

# ***NEWS FROM THE ND SECURITIES DEPARTMENT***

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## **STOCK MARKET GAME WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

**Bismarck, ND** – Students from Washington Elementary in Fargo, West Fargo Middle School and Bismarck High School have won the Elementary, Middle School and High School competitions in North Dakota for the Spring Stock Market Game.

Members of the winning team in the Elementary competition from Washington Elementary are Jacob Jemtrud and Garrick Martinez. Their teacher-advisor is James Schutz. The Middle School division competition winners are Brandon Kracht, Dusty Roberts and Jordan Wolff of West Fargo Middle School. Their teacher-advisor is Tim Scully. Winning the High School division competition from Bismarck High School is Tessa Beckler, Brynn Burbach and JohnFay. Their teacher-advisor for the game is Dwite Gorder. There were 859 teams and 2,450 students participating in the spring competition.

The Stock Market Game (SMG) is a ten-week simulation of Wall Street trading that provides a framework for teaching students in grades 4-12 about the American economic system. “Offered in the fall and spring semesters, SMG is available through the Internet and is designed for classroom use as a motivational tool to increase understanding of the stock market, the costs and benefits involved in economic decision-making, the sources and use of capital

and other related

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economic concepts,” said Diane Kambeitz, Coordinator of the North Dakota game from the North Dakota Securities Department.

SMG is an interdisciplinary teaching tool that allows teachers to create and direct learning in the classroom in a variety of disciplines. During the ten-week session, student teams invest a hypothetical \$100,000 in common stocks on the New York and American stock exchanges and the NASDAQ Stock Market. Teams enter their transactions and monitor daily their portfolios including trades, current holdings, brokerage fees, margin interest and team ranking. At the end of the ten-week simulation, the winning teams in the elementary, middle school and high school competitions achieving the largest investment gains are recognized. Winning teams in the spring competition increased their portfolio by as much as \$30,000.

SMG is a free resource to North Dakota schools coordinated through the North Dakota Securities Department through their Investor Education program. The Stock Market Game was created and is provided by the Securities Industry Foundation for Economic Education, an affiliate of the Securities Industry Association and is offered in all 50 states.

“SMG is an opportunity for students to not only learn about the market and how it affects our economy, but also to think about wise investing and saving for their financial futures,” stated Kambeitz.

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The fall game will begin on September 30, 2002. It is available at no cost to all North Dakota teachers and students in grades 4-12. For more information on SMG, contact the North Dakota Securities Department at 1-800-297-5124 (local 328-2910) or visit the SMG website at [www.smgww.org](http://www.smgww.org).

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