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WV ninth-graders participate in Junior Achievement Finance Park

Sixty-six ninth-grade students from Wyoming Valley West High School recently participated in Junior Achievement Finance Park at the JA Mericle Family Center for Enterprise Education. The students prepared for the visit by completing 19 financial lessons taught by family and consumer science teachers Mrs. Kozokas and Mrs. Mullen. During their visit to the center, the students were given a life situation containing an annual salary, tax information and a possible family. They then traveled around the 20 businesses within the facility to discover options for each of the budget categories. High school seniors, parents and school personnel served as volunteers for the day. Participants, from left, first row, are Jeremy Allen; Kayla Sokoloski; Ali McKinley; Julia Bodner; Cassidy Griffith; Alex Gorgol; Mike Stowell; Brittany Gallagher; Les Vanderzee; Ivi McDermott; Hittzayane Vargas; Casey Buzin and Dennis Thome. Second row: Nina DeSilva; Nicole Blannard; Angelika Dzieza; Kate Musto; Rikki Purcell; Jamie Dupras; Alex Gonda; Jasia Tooley; Melanie Gavlick; Aileen McDaniels; Alex Jaimes-Mattox; Pat Gill; Leah Peters; Jessy Podskoch; Gabby Greskewicz; Wes Pashinski and Stefano Pernisco. Third row: Maria Tobias; Rachel Bartholomew; Melissa Symons; Glenn Kaplan; Gordon Rasmus; Sean Patton; Jeremy Sabecky; Brian Scibek; Ross LeSoine; Kelsey Sholtis; Madeline Wood; Vince Bellia; Shane Sturr; Zach Kajeski; Alex Palmer; Nick Metzger; Tom Dempsey; Michael Wren and Josh Kucharak. Fourth row: Rose Polney; Mullen; Ms. Warren, learning support teacher; Mrs. Wren, learning support teacher; Mrs. Musto; Derek Heffelfinger; Moussa Abuelhawa; Jon Pavidus; Jake Schell; Josh Brody; Brooke Carey; Jillian Ambrose; Corey Cunningham; Caroline Polacheck; Ashley Armitage; Kozokas; Jamie Calloway; Aliz Pajor; Kalie Baldygo; Sarah Stanitis; Evan Barsh; Jason Udzella; Zach Moshey; Teisha Powell; Tyler Davis; Mrs. Palmer; and Zach Zelinsky.

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