saving is smart. The Bryan College SIFE team plans on continuing their instruction at the Rhea County Academy in coming years.

SIFE Team



Front Row

Allan Johnson
Sophomore
Business Adm.

Ashley Maye
Freshman
Business Adm.

Brittany Walker
Sophomore
Business Adm.

Luke Booker
Junior
Business Adm.

Back Row

Ryan Tysler
Junior
Business Adm.

Kyle Wagley
Senior
Business Adm.

Josh Young
Junior
Computer Sci.

Charles Plush
Junior
History

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