

Real Life Finance begins teaching college students financial skills

This semester Drury SIFE began a project in conjunction with AIG, Real Life Finance. It is geared toward educating college freshmen and seniors on the basics of money and credit management. Two seminars were held this semester where local business professionals came to talk with college seniors about living financially after college. Speakers visited from the Consumer Credit Counseling Service and two area banks.

In the fall, we have locked in a spot during Freshmen Orientation where a required seminar will teach incoming students about staying financially responsible in college. Also, Real Life Finance will work closely with next year's Convocation series, Innovation & Entrepreneurship.

Regionals Recap

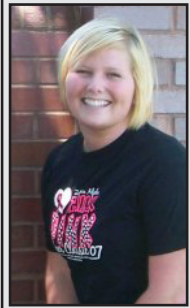
Drury SIFE traveled to Orlando in April for a SIFE Regional Competition and were honored as Regional Champions for the 11th year in a row. Drury also received recognition in the Individual Topic Competition for the categories of Success Skills, Entrepreneurship and Market Economics.

Flagler College, a 2007 nationally ranked competitor, did not advance past Orlando's competition.

The team will be travelling to Chicago May 13-15 for the National Competition.



Spotlight Member



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With all of the marketing materials, logos, invitations and advertisements to be done for Drury SIFE, it is great to have a talented designer on which to rely. Sarah Duvall, a senior advertising major, is the team member in charge of many of these important tasks. Though she's only been on the team for two years, Sarah says she was doing design work for SIFE before she became an actual member of the team. She enjoys working on the Annual Report and the Team Biographies for the Regional and National SIFE competitions. She's enjoyed crafting the new "look and feel" for the 2008 print and video presentation.

"I think it will be a huge success at Nationals," said Sarah. "Our printed materials this year are really different than anything we have ever done, and it has been a great experience being part of creating this new style of presentation."

After graduating in May, Sarah will continue working as a graphic design intern for ADSmith Communications until her November wedding (to fellow SIFE team member, senior Chris Gilstrap). She then plans on moving to Denver, Colorado to be with her future husband who will already be working in Denver for BKD. Sarah is currently job searching for a Marketing Communications position in the Denver area.



Team members Nate Reed, Nathan Correll, Kelly Matteson and Shane Miller pose at the edge of the Masaya caldera with two former members of the Universidad Americana de Nicaragua SIFE team.

Project Source brings pure water to Nicaragua

Last month, five members of Drury SIFE traveled to the capital of Nicaragua to continue our successful water purification project. Now called Project Source, we are excited to continue our partnership with Cause for Hope and Edward Jones.

Since the beginning of the water purification project, team members have traveled to Zambia, India and Mexico to install our innovative bio-sand purifiers. This most recent trip, like the past ones, was a tremendous success with three water purifiers built over the course of six days.

Upon returning from the trip, several members of the team commented about what their experience was actually like. Shane Miller, a senior

finance and economics major said that his favorite part of the trip was "interacting with the kids in the remote villages."

Even though working on the project in Nicaragua and interacting with the citizens of Managua and Los Pedernales was certainly a rewarding experience, Kelly Matteson, a senior marketing major, pointed out that the trip did have its difficult points. She said seeing the conditions in which the people live was hard to witness. The everyday experiences of the people of Managua and Los Pedernales is quite different from that of Drury students, and this fact made quite an impression on the entire team.

A life-changing moment occurred for Kelly while in a

village outside of Managua. One of the women was giving birth to a girl, and the mother chose to name the child after Kelly. She was also named the child's godmother.

Javier Detrinidad, a junior management and marketing major, who is from Managua, said "The most rewarding part of the trip was being an agent of change, someone who could help the people help themselves and in doing so create economic opportunity."

While this particular trip

did not partner with Edward Jones, it helped to expose more members of our team to



Kelly Matteson holds her new goddaughter.

the process of building and implementing the water purifier. On this trip seminars were conducted for citizens of the villages visited. This provided an opportunity to teach how to market and sell the purifiers.

Josh Jones named team director

Drury SIFE has announced Josh Jones as its new SIFE Director for the upcoming academic year. Josh will be taking over as interim Director Nathan Correll takes on a part-time position as faculty fellow.

Josh Jones is a 2007 graduate of Drury who has been working in Boston with Green Corps, a non-profit organization aimed to train the next generation of environmental advocacy leaders. During his time on SIFE as an undergraduate, Josh became



Josh Jones

Nathan has a strong interest in the future of the team and is excited for the prospects of its future saying that the current team has "exceeded [his] expectations time and again." With Nationals fast approaching and his term as Director winding down, Nathan is "very proud of this team and count[s] it a privilege to have the op-

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Berlin in 2009 and ensuring that each SIFE member "walks away from Drury SIFE with both quantifiable and qualitative individual victories."

Reunion Itinerary

Friday, July 18

6 p.m. Arrive in St. Louis in time for an evening Cardinals game inside the Edward Jones box.

The evening after the game is open.

Saturday, July 19

8-10 a.m. Breakfast in your hotel.

10 a.m. Depart for optional service project. Lunch will be served on-site.

10 a.m. Spouses/children depart for family activity (alums are welcome to join family members)

2 p.m. Return to hotels

7 p.m. Dinner at Windows on Washington

9 p.m. After-dinner program for alumni only

Sunday, July 20

Breakfast in your hotel.

Head home!

If you have not yet provided an RSVP to Meagan Smith, please do so ASAP. She can be reached at (417) 873-7352 or mhsmith@drury.edu.