



THE PATRIOT WAY

SIGNATURE/AVID MONTHLY

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Old Mill HS Mission:

- The mission of Old Mill High School, a community rich in diversity with a multitude of programs, is to promote academic excellence and global perspective through collaboration and self-assessment in an effort to prepare productive citizens in an ever-changing world.

AVID Mission:

- The mission of AVID is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society.

Signature Mission:

- The mission of the International Economics & Finance Signature is to help students develop a sense of individual responsibility, learn life and career skills, gain business, finance, and economic skills, and the critical thinking skills necessary to achieve the highest levels of personal, academic, and career success.

FINANCIAL LITERACY PARTNERSHIP EQUALS \$\$ EDUCATION IN THE CLASSROOM!

The International Economics & Finance Signature at Old Mill High School began a partnership in September that had been in the planning stages for months.

In collaboration with the Financial Education Foundation of Anne Arundel County, a

series of guest speakers have come to Old Mill for their teaching debuts. These guest teachers, ranging from financial advisors to estate attorneys, have volunteered their time to teach students in International Economics & Finance Explorations I the keys to financial literacy.



Lessons have included im-

portant topics such as maintaining positive cash flow, the benefits and pitfalls of borrowing, the risks and rewards of credit, and, most recently, basics on investing and the stock market.

The guest speaker series will continue during the month of October, with topics such as paycheck deductions and taxes and the basics of small business management still left to be discussed.

Steven Ames, the chairman of the Financial Education Foundation, said that "it is never too early for students to learn the importance of financial literacy. They can all retire as millionaires if they follow three basic principals: saving, saving, and more saving."

The goal of the partnership is to provide students with information that will be crucial to their financial futures. With



major expenses such as college and vehicle ownership on the horizon, students should be aware of how to manage debt and how to avoid financial decisions that could have long-term negative effects on their lives and livelihoods.

The financial literacy program, which is being piloted here at Old Mill as well as Severna Park High School, will hopefully become institutionalized through the International Economics & Finance Signature at Old Mill.

BUSINESS + SIGNATURE = SCHOLARSHIP!

As Signature has grown at Old Mill High School, so have opportunities for business partners to get involved in the classroom and with students. Beginning with the Class of 2016, a new scholarship will be available for students who have business sense and focus.

First Command Financial Services is sponsoring a scholar-



ship opportunity for seniors who have taken at least two business classes over the course of their high school careers.

These students will take what they have learned and apply that knowledge to some social issue they wish to solve.

Applications will be evaluated by members of the International Economics & Finance Signature Integrated Community Stakeholder's Team (ICST), and the winner will receive a one time scholarship they can apply to their next educational step.

Upcoming Events:

Signature: International Economics & Finance:

- ◆ Oct. 7 Diamond Challenge Presentation
- ◆ Oct. 21 Civil Engineering Expo
- ◆ Oct. 29 District Court of AACO Trip
- ◆ Nov. 6 Oriole Park @ Camden Yards trip
- ◆ Mock Interviews Nov 12-13

AVID:

- ◆ Oct. 10 Congresswoman Edwards College & Career Fair
- ◆ Oct. 12 National College Fair
- ◆ Oct. 22 Penn State University
- ◆ Oct. 28 Stevenson University

AVID Organizational Tip:

Assigning readings? Be sure to inform students of the **purpose for reading**. Every reading task should begin with a purpose, articulated either verbally or in writing. Prompts communicate to students expectations for reading and define thinking while reading. Students can make decisions about types of reading strategies to employ.

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Productive. Respectful. Involved. Determined. Empowered.



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Signature Program Notes:

- Want to be more involved with Signature at Old Mill? Consider being a part of the School-Based Signature Team (SBST). The team will meet regularly, with the primary goal of **school-wide implementation** of the International Economics & Finance Signature. See Joshua White for more information.
- Want to make some extra cash this summer? Consider writing curricular overlays for your course content. **Teachers can earn up to \$150 for the first lesson and \$60 for each additional lesson.** If you would like more information or have any questions, please see Joshua White, Signature Program Facilitator.
- Looking for some career connections in your classroom? Contact the Signature office to bring in a guest speaker! Thus far, speakers have included a variety of professions: financial advisors, attorneys, personal and commercial banking professionals, and AACC Business department instructors!

AVID: What's Happening!

- AVID is now accepting applications for second semester! If you know a student who is individually motivated and college-bound, encourage them to see their counselor and apply. Contact Emily Gordon for more information. ecgordon@aacps.org

SIGNATURE AND THE SUPERINTENDENT!

Anne Arundel County Public Schools, in collaboration with the 21st Century Foundation, hosted the 9th Annual Superintendent's Breakfast at Arundel Medical Center on September 22. The event brings together the many community and business partners who work with the school system through a variety of programs.

One program central to the school-business community partnership is Signature. Each high school has a unique Signature program which connects students and teachers with the local business community through modern curriculum, guest speakers, and field experiences.

During this year's event, Dr. Allen Cox, member of the Old Mill High School Integrated Community Stakeholder's Team (ICST) was honored for his work in bringing financial literacy education to Signature students at Old Mill.

Dr. Cox has worked with the Maryland Council on Economic Education since 2005. Through this organization, Dr. Cox has worked to further the cause of economic education throughout Maryland by providing staff development opportunities and fund raising efforts to bring financial education into the classroom.

with professionals in a variety of fields, and brought the Stock Market Game to Old Mill. His regular contributions have served to shape the Signature program in a lasting and meaningful way.

As the International Economics & Finance Signature program continues to grow at Old

Mill, Dr. Cox will no doubt continue to provide a guiding hand in the direction of the program. His dedication to financial education is commendable, and we would like to thank him for his time and energy over the years.

Congratulations on being recognized, Dr. Cox! Thank you for all you do for the students at Old

Mill High School!



21st Century Foundation Business Partner Award, Dr. Allen Cox, Maryland Council On Economic Education

The International Economics & Finance Signature at Old Mill has benefited greatly from Allen's involvement. He has helped write curriculum, connected Signature students

