



Academy of Finance  
Class of 2016

# What is NAF?

- National Academy Foundation (NAF) focuses on preparing young people for college and career success
- National program
- Over 500 Academies nation wide
- [www.naf.org](http://www.naf.org)



# What does this mean for students?

- Opportunity
- Paid Internships
- NAF diploma upon graduation
- Career and College readiness skills
- Possible college credits



# Academy of Finance (AOF)

- District has chosen the AOF for our academy
- Focus on developing skills to pursue college or career in this field of study
- Having a foundation in finance can help personally and professionally



# Business Partners

- Classroom presentations
- Job shadowing
- WBL (work based learning) experiences
- Internships
- Our partners include:
  - HSBC
  - Singer Farms Naturals
  - State Farm
  - Ulrich Development
  - NCCC
  - NU
  - Niagara County Employment and Training



# The Future

- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade everyone takes Introduction to Career and Finance for 20 weeks
- After 9<sup>th</sup> grade course students can apply to the AOF
- Throughout high school students in the AOF will take a variety of finance related courses
- Internship will be set up between junior and senior year
- Earn a NAF Academy of Finance diploma upon graduation
- Develop readiness skills for career or college
- Possibly earn additional NU credit upon enrollment into their business department

# High School Courses

Grade Level Courses	Total Units of Credits
<b>Grade 9</b>	
Recruitment/Application/Selection	
Intro to Career and Finance (required for all freshmen)	.5
Computer Skills /Computer Application (recommended)	.5
<b>Grade 10</b>	
Financial Services	.5
Customer Service	.5
Computer Skills/Computer Application (recommended)	.5
<b>Grade 11</b>	
Financial Planning	.5
Principals of Accounting	1.0
<b>Grade 12</b>	
Business Economics (meets social studies Credit)	.5
Advance Accounting (recommended)	1.0
Entrepreneurship	.5
<b>Paid Internship</b> (completed during summer between junior and senior year)	.5

Barker's Academy of Finance is currently in their Year of Planning (YOP). Courses and requirements listed above may be revised or changed as the program planning progresses.

# How did Barker get this opportunity?

- Lowell McAdam
  - Alumnus of Barker Central School District
  - Director, President and Chief Operating Officer of Verizon Communications, Inc.
  - Verizon Communications, Inc. is a partner to NAF
  - Commitment to invest in the future of Barker graduates through development of Academies from NAF
  - Commitment from Administration to develop the AOF
  - Commitment from teachers to review, adopt and teach the curriculum



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EXCLUSIVE

# Involvement

Dr. Klatt - Superintendent

Karin Menz - Teacher

April Finley – HSBC

Becky Thompson – State Farm

Alex Duffy – Graduate

Thomas Carestia – Parent

Lydia Ulatowski – NCCC

LuAnn Brown – Ulrich Dev.

Fred Press – NAF

Jim Luckman – Technology

Mary Dudek – Teacher

Michael Gendrue – Counselor

Krista Beth Feltz – Teacher

Deb Dearborn - Technology

Jon Dewart – Parent

Barb Converso - Principal

Audra Lakeman - Counselor

Doug Thompson – State Farm

Christine Scwartz – NU

Susan Carestia – Parent

Tom Szulist – Singer Farm Naturals

Allison Brady – Business Manager

Staci Henry – Niagara County Employment and Training

Jackie Moffitt – Teacher

James Jurewicz – Teacher

Jim Cantella – Teacher

Sharon Lamb – Teacher

Terry Upton – Teacher

Don Metz - Teacher

David Desmarais - parent