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Press Release

Riverview Students Participate in the 2014 Student Panel on Financial Literacy

On Friday, April 11th, to celebrate Financial Literacy Month, The Missing Semester, The Vanguard Group and University of Pittsburgh sponsored a 2014 Student Panel discussion: "Money 101 - Taking Control". Riverview junior, Gina Santoriello and senior, Zach Lesnick were part of a panel of 16 students from 10 selected high schools and colleges which addressed the importance of financial education to an audience of their peers, professionals, educators, and media representatives. Actions taken, mistakes made, obstacles ahead, and experience-based advice were some of the topics that were discussed. The panelists shared with the audience how they have taken control of their financial future. Examples of how they have delayed instant spending gratification were revealed. The discussion ended by the panelists giving advice on how to start a financial life in the right direction.

The Student Panel was hosted by Jay Sukits, Assistant Professor of Business Administration, Katz School of Business, University of Pittsburgh. The panel was moderated by Gene Natali Jr. co author of "The Missing Semester" a 65-page read that teaches high school and college students how to manage a paycheck, save and use credit responsibly and Nate Prosser, Co-Chair, Vanguard's My Classroom Economy Program. The event was open to the public and to the media and was held at the University Club in Pittsburgh.

Participating schools included Allegheny College, Baldwin High School, Butler County Community College, Duquesne University, Fox Chapel High School, Penn Commercial Bus/Tech School, Riverview Jr./Sr. High School, Robert Morris University, University of Pittsburgh, West Virginia University, and Winchester Thurston School.

Gina and Zach are students in Mrs. Patsy Kvortek's Personal Finance class. This course is now a Riverview School District graduation requirement starting with the Class of 2018.

Additional information regarding this year's discussions can be found at <http://www.themissingsemester.com/>