

CORAL GLADES
Academy
of FINANCE

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Dear Parent:

Your child has been given the opportunity to participate in a unique program called The Academy of Finance. The Academy of Finance began as an idea responding to the times by creating a possible solution to a challenge occurring in the financial services industry in the early 1980s. There were a number of young people hanging out in the streets after school with nothing to do, yet it was difficult to find employees for industry's many basic "back office jobs." It occurred at that time that a school program linking students to those jobs, through internships and class work, would address several social and economic issues at once with no perceivable down side.

Students in the Academy of Finance not only complete coursework in the area of Finance but also have the opportunity to attend a variety of professional business functions throughout Broward County. Such functions and activities include: participating in the Annual Student Summit, addressing financial professionals, visiting the Federal Reserve Bank in Miami, competing in the Stock Market Game, and affiliation with the student organization DECA, a high school marketing association. In addition, students who complete this rigorous program will now be considered for unique job and interview guarantees through the *NAF Track* program, which includes potential opportunities with some of our nation's top financial industry employers. Your student will also have the opportunity to complete several industry certifications such as QuickBooks and Photoshop.

The Academy of Finance provides a specialized program of study in finance and includes the fulfillment of both required and elective credits. The program begins with an introductory class, an on the job internship between their junior and senior year and culminates with more advance courses in their senior year of high school. The Academy of Finance program extends far beyond a course of study. It establishes an ongoing relationship involving corporate executives, school personnel, parents, and students, resulting in greatly improved employment opportunities. Upon completion of the program, there is the opportunity to earn over \$50,000 in scholarships and students may apply for a position in the finance industry or further their studies in finance at the college level.

ACADEMY OF FINANCE COURSES:

Intro to Information Technology (Academy of Finance)	9 th grade
Accounting Applications Honors	10 th grade
Financial Operations Honors	11 th grade
Financial Internship	Summer between 11 th and 12 th
Financial Planning Honors	12 th grade

Those students wishing to take an Academy of Finance course next year or who would like more information on the Coral Glades Academy of Finance Program should contact **Mr. Drew Goldfinger** at the email address below or visit Room 169.

Learn to **Be Your Own Boss** and join the Academy of Finance and DECA next year!

Thank You,

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