



LifeSmarts

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LifeSmarts Alumni Update, August 4, 2022

Dear Alum,

I hope that your summer is going well and that you have some fun yet in store. We have been busy writing new questions, reaching out to partners, reimagining the web site, and so much more. And we are looking forward to the new program year beginning on September 12!

Program Updates

1. Every summer we write at least 1,500 new LifeSmarts competition questions, and we are so close to meeting this goal for 2022! If you'd like to write or review questions, please reach out to me at lisah@nclnet.org. Alumni know what makes a good LifeSmarts question.
2. We are very excited to share some updates to LifeSmarts for the new school year:
 - a. A brand new LifeSmarts.org website. With improved functionality, an updated look, and new opportunities to engage with students, we are beyond thrilled with the new site. We are excited for the new Alumni section which will include lessons and information about student loans, buying a used car, and step-by-step simulations to help you do your taxes.
 - b. Updated LifeSmarts U lessons, competition questions, and educational content. This year we have been fortunate to work with a number of expert partners who share our passion for LifeSmarts. We are writing competition questions, featuring classroom lessons, and building new educational tools to highlight important content in these areas: OTC medicine safety, online safety and security, selecting post-secondary education, financing post-secondary education, preventing identity theft, laundry 101, and much, much more.
 - c. Serving even more under-resourced student and educators. We are working to secure funds to help more under-served students compete in LifeSmarts all the way through to the National LifeSmarts Championship next April 27-30, 2023, in Cincinnati. Attending Nationals is a life-



We can't wait to begin working directly with coaches and students again in September when we kick off the program's 29th year!

changing opportunity for students, and we don't want financial constraints to prevent students or educators from joining us.

We look forward to the 2022-2023 kick-off of the 29th year of LifeSmarts on September 12. In the meantime, please reach out if there are any questions that I can answer for you.

Best regards,

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