



Press Release

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## **Dallas, TX Area Students Win The Stock Market Game™ with Outstanding Financial Performances**

***Winners Apply Research, Critical Thinking and Analytical Skills to Make Real-World Financial Decisions***

SIFMA Foundation is pleased to announce the student winners of the Spring 2023 and Year-Long Stock Market Game™ competitions in the Dallas, TX area. The top two teams along with their teachers and schools were honored in the elementary, middle and high school categories for each session.

### **Spring 2023:**

#### **Elementary**

First Place: Haun Elementary School, Plano

Second Place: Doris Cullins-Lake Pointe Elementary, Rowlett

#### **Middle School**

First Place: St. Mark's School of Texas, Dallas

Second Place: S&S Consolidated Middle School, Sadler

#### **High School**

First Place: Hebron High School 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Campus, Carrollton

Second Place: Hebron High School 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Campus, Carrollton

### **Year-Long Session:**

#### **Elementary**

First Place: James & Margie Marion Elementary School, Allen

Second Place: Webb Elementary, McKinney

#### **Middle School**

First Place: James & Margie Marion Elementary School, Allen

Second Place: Sharon Shannon Elementary, Rockwall

#### **High School**

First Place: Saltillo School, Saltillo

Second Place: Life High School Waxahachie, Waxahachie

Students participating in SIFMA Foundation's Stock Market Game learn first-hand the value of long-term investing via an online educational program used by Dallas, TX area teachers to boost students' math, economics, and personal finance knowledge, while also improving their test scores and instilling essential skills for financially independent futures.

Playing individually or in teams of up to five, students use a simulation with an imaginary investment of \$100,000 to trade stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and exchange-traded funds on the New York Stock Exchange and NASDAQ. Students conduct research and follow global news that can impact financial markets, then place trades in real-time via computer or the SMG smartphone app, competing with peers in their classroom and with teams across the state to increase their portfolio value. In addition, students can choose socially responsible investments by selecting companies in alignment with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

"Congratulations to all the student teams that reached the top spots this semester and during our year-long session," said Melanie Mortimer, President of the SIFMA Foundation. "It's an honor to partner with local schools to provide resources that equip young people in our communities with the critically important skills they need to succeed in their careers and family lives. Our gratitude goes out to the educators who meet the highest standards of excellence and who have changed the lives of so many by their leadership and passion."

The Stock Market Game curriculum, lessons, hands-on student activities, and virtual events combine content, critical thinking, research, and analytical skills in a real-world simulation. The online Teacher Support Center offers more than 1,000 lesson plans that reinforce Dallas, TX area teaching standards, STEM requirements, and 21<sup>st</sup> century skills. The lessons and professional development opportunities for teachers are designed to help students learn the fundamentals of long-term saving and investing. Students enhance their knowledge in core curriculum subjects including math, language arts, economics, and social studies, and develop life skills such as financial preparedness, teamwork, and social-emotional learning.

#### **About the SIFMA Foundation**

The SIFMA Foundation is committed to closing the opportunity gap by fostering greater knowledge of the financial markets for young people of all backgrounds. Drawing on the support and expertise of educators and the financial industry, the Foundation provides financial education to strengthen economic opportunity across communities and increase awareness of the benefits of the global marketplace. Since 1977, the Foundation's most notable program, The Stock Market Game, has guided more than 20 million students on their path to financial independence by attaining stronger life skills, improving academic achievement, and boosting their social-emotional learning. For more information on the SIFMA Foundation, visit [www.sifma.org/foundation](http://www.sifma.org/foundation).

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