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#### **RAS AND INTERNS**

Here are our 2024 PFEW
Interns and Residence Hall
Advisors (RAs). Our Interns are
pictured here in the front row
(I to r): Hadley Beck, Layla King,
Sam Brinton, Damien Moyer,
Elliott Geary, and Ava Dixon.
In the back row (I to r) are our
PFEW 2024 full-time RAs: Riley
Terrano, Amber Fry, Donovan
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Logan Cash.



Not pictured are our 2024 Part-Time RAs Stephen Beatty, Jasmine Foote, Clark Lovejoy, Leahvella Rambus, Jadyn Reeder, and Kimberly Speece, and Week 4 Part-Time Intern Oli Magee.

# **MISSION**

To heighten the awareness of Pennsylvania's youth about their future role in the American free enterprise system by delivering high-quality and practical hands-on learning experiences.

## VISION

To be the recognized leader in providing quality learning opportunities that promote the understanding of the link between personal freedom and economic opportunity.

# PURPOSE

To provide young Pennsylvanians with relevant, impactful education and skills that help them explore, create and sustain successful careers and lives that strengthen our communities and state.

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You would never build a house without blueprints or the right tools. If you did, you'd likely end up with a structure that can't withstand a light breeze, let alone a storm. But with the right plans, knowledge and resources, you can build a structure that can withstand hurricane force winds.

For the past 46 years we have provided the very blueprint for future success to over 90,000 Pennsylvania students, equipping them with the plans, knowledge and resources to succeed in business, career, and life. But we didn't do it alone...

They say it takes a village, and we're beyond grateful that our village is made up of thousands of donors, volunteers, board members, partners and staff who all work together to help our students build a structure for life that can withstand any challenge, any obstacle. It's this amazing combination of financial resources, knowledge, expertise, wisdom and time that has provided us an unshakable foundation upon which we have gratefully built a legacy of excellence in learning.

As you read through this year's report, I hope you see the importance of what you have done in the words, statistics, photos and stories of the students we served this past year. Through our three youth programs, you'll see that your time, talent and treasure has equipped our students with the knowledge and confidence that they can build a financial "house" that provides security, grows over time, and helps them reach their goals.

Just like a builder relies on plans, knowledge and resources to create strong, lasting structures, we rely on our stakeholders to help us plan, manage our resources and adapt to change. It's the very essence of our long-term success.

If you currently aren't a part of our programs, we invite you to join us on this extraordinary journey to educate our next great generation of Pennsylvania leaders. We can't do it alone, and we **always** are stronger together!



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Pearl Worthington, North Penn-Liberty HS, Tioga County



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The generous support from our donors is instrumental in providing our students with vital skills and experiences that shape successful futures. The profound impact of their contributions has empowered students to develop essential workforce skills and experience personal and professional growth beyond measure. Please join us in expressing our gratitude to the following sponsors who are the very cornerstone of our mission to inspire and prepare the next generation of leaders. They make possible the diverse and impactful Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week. The Stock Market Game and Speaker Series programs.

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66 I'm extremely grateful for this opportunity you've given me. This story is just one of many that highlight the ripple effect of your generosity touching lives and fostering hope. Beyond the tangible benefits, your support also provides a powerful message to my team and the community. It reaffirms our belief in the importance of hard work and motivates us to strive for even greater heights knowing that we have steadfast partners like you encouraging us to continue our efforts with vigor and

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# PENNSYLVANIA FREE ENTERPRISE WEEK

# THIS YEAR'S STUDENT STORY? MORE IS MORE

Of all the stories to come out of this year's PFEW student recruiting, the most notable was the significant increase in demand for PFEW 2024. We compared this year's numbers to 2023, and while the total number of school visits and presentations were similar, total PFEW applications soared by more than 14%. Fortunately, we saw this trend early, and at our May board meeting, we asked our board to approve a larger program size than our 2024 budget of 1,700 graduates, and thanks to their dedication and foresight, they did just that.

This far surpassed our original budget and our expectations and showed us with undeniable clarity that demand for PFEW is not only back to pre-pandemic levels, but that students want and need the vital PFEW education to set them on a path to personal and professional success.

There are many logistical hurdles to increasing the PFEW program size, foremost among them fundraising, volunteers, and available beds. Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of our donors, we were able to offer more sponsorships. Thanks to our incredibly dedicated volunteers, we were able to expand the number of student companies, with several Advisors serving more than one week. And thanks to our host campuses who were able to increase student housing levels. This enabled us to graduate 1,853 students, or, put in human terms, forever change 1,853 lives and futures, 9% more than originally budgeted.

We extend our profound thanks to our donors, board, volunteers, and host campuses who provided the means, leadership, support and encouragement to smash our graduation goals and educate more students than originally planned. Because of them, 1,853 young Pennsylvanians are now uniquely equipped for the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century workforce.

# **OUR 2024 HONOR ROLL**



ADAMS Delone Catholic HS

**ALLEGHENY** Baldwin SHS Bethel Park SHS Central Catholic HS Chartiers Valley HS Fox Chapel Area SHS Montour HS Moon SHS North Allegheny IHS North Allegheny SHS Oakland Catholic HS Pine-Richland HS Riverview HS Serra Catholic HS Seton-La Salle HS Sewicklev Academy South Fayette Twp HS Thomas Jefferson HS Upper Saint Clair HS

ARMSTRONG Armstrong JSHS

BEAVER
Beaver Area SHS
Central Valley HS
PA Cyber Charter School
Riverside HS

BEDFORD Bedford SHS

BERKS
Berks County Tech
Boyertown Area SHS
Conrad Weiser HS
Exeter Twp SHS
Fleetwood SHS
Governor Mifflin SHS
Hamburg Area HS
Tulpehocken JSHS
Wilson HS

BLAIR Altoona Area HS Hollidaysburg Area SHS Tyrone Area HS Williamsburg HS BRADFORD Athens Area HS Canton JSHS Northeast Bradford JSHS Sayre Area HS

**BUCKS** Bensalem Twp HS Bucks Co Technical High School Central Bucks HS-East Central Bucks HS-West Council Rock - North SHS Council Rock - South SHS Holy Ghost Prep Neshaminy HS New Hope-Solebury HS Pennridge HS Pennsbury HS Quakertown Community SHS School Lane Charter School Villa Joseph Marie HS William Tennent HS

BUTLER Butler Area SHS Butler County Tech Karns City HS Knoch HS

Kennett HS
Owen J Roberts HS
Phoenixville Area HS
Renaissance Academy
Charter School
Technical College HS Brandywine Campus
Technical College HS Pennocks Bridge Campus
West Chester East HS

CAMBRIA

CAMERON

CENTRE

Greater Johnstown SHS

Cameron County JSHS

Bald Eagle Area JSHS

State College Area HS

Avon Grove HS

Great Valley HS

Henderson HS

Bayard Rustin HS

Bishop Shanahan HS Conestoga HS

Delaware Valley Friends School

Downingtown STEM Academy

Downingtown SHS - East

Downingtown SHS - West

CLARION Clarion Area JSHS North Clarion JSHS

CLEARFIELD Clearfield Area HS Dubois Area SHS DuBois Central Catholic HS

CLINTON Central Mountain HS

COLUMBIA Benton Area JSHS Bloomsburg Area HS Central Columbia SHS Columbia-Montour AVTS

CRAWFORD Cochranton

Cochranton JSHS Meadville Area SHS Titusville SHS

CUMBERLAND
Boiling Springs HS
Camp Hill SHS
Carlisle HS
Cedar Cliff HS
Cumberland Valley HS
Mechanicsburg Area HS
Shippensburg Area SHS

DAUPHIN Central Dauphin SHS Commonwealth Charter Academy Dauphin County Technical School Halifax Area HS Hershey HS Reach Cyber CS SciTech High

Upper Dauphin Area HS

DELAWARE
Delaware County Christian School
Penncrest HS
Radnor SHS
Strath Haven HS

ELK Ridgway Area HS St Marys Area SHS

Cathedral Preparatory HS
Corry Area MS/HS
Erie HS
Fairview HS
Fort LeBoeuf SHS
General McLane HS
Girard HS
Harbor Creek JSHS
McDowell IHS
McDowell SHS
Mercyhurst Prep
Northwest PA Collegiate Academy
Seneca HS

FAYETTE
Albert Gallatin Area SHS
Brownsville Area HS
Connellsville Area SHS
Frazier HS
Geibel Catholic HS
Laurel Highlands SHS
Uniontown Area SHS

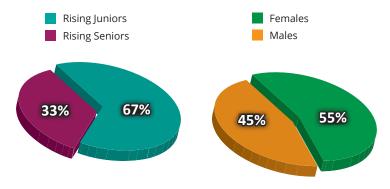
FRANKLIN Franklin County CTC

GREENE Carmichaels Area JSHS Jefferson-Morgan JSHS Waynesburg Central HS

HUNTINGDON
Calvary Christian Academy
Huntingdon Area SHS
Mount Union Area JSHS

INDIANA Homer-Center JSHS Indiana Area SHS

# **2024 STUDENT BREAKDOWN**





**LACKAWANNA** Old Forge JSHS

**LANCASTER** Conestoga Valley SHS Ephrata SHS J.P. McCaskey HS Lampeter-Strasburg SHS Lancaster Mennonite HS Manheim Twp HS Penn Manor HS Solanco HS

**LAWRENCE** Neshannock JSHS

**LEBANON** Annville Cleona JSHS Lebanon HS Palmyra Area SHS

Greater Nanticoke Area SHS Hazleton Area Career Center Hazleton Area HS MMI Prep School

**LYCOMING** Hughesville JSHS Loyalsock Twp SHS Montgomery SHS Montoursville Area SHS Muncy JSHS South Williamsport Area JSHS Williamsport Area SHS

MCKEAN Kane Area HS Seneca Highlands AVTS

Greenville JSHS Reynolds JSHS

Mifflin County HS

MONROE Stroudsburg HS

66 This experience provided me with a profound understanding of financial and marketing practices, offering insights that were previously outside my realm of knowledge. The exposure to real world applications and strategic thinking was eve-opening and transformative.

Joseph Rimel, Pennsbury HS, Bucks County

Smethport Area JSHS **MERCER** 

**MONTGOMERY** Abington Friends School Germantown Academy Gwynedd Mercy Academy HS Harriton SHS Hatboro-Horsham SHS Lower Merion HS Lower Moreland HS Methacton HS Norristown Area HS North Penn SHS Perkiomen Vallev HS Plymouth-Whitemarsh SHS Pope John Paul II HS Pottsgrove SHS Pottstown SHS Souderton Area SHS Spring-Ford SHS Upper Dublin HS Upper Perkiomen HS Western Montgomery Career & Technology Center

Wissahickon SHS **NORTHAMPTON** Bangor Area HS

Easton Area HS Nazareth Area HS

NORTHUMBERLAND Warrior Run HS

OUT OF STATE

Blair Academy - NJ Caravel Academy - DE International Academy - MI Mariner HS - FL The Pennington School - NJ YES Prep East End Secondary - TX

**PHILADELPHIA** Father Judge HS Franklin Towne Charter High School Friends Select School J. R. Masterman Nazareth Academy High

**POTTER** Coudersport Area JSHS Galeton HS Northern Potter HS

**SCHUYLKILL** Gillingham Charter School Pottsville Area HS Schuylkill Technology Center Tri-Valley JSHS

**SNYDER** Midd-West HS Selinsgrove Area HS

**SOMERSET** 

Berlin Brothersvallev SHS Shanksville-Stonycreek HS Somerset Area SHS Windber Area HS

**SULLIVAN** Sullivan Co. JSHS

TIOGA

Cowanesque Valley JSHS North Penn-Liberty HS North Penn-Mansfield HS Wellsboro Area HS

Lewisburg HS

**VENANGO** Cranberry Area JSHS Franklin Area HS Rocky Grove JSHS

WARREN Warren Area HS

WASHINGTON

Bethlehem-Center SHS Burgettstown JSHS Canon-McMillan HS Chartiers-Houston HS Peters Township HS

WESTMORELAND

Central Westmoreland CTC Derry Area SHS Franklin Regional HS Greater Latrobe SHS Greensburg Central Catholic Hempfield Area SHS Ligonier Valley SHS Mt. Pleasant Area JSHS Penn-Trafford HS Southmoreland HS

WYOMING Lackawanna Trail JSHS Tunkhannock HS

South Western HS Spring Grove Area HS West York Area HS York Academy Regional Charter School York Catholic HS

66 If I'm being honest, I wanted to leave in the first few days of being here. As I'm writing this at the end of the camp, I am very sad this is coming to an end. I realized I was in the right place by spending my time here. PFEW has inspired me to become a better person. This program cannot be compared to a regular school. It has taught me to step out of my comfort zone, to be a better speaker, to strive to be who I want to be, to be a leader and more engaged listener.

Madison Cornman, Warren Area HS, Warren County

# 2024 PLATINUM CLUB (20+ PFEW GRADUATES)

We're proud to recognize the following 23 schools that graduated 20 or more students from PFEW 2024.

Butler Area SHS, Butler County	43
Hempfield Area SHS, Westmoreland County	40
Cumberland Valley HS, Cumberland County	39
North Allegheny IHS, Allegheny County	37
Central Bucks HS - East, Bucks County	37
Owen J Roberts HS, Chester County	36
Renaissance Academy Charter School, Chester County	34
Indiana Area SHS, Indiana County	33
Knoch HS, Butler County	33
Meadville Area SHS, Crawford County	32
Wellsboro Area HS, Tioga County	31
Bishop Shanahan HS, Chester County	28
North Penn-Mansfield HS, Tioga County	28
Central Mountain HS, Clinton County	27
Williamsport Area SHS, Lycoming County	26
Henderson HS, Chester County	26
State College Area HS, Centre County	26
Downingtown SHS - East, Chester County	24
MMI Prep School, Luzerne County	24
Central Catholic HS, Allegheny County	23
Conestoga Valley SHS, Lancaster County	23
Southmoreland HS, Westmoreland County	21
West Chester East HS, Chester County	21

# OUR 2024 PFEW SPEAKERS

Without question, our PFEW Speakers make a powerful and lasting impact on our students. These gifted men and women deliver relevant and timely messages that bridge the gap between the students' world and the world they are about to enter. But above that, they bring their stories to life in a way that provokes thought, changes perspectives, and inspires action. We are profoundly grateful to the following Keynote and Program Speakers who changed lives and forged futures at PFEW 2024.





Week 1 PFEW Keynote Speaker Lycoming College

TROY D. GUNDEN
President

President Herr Foods Inc.

Troy Gunden serves as the President of Herr Foods and is the grandson of Jim Herr (the founder) and the nephew of Ed Herr (CEO). After graduating from Furman University, he embarked on a 6-month journey hiking the Appalachian Trail and then began his career in the financial industry.

In 2004, he joined the Herr's team with a desire to learn the business and continue his grandparents' legacy. He started out as a route truck driver and moved on to various positions within the company. In 2010, Troy earned his MBA from the University of Delaware. In 2018, Troy began working with Ed Herr on transition planning and he currently oversees Manufacturing, Marketing, Sales, Supply Chain, and Quality. Troy also works with his cousin Crystal on the Herr Family Council and on succession planning for the 4th generation.

At PFEW, he regaled over 400 students with Herr's long and storied history, working in a family business, and he even brought hundreds of bags of Herr's three new chip flavors and conducted an impromptu market study! The students' favorite (by a close margin)? Pierogi!



Week 2 PFEW Keynote Speaker
Lycoming College

RYAN L. NEWMAN, CFA Managing Director Goldman, Sachs & Co.

Ryan Newman is a Managing Director at Goldman Sachs, where he co-founded and co-leads a private wealth management team, managing assets on behalf of Fortune 500 executives, Forbes 400 families, entrepreneurs, family offices, and foundations, and endowments. Ryan is a member of the PWM Top Advisors and PWM Advisors Council, representing the top 10% of advisors globally at Goldman Sachs. He was named a Managing Director in 2019 and holds the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation.

Ryan earned his BS in Economics with Honors from the Smeal College of Business and the Schreyer Honors College at Penn State University. He graduated first in his major and was Student Marshal at graduation. Ryan hosts the Invent Penn State podcast, "Dare to Disrupt", and also serves on the External Advisory Board of the Schreyer Honors College and the Principal Gifts Committee in Development at Penn State. Ryan was awarded the Alumni Achievement Award in 2011 and was named an Alumni Fellow in 2023, the highest honor bestowed by the Penn State Alumni Association.

In his rousing and inspiring PFEW presentation, Ryan challenged our students to write their goals, take ownership of their future, and proudly proclaim their personal and career aspirations.

# A huge thank you to these wonderful speakers who spoke at all five PFEW 2024 sessions:

"Look on the Inside"

**David J. Flood** Youth Motivational Speaker DJF Events Inc.

# "Navigating your College Search"

**Donovin Lindsay** 

Chief Visionary Officer and Lead Facilitator College Knowledge

"Own the Moment, Change the World"

Tom Murphy & Rick Yarosh Sweethearts and Heroes

## "Unleash Your Inner Entrepreneur"

Tunii Adebavo

FEE in the Classroom Speaker Foundation for Economic Education

# "The Most Important Skill that Schools Don't Teach!"

Todd Cohen, CSP

Professional Speaker, Trainer and Author Sales Leader LLC

# "Look on the Inside"

**David J. Flood** Youth Motivational Speaker DJF Events Inc

# "Peer Leadership and Responsibility"

David R. Hall

Colonel, USAF (ret.)
DRH Pilot Services, LLC

#### "Navigating Your College Search"

Donovin Lindsay

Chief Visionary Officer and Lead Facilitator College Knowledge

# "Government All Up in Your Business"

#### Carl A. Marrara

Executive Director Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association

## "Own the Moment, Change the World"

Tom Murphy & Rick Yarosh Sweethearts and Heroes

# "Kindness In Me"

Fabian Ramirez

Speaker for Schools & Conferences Top Youth Speakers

# "Turning Feelings into Facts" Jessica Rich

Principal Program Manager WorkDay

#### "Being Confident in Who You Are When Speaking With Others"

Erica Waller-Hill, M.Ed.

CEO, Owner Destined for a Dream Foundation, Inc

#### "Red White & YOU: The Past, Present, and Future of American Entrepreneurship"

Kyle P. Wherrity

President Life Circus LLC

# "Management Simulation Orientation"

# J. Rody Borg, Ph.D.

Professor Emeritus of Economics and Public Policy Jacksonville University

# Joseph A. Giedgowd

Byers' Choice, Ltd. (ret.)



Week 3 PFEW Keynote Speaker Lycoming College

# L. GENE CLARK CEO Clark Associates, Inc.

Gene Clark is the CEO of Clark Associates, a collective of dynamic companies leading the food service industry in equipment, supplies and service. Its businesses include an e-commerce site, WebstaurantStore.com, 12 brick-and-click Restaurant Stores in the northeast, two specialty channels, Clark Food Service Equipment and 11400 Inc., and two specialty channels, Clark National Account and ClarkPro. Clark Associates serves every type of foodservice customer from independent restaurants to some of the world's largest restaurant chains. Clark Associates is the #1 distributor in the nation with over 8.75 million square feet of distribution centers, and over 7,000 employees in 36 states. Clark celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 2021.

Gene is a graduate of Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, PA. In 2019, he received the Foodservice Equipment Reports' Young Lion Award, recognizing rising leaders who have a meaningful impact in the foodservice industry, and in 2020, he received the Foodservice Equipment Distributors Association Volunteer of the Year award.

Gene's powerful message for our students was not to be afraid to start small, dream big, work hard, and be humble enough to accept help when it comes your way.



Week 4 PFEW Keynote Speaker Lycoming College

BERNARD DAGENAIS
President & CEO
The Main Line Chamber of Commerce

Bernard Dagenais is President and CEO of The Main Line Chamber of Commerce comprised of 800 companies and nonprofits in Philadelphia, Delaware, Chester and Montgomery Counties, including some of the highest revenue companies in the United States.

He attended Saint Michael's College in Vermont, earned a journalism degree and covered crime and courts, prisons, school boards and city governments in Vermont, D.C., and Philadelphia. He led a team at the Philadelphia Business Journal that won the Best in Business Award from the Society of American Business Editors and Writers in 2009. He also earned the Philadelphia Business Journal's highest honor, the Eagle Award.

Over 14 years with the Chamber, he developed programs that connect members with business, leadership development and talent. He has stabilized finances, led a high-performing team and saved impactful programs that were on the brink of closing. In 2023, Chamber executives across Pennsylvania bestowed upon him the Keystone Award, the highest honor given in the profession.

At PFEW, Bernie passionately shared his personal story of perseverance, determination, overcoming obstacles, and as a fifth degree black belt in Taekwondo, he even broke a board in mid-air to the amazement of all in attendance.



**Week 4 PFEW Keynote Speaker** Pennsylvania College of Technology

# PATRICIA STELLA Owner Q.S.C. Enterprises/McDonalds

Pat Stella was born and raised in Chicago, IL, and holds a Bachelors in Education from Southern Illinois University and a Masters in Education from Eastern Illinois University.

In 1980, she became a McDonalds franchisee and now with her son Richard, owns 9 McDonalds restaurants. Passionate about giving back, Pat has provided Ray Kroc Awards to high school seniors and Archways to Opportunity Scholarships to her college age employees, sponsored McTeacher Nights and Santa's Squad and facilitated Ronald McDonald House Children's Charity Grants to local charities.

Pat is a recipient of the NAACP Employer Award, Volunteers of America Spirit of Youth Award, Pittston Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year, McDonald's Women Operator Network Shining Star Award, and the McDonald's Golden Arch Award (presented to only 1% of franchisees).

In her PFEW address, Pat spoke about how technology is changing the fast food industry, the importance of meeting customers where they are at, and her genuine care for her employees and how they are the ones responsible for her success. Oh, and she gave out a ton of McDonalds prizes and swag!

#### Jeremy J. Kropf

Technology and Project Manager Foundation for Free Enterprise Education

Adelaine L. Lazzell Insights Analyst Circana

**Jeremy A. Raichle, CFA** SVP - in the Global Commercial Bank Bank of America

## "Stockholders Presentation Briefing"

Thomas S. Born

Credit Manager Huntington Bank

Jodi L. Brandon

President

Jodi Brandon Editorial

Melody F. Kamerer
President/Owner

Hudson Business Service LLC

McKenna D. Shirey, CPA Tax Manager Ernst & Young

Naiya Vora

Analyst Jefferies

#### "The Importance of Effective Marketing & Advertising"

Debi Friedmann

Owner Blue Dog Printing & Design

Scott T. Lee

VP of Marketing & Development Foundation for Free Enterprise Education

Tara Murray

Director of Marketing Benjamin Obdyke Incorporated

**Dwayne W. Waite, Jr.**Marketing Director, Games Events
ReedPop

Kyle P. Wherrity President Life Circus LLC

# We were pleased to welcome two new dynamic speakers to PFEW this year who brought their incredible future-changing stories to our students:



"Kindness In Me"
Fabian Ramirez
Speaker for Schools & Conferences
Top Youth Speakers



"Unleash Your Inner Entrepreneur"
Tunji Adebayo
FEE in the Classroom Speaker
Foundation for Economic Education

# **OUR 2024 COMPANY ADVISORS**

Our Company Advisors have been the backbone, the heart and soul of PFEW, since our inception, serving as mentors and guiding lights for our students. Their unwavering passion for PFEW and willingness to share their professional expertise have not only deepened the learning experience but truly energized our future business leaders. By dedicating their time and knowledge, these mentors play a crucial role in fostering a supportive and dynamic environment, helping our students grow and thrive. We are humbly grateful for their invaluable contributions and selfless dedication to the PFEW students they serve.



Pictured here (I to r) are our Week 1 Company Advisors who are PFEW graduates: Mikyla Johnson, Matthew Fennell, Liz Remelius, McKenna Chan, Joseph Rogers, and Delanie Vasil

Miss Adenike Adewoyin **Bucknell University** F. Chuck Baker, CSCP, CLTD ThreeDavs Consulting, LLC Jamie Lee Beckwith\* HBS/JSB Works LLC **Anthony Bennett** 

Tennessee State Finance and Administration Agency

Christopher J. Betz Free Press Graphics & Publishing

Raylene K. Boots Dinosaur Studios

J. Rody Borg, Ph.D. Jacksonville University

Thomas S. Born Huntington Bank Opel F. Bradley

Consultant Jodi L. Brandon

Jodi Brandon Editorial Russell P. Brooks Tilden & Associates

Amalia Brown PhytogenX, Inc David L. Carll

Marquette Savings Bank (ret.) Nicholas J. Carter, CBSE

The Pink Flamingo Companies

Alberto L. Casadei

Westinghouse Electric Company (ret.) William G. Caugherty

Millcreek Township School District

Cody Chan, CPA Ernst & Young

Jeremy M. Chobot

Universal Display Corporation Kevin R. Connor

Modern Strategic Branding + Communications

Nate Cooper Komfort Heat (ret.) Matthew Cordell\*

Consultant Alvin Couch Consultant

Vincent Daily Dun & Bradstreet Kevin W. Davis The Davis Group (ret.) John M. DeMasi, ChFC

Financial Consultant

Toan Minh Do Blue Cross Blue Shield Association

Judith A. Eschberger, Esq. JAE Government Relations

Amber L. Evanoff Erie Bronze and Aluminum Co.

Matthew Fennell The Leota Peters Memorial

Foundation John C. Folga

Ameridrives, a Regal Rexnord Brand Jill Frack

Fracktional Solutions

Debi Friedmann Blue Dog Printing & Design

Amanda J. Friemann Jolly Pets

Michael Gecht\* Travel Ease, Ltd. (ret.)

Ms Jennifer L. Gecht Caring Hospice Services

Joseph A. Giedgowd Byers' Choice, Ltd. Gary S. Goldstein

Project Management Institute (ret.)

Karen L. Grady Slippery Rock University

Linda L. Greek Hudson Business Service LLC Julia M. Haigh

Center for Opinion Research, Franklin & Marshall College

Kevin M. Haigh, CFA, CFP Vanguard

David R. Hall

Colonel, United States Air Force (ret.) DRH Pilot Services, LLC Joseph P. Harford, Ph.D., CSDS

Reclamere. Inc. **Denzel Henderson** 

Compassionate Hearts Personal Care. LLC

Christopher Hoffman Southern Glazer's

Wine and Spirits Mikyla S. Johnson

PNC

Melody F. Kamerer

Hudson Business Service LLC James Kilgallon

Erie Insurance Michael Komar

Geisinger Jill M. Komar

Geisinger Alexander E. Lallev\*

Consultant Nicholas C. Law WeBuvAnvCar.com

Adelaine L. Lazzell Circana

John K. Lugg

Lugg & Lugg Law Offices James A. MacKenzie

Octoraro Native Plant Nursery, Inc.

Carl A. Marrara

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DVL Group, Inc. (ret.)

Friends Select School

Benjamin Obdyke

Joan M. Norelli\*

Consultant

Norristown Area School District

Ferlin E. Patrick

**Halev Patrick** 

Jacob Peifer

Lvnn A. Prvor

First Quality Enterprises (ret.)

Patricia A. Martin. PHR

Week 2 celebrated 10 CAs who are PFEW graduates. They are (I to r): Nina Palfy.

Amanda Friemann, Jacob Peifer, Jamie Sheets, Jeremy Chobot, Jodi Brandon, Eric Shannon,

Nathan Vrabel, Opal Bradley, and John DeMasi

Reginald-Chris Mendoza, CMA

Tara Murray

Richard S. Musante

Parkson Corp.

Tropicana Brand Groups

Nina Palfy

Angel Patel

CSD Co-Packers, Inc. (ret.)

Appian

Jacob's Investing Center Lawrence G. Petro

College Planning Center (ret.)

Mark Puzdrak, CPA Puzdrak and Stortz CPAs John V. Rafferty, Esq. Gawthrop Greenwood, P.C.

Jeremy A. Raichle, CFA Bank of America

Elizabeth Remelius\* Villanova University

Frederick P. Remelius SCORE (Service Core Of

Retired Executives) Jessica Rich WorkDay

Joseph S. Rogers Pope John Paul II High School

Michael Romano

Department of the Navv Kathryn Rose

Corry Area School District David R. Sawtelle

Consultant Roxanna S. Seilhamer, CIC,

CISR, CSRM Strickler Agency Inc.

Michael Sexauer, MBA Holy Family Institute

Mark Seyfried

Oracle Corporation

Carl R. Shamburg Erie Bronze & Aluminum (ret.)

Eric D. Shannon Big Barker (ret.)

Jamie Sheets

Reach Cyber Charter School Britta Shillingsburg

Wild Thing Skincare McKenna Shirey Chan, CPA

Ernst & Young Kevin L. Shivers

Pennsylvania Association of Community Bankers

Kenneth W. Snyder, Jr. K. Snyder & Associates

David J. Sterrett, P.E., P.L.S. PA Department of **Environmental Protection** 

**Cameron Suorsa** Entre



Here are our Week 3 CAs who are PFEW grads. Front row (I to r): Toan Do, Alex Lalley, Jill Frack, Abigail Zlockie, and Matt Cordell. Back row (I to r): Drew Thompson, Nick Carter, Mark Puzdrak, Rick Musante, Mark Sevfried, and Jeremy Raichle

# 2024 COMPANY ADVISORS BY THE NUMBERS

Total Combined Years of Service as CAs

Total Number of CAs

CAs Who Are PFEW Grads (39%)

CAs With 10+ Years

First-Time CAs

CAs With 20+ Years

CAs Who Served Two Weeks This Year

CAs With 30+ Years of Service

Andrew Thompson Booz Allen Hamilton Stephen E. Turpin Delanie Vasil Federal Emergency

Management Agency

Prime Healthcare

Naiya Vora

Lanco Federal Credit Union Paul F. Vizza, PHR **Jefferies** 

Nathan Vrabel Graham Partners Kyle P. Wherrity Life Circus LLC Donica M. Wilson Harmelin Media Charles L. Witmer County of Centre (ret.) Abigail Zlockie Pennsylvania State University

#### \* SERVED TWO WEEKS



Our Week 4 Lycoming PFEW grads serving as CAs are, front row: Donica Wilson. Middle row (I to r): Naiya Vora, Haley Patrick, Addie Lazzell, and John Lugg Back row (I to r): Mike Romano, Regi Mendoza, and Paul Vizza

# **OUR 2024 JUDGES**

We extend our utmost appreciation to the following group of professionals who served as judges for our PFEW Advertising and Stockholders competitions each week. Your knowledge, fairness, and commitment have been instrumental in ensuring the success and integrity of these events. Your thoughtful evaluations and constructive feedback have provided unique learning experiences for our participants. Thank you for your time, effort, and steadfast encouragement



Here are our Week 4 Lycoming Advertising Judges (I to r): Sylvia Rivera, Melody Dillee, Marianne Beane, and Laurie Ryan

66 One of the judges said, 'It's not about winning, it's about the experience we gain'. That really changed my mindset to stop trying to be perfect. "?

Savannah Kleinfelter. Annville Cleona JSHS, Lebanon County

Jay Azriel Lycoming College

Marianne J. Beane Endless Mountain Enterprises, LLC

George M. Book, Jr. West Shore Chamber of Commerce

Russell P. Brooks Tilden & Associates

Katie E. Clarke LeTort Trust

**Nate Cooper** Komfort Heat (ret.)

Phillip DeRose, MPH UPMC Susquehanna

Melody Dillee Merck & Co.

April B. Donahue, MBA QNB Bank

Anna E. Frank

First Commonwealth Bank Daniel Fritz

Wells Fargo Michael Gecht

Travel Ease, Ltd. (ret.) Linda L. Greek

Hudson Business Service LLC

Steve Griffith Rockwell Collins David R. Hall

DRH Pilot Services. LLC

Taryn Hartle

Williamsport-Lycoming Chamber of Commerce

Joseph D. Hurd Blair County Chamber

of Commerce Jeffrey Klare

Lower Paxton Township Michelle Kreutzer, IOM

Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce

Kelly A. Marrara Pennwood Cyber Charter School

William N. Morris Jeld-Wen, Inc. (ret.)

Ferlin E. Patrick

CSD Co-Packers, Inc. (ret.) **Sherry Paulhamus** 

Range Resources-Appalachia, LLC

Mike Philbin Keystone Advertising

Specialties Sylvia Rivera

Sylvia Miguelina, LLC Laurie Ryan

Exton Region Chamber of Commerce



Our Week 4 PCT Stockholders Judges are pictured here (I to r): Anna Frank, Russ Brooks, Tonya Smith, and Dave Winn

Todd R. Schorle

Schorle Secure LLC Larry A. Seibert Farm Credit

McKenna Shirey Chan, CPA

Ernst & Young Jessica Smith

First Citizens

Community Bank

Tonya Smith

The Foundation of the Columbia Montour Chamber of Commerce

Tom Thunstrom

Delaware Small Business Development Center

Briana R. Tomack

Greater Latrobe-Laurel Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce

Evan Whitmoyer

Gemplers Jennifer Williams

Pennsylvania Western University

R. David Winn

Information Strategies Plus Charles L. Witmer

County of Centre (ret.) Mindy Woodruff

M&T Bank

# PFEW'S IMPACT

PFEW 2024 laid a solid foundation for this year's students, building up their professional and personal skills brick by brick. Throughout the week, participants constructed essential employability skills such as teamwork, communication, and confidence, while also reinforcing their critical thinking and creativity. The program served as a blueprint for personal growth, allowing students to forge new connections, experience the framework of college life, and be inspired by our world-renowned speakers. PFEW's focus on business leadership provided students with the tools to understand the business landscape and its structural importance across various career fields. This robust experience continues to equip students with the scaffolding needed to support their future endeavors, ensuring they are well-prepared for any career path they choose to build.

My experience at PFEW has been one of a kind as I used to think in such a negative light that there was not much hope for a good future for myself. Here, I realized that I choose the path I take. A path that was once bleak has suddenly grown. PFEW is a once in a lifetime thing that has forever changed me as a person.

Gabryel Calderon, Montgomery SHS, Lycoming County





PFEW 2024 was by any measure one of the most successful summers of learning in our 46-year history. The following statistics from PFEW 2024 highlight the significant skills and personal growth students experienced during the program. Key skill areas included employability skills, personal growth, and a deeper understanding of business leadership. Here's how our 1,853 students rated PFEW 2024:

# EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS THE FOUR C'S

21ST CENTURY LEARNING FOCUSES ON COLLABORATION, COMMUNICATION, CREATIVITY AND CRITICAL THINKING.

Here's how PFEW 2024 measured up. In order, the Top Five Skills that students reported gaining or improving upon during their week at PFEW were:

- 1 Collaboration/Teamwork
- 2 Communication
- **3** Confidence
- 4 Critical Thinking
- **5** Creativity

# PERSONAL GROWTH THE TOP FIVE

# MOST IMPACTFUL/MEANINGFUL ASPECTS OF PFEW WERE:

- Meeting New People
- Teamwork
- Speakers
- Company Meetings

Followed by Learning, Independence, Being Treated as a Peer by Adults, and the Realism of Running a Company transformative for me. From managing a company to understanding the pressures of leadership, PFEW equipped me with skills that will undoubtedly shape my future.

Anh Chau, Hollidaysburg Area SHS, Blair County



the opportunity to hear many different speakers. Whether that was a speaker teaching me something educational, or just telling an inspirational story that allowed me to learn something greater than education, I have learned what it means to be a human and how much my actions or lack of actions have an effect on people.

Mary Clare Gallagher, Mercyhurst Prep, Erie County

# BUSINESS LEADERSHIP BECAUSE OF PFEW...

93.2% now understand that business is part of every career field.

99.7% understand more of how business works.

96.4% think the skills learned will benefit them in the future regardless of career path.

98.3% have a better understanding of the American free enterprise system and their role in it.



66 Being here, working in a business, networking with so many people, is an amazing way to help shape the future of business.

Soren Estep State College Area HS, Centre County





What a school year! For the first time since we acquired The Stock Market Game in 2018, we hit the magical number of **10,000** students educated and we're not looking back. Without question, this was another phenomenal year of learning, discovery, financial literacy, and constructing sound, successful financial futures. Our students built confidence, developed lifelong skills and took ownership of their financial future, and we can't wait to do it all over again this year.

A huge thank you to our donors who made this outstanding year of learning possible, and thank you to our three wonderful SMG Banquet hosts Butler County Community College, Central Penn College, and Cabrini University.

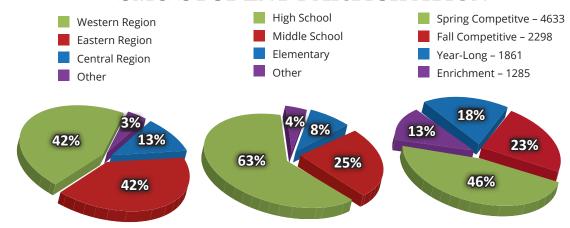
Your sponsorship not only made it possible for me to participate in this valuable educational opportunity but also allowed me to gain a deeper understanding of the complexities of the stock market. Your investment in our education will undoubtedly have a lasting impact on my financial knowledge and skills.

Alexander, Bethlehem Center Junior High School, Washington County



Pictured here with educator Patrick Frank at our West Region SMG Awards Ceremony are the winning students from McKnight Elementary School in Allegheny County.

# **SMG STUDENT PARTICIPATION**



# PARTICIPATION CONTINUES TO GROW EVERY YEAR!

3,383 total teams played

10,077

total student players

**Congratulations to everyone!** 



# TWO SMG STUDENTS PLACE NATIONALLY

This spring, we celebrated two more Pennsylvania students who placed nationally in the prestigious InvestWrite program offered to SMG participants. Students are given a topic related to the financial services industry and they must research the issue and write a comprehensive essay that shows their thorough understanding of the topic and how it relates to and impacts national and global capital markets.

Congratulations to these outstanding SMG students on their incredible success:

**6th in the nation:** Frank Zane, 5th grade, Unionville Elementary School, Chester County, Teacher Eva Straub **7th in the nation:** McKinley Ebert, 10th grade, Hershey HS, Dauphin County, Teacher Michael Gustantino

Market Game. Through this course we have been learning to invest and grow our money through stocks, but also to work with our peers/friends and use teamwork to make investing decisions. We learn to compromise when there is a difference in our opinions, and also see the other side even when we agree. As a 17-year old ready to invest as soon as I turn 18, The Stock Market Game is a great way to continue growing in my financial knowledge and be set for the future.

Melauis, Easton Area HS

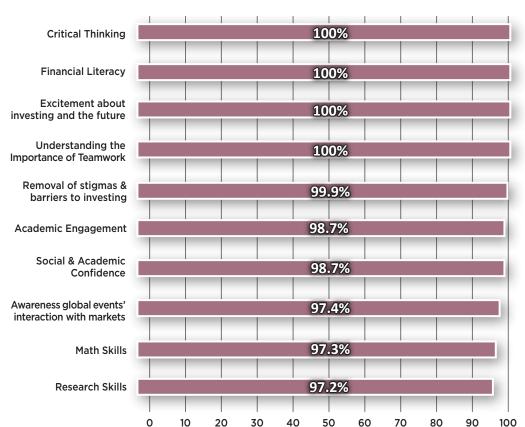
# 2024-2025 COMPETITIVE SESSIONS

Year-Long Competitive Session... 9-16-24 to 4-11-25 Fall Competitive Session...... 9-30-24 to 12-6-24 Spring Competitive Session ........... 2-3-25 to 4-11-25

Teacher Prep Sessions throughout the year.



# Percentage of SMG Teachers who strongly agree or agree that SMG improved their students in the following areas:



This game
was a blast and I
loved seeing how
fast you could go
from the top of
the leaderboard
to the bottom or
vice versa. The
game was super
exciting and I
learned a lot.

Atticus, BC3 Area 1

A special thank you to the SIFMA Foundation and SIFMA member firms for providing The Stock Market Game.

# Speaker Series FFEE Foundation for Free Enterprise Education

We are excited to continue to grow the Foundation for Free Enterprise Education's Speaker Series, dynamic digital career exploration and professional development resources designed to inspire and educate

the youth of Pennsylvania. This series features a range of professionals who share their insights and experiences through engaging 30-minute video sessions. These virtual career exploration videos are perfect for teachers, classrooms, and students, offering on-demand access to valuable content that can be integrated seamlessly into the curriculum. The Speaker Series Accompaniment Workbook provides a comprehensive, CEW standards-aligned learning resource, providing a structured and interactive learning experience, perfect for middle and high school students.

Also part of our Speaker Series is the Regional Programs page that highlights numerous opportunities for Pennsylvania youth to explore scholarships and leadership events throughout the state. By participating in the Speaker Series, students gain exposure to various career paths and industries, helping them make informed decisions about their futures. Teachers and educators will find these tools helpful for enhancing their lesson plans and providing students with real-world perspectives. We are committed to supporting the educational journey of our youth and look forward to expanding Speaker Series offerings in 2025 and beyond.

66 A sizeable client was looking to do more business with me, and he Googled me to learn more about me as a Financial Consultant, when he came upon the Speaker Series interview. He watched what I was saying and realized the anonymous client about whom I was speaking was HIM, and how much I enjoyed working with him. He told me because he knew I really was in the business of helping people, he handed over his children's trusts, his own trusts and multiple other assets to manage and we've become good friends in addition to him being one of my largest clients.

John DeMasi, Financial Consultant PFEW Graduate, and 14-year Week 2 Company Advisor



# John DeMasi and Team

John is pictured here, far left, with his PFEW 2024 team, "ExerBoard".

# DIGITAL RESOURCE USAGE EXPLODED THIS YEAR

On-demand is the name of the game in 2024, and our digital resources have seen impressive growth this year, reflecting the value and impact of our online initiatives. Thousands of new Pennsylvania students, educators, business professionals, and FFEE partners tuned in to explore our many digital resources.

Here are some of our digital stats:

41,500

total views of our YouTube channel

17,300

total views our Speaker Series resources

15,129

total views of our PFEW playlists

1.419

total views of The Stock Market Game digital content

1,000

total views of the Speaker Series Regional Programs page

These numbers show a strong interest in our educational programs and demonstrate the importance of providing accessible and diverse digital resources and tools. We aim to provide students with all the tools they need to thrive and look forward to supporting Pennsylvania students' personal and professional growth for decades to come.

# PFEW Visitors – The start of a lifelong journey...

One of the highlights of every PFEW summer is hosting visitors from across the state. Partners, educators, legislators, donors, friends, family, the list goes on and on. We love to show this powerful program that has changed over 52,000 lives since 1979.

Visitors play a crucial role: their presence puts students in the driver's seat, allowing them to showcase their PFEW journey. Visitors experience a veritable show and tell of Company Meetings, Quarterly Decisions, and PFEW Speakers. Our visitors leave just as motivated about life and career as the students, taking their experience back to their work and home communities. Their support enhances the program's credibility and ensures continued investment and interest from stakeholders across the state. This engagement is essential for ensuring the program's growth and success.

This summer, we had the privilege of hosting an array of esteemed visitors including Senator Lynda Schlegel Culver, Representative Joe Hamm, donors from Chesapeake Energy (shown here) and PPL Electric Utilities, Bob Lamb from the Robert E. Lamb Foundation, representatives from the University of Akron, and Judd Pittman, Director of the Bureau of Career and Technical Education for the PA Department of Education.



During Judd's visit, he met with our student CEOs and asked them to speak about their PFEW experience. Students shared their dreams of becoming business owners and their commitment to driving positive change forward. They talked about gaining confidence, learning new skills, and having a voice in their future, underscoring the transformative nature of PFEW. Most importantly, the students said they had FUN.

Judd's response was exactly what we love to hear. Judd praised our CEOs for their work ethic and their ability to make tough choices, but he also encouraged them to "pass it on." He persuaded students to use their voice to share how important this type of education is and urge their schools and communities to support PFEW. Judd's final words were most impactful -- he said his visit gave him hope for the future of our great state.

Visitors highlight the importance of PFEW. Their support and recognition reinforce the program's role in developing skills and creating Pennsylvania's future business and community leaders. When visitors engage with students, it reinforces the value of the skills and experiences gained at PFEW, not only to us, but to them. This level of engagement is crucial for PFEW's sustained growth and impact, inspiring future generations to strive for excellence and innovation.

We hope you consider visiting PFEW 2025, or better yet, becoming involved. If you haven't seen it in action, we are confident that you'll fall in love with this program, just like countless others in our 46-year history. As we always say, "seeing is believing."

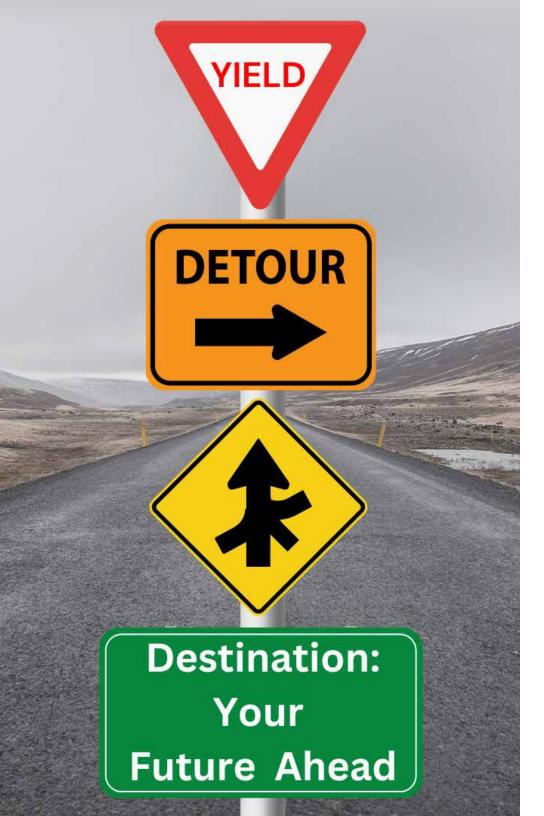
46 Visiting PFEW was a highlight of the summer, the energy and enthusiasm from the students was contagious. They were truly excited about the learning that took place throughout the experience and could speak to the communication, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills they honed during the journey. Each student highlighted the relevance of the simulations and the eye-opening learning that happened when trying to manage a business. Regardless of their interest in becoming an entrepreneur every student I talked with found value in the experience and would recommend attendance to their peers. PFEW is truly a model for collaboration between a not for profit and the higher education community developing a life changing experience for high school age learners.

Judd Pittman, Director of the Bureau of Career and Technical Education for the Pennsylvania Department of Education









Our mission is to offer programs that foster a collaborative environment where students work together and **YIELD** to collective wisdom.

Students face unexpected **DETOURS** in their educational journey and they must adapt and find alternative routes. Our programming helps students embrace the detours, overcome obstacles, and explore many career possibilities.

Our interdisciplinary programs **MERGE** business education, financial literacy and career exploration to help students build knowledge and skills that serve them for life.

FFEE takes students from different backgrounds, diverse perspectives, skill sets, and talents and helps them reach their full potential, providing them with the very direction and support they need to reach their ultimate **DESTINATION** - career and life success.



#### PFEW 2025 DATES

June 29 - July 4
Lycoming College
July 6 - 11
Lycoming College
July 20 - 25
Lycoming College
July 27 - August 1
Lycoming College & Penn College





# SMG 2024-2025 COMPETITIVE SESSIONS

Year-Long Session: 9/16/24 to 4/11/25 Fall Session: 9/30/24 to 12/06/24 Spring Session: 2/03/25 to 4/11/25

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