

Press Release

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For many people, investing in the stock market is the only way to build real wealth, but a lack of knowledge prevents many from doing so. Students who participate in the Stock Market Game leave the game with a working knowledge of saving and investing, prepared to make intelligent choices about preparing for their financial future.

Andrew Cho, Ryan Cao, and Dhruv Deshpande, students in Rose Smith's class and Henry Jackson High School in Mill Creek, WA took **first** place in the high school division of the fall 2021 Stock Market Game. Their portfolio outperformed the S&P 500 by 6.67% over the game period. Their holdings included both Tesla and Ford, as well as Apple, Dell among others

The Stock Market Game is a web-based investment simulation game designed to educate elementary, middle and high school students about finances. Students are divided into teams to manage an investment portfolio of \$100,000 of virtual money. They learn about stocks, bonds, and mutual funds, but the educational benefits don't stop there. To do well in the game, they must keep up with current events, understand basic economics, work as a team, and apply math and language arts skills in a new environment. As they play, students can check their team's standing, research investments, and view recent news about the companies or funds, all from within the game. They build their portfolios by purchasing and selling any combination of stocks, bonds and mutual funds at real world market prices. Their team rankings are determined by how well their portfolios perform as compared to the performance of the S&P 500.

The Stock market game is administered in Washington by Pam Whalley, Director of the Center for Economic and Financial Education at Western Washington University. The Stock Market Game is a program of the Securities Industry Foundation. In Washington, no school is denied access to the game due to financial constraints.

