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Notes from the Director

LifeSmarts Alumni Update November 1, 2021

Dear Alum,

The LifeSmarts program year is in full swing and busier than ever. We're so excited to welcome back coaches and greet former competitors and new students alike. It's fantastic to see such enthusiasm and robust participation this early in the program year. Thank you for your participation and dedication to LifeSmarts – we could not do it without you!

Program Updates

1. New lessons featuring income taxes and budgeting simulations went live on a [new LifeSmarts microsite](#) last week – we thank Intuit Education for partnering with us on this project. We are so glad to expand our educational content and encourage you to try the lessons to prepare for tax season this spring!
2. FCCLA teams from across the country competed in the online stage of the FCCLA/LifeSmarts Knowledge Bowl. Later this month we'll meet the top 40 teams in virtual content-based team interviews.
3. In October the online TeamSmarts quiz featured 100 personal finance questions. Our winning teams are:
 - a. Varsity – Freshmen II, J.F. Shields High School, Beatrice, AL
 - b. Junior Varsity – Colwich Cardinals, Colwich Elementary School, Colwich, KS
 - c. 4-H – Duval Diplomats, FL 4-H, FL
 - d. FBLA – World Winners, Cameron High School, Cameron, WI
 - e. FCCLA – AC Varsity 1, Archer City, TX
 - f. *NEW Partnership!* SkillsUSA – PCSCSkillsUSABlue, Pierce County Skills Center, Puyallup, WA (September); and, SkillsUSA East Health Occ, East High School, Laramie, WY (October)



4. [Help future students go the National LifeSmarts Championship with a small donation.](#) Thank you for considering LifeSmarts for your year-end giving!
5. Wishing to get involved with LifeSmarts after graduation? [Click here](#) to learn more about volunteer opportunities.
6. The LifeSmarts Alumni Advisory Board is looking for new members. The LifeSmarts Alumni Advisory Board plans events and serves as leaders and volunteers with the LifeSmarts program throughout the year. Members are asked to meet for 30 minutes once a month and volunteer at the National LifeSmarts Championship. Please reach out to elenar@nclnet.org to learn more.

In the meantime, please reach out if there are any questions that I can answer for you.

Best regards,

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