

ACADEMY OF FINANCE

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 30th class of the National Academy of Finance Honors Magnet Program at William R. Boone High School. Our program is steeped in a tradition of excellence and our students are amongst the top students in the nation each year. Through nearly three decades, our program has: received 5 national teaching awards from the likes of Project InVEST, McGraw-Hill Publishing, the Institute for Financial Literacy, NASDAQ and *WISE - Working in Support of Education*; operated an IRS VITA Tax Site for 20 years as well as an Additional Financial Credit Union for 13 years; received 245 student scholarships from the Independent Insurance Agents of America in the amount of \$217,650; and placed 96% of its graduates directly into 4-year universities. Add in the fact that our 17-year pass rate in AP Microeconomics is 95.09% and our 16-year AP Macroeconomic pass rate is 96.46% and it is easy to see just how our program wins in its students' lives.

As your student begins their transition into our program, there are several important informational points that I would like to share with you. They are:

- Professional Dress- Professional dress will not be required the first day of school. During week one, we will review dress requirements for the Academy of Finance; which are different from the Academies of Law & Criminal Justice. Professional dress will begin the second week of school.
- Materials/Supplies/etc. - It is the student's responsibility to make sure that they are prepared for class each day. Other than the usual supplies (paper without perforated edges, blue & black pens, pencils, a folder or binder, and a standard calculator), nothing special is required. As for the software that your child will be primarily using inside the classroom, our computer lab is equipped with the latest Windows Office Suite.
- Class Schedule -While I cannot tell each student their schedule at this time, I can share with you that your child will be in their accounting class during 1st period.
- Student Texts - In any given year, many of the students elect to purchase their textbooks for class so that they can take notes in the margins and highlight the material that is presented in class.
 - Within the AOF, each course uses a college text that would be found in a typical business school. As such, these texts can be purchased either new or used online at such places like half.com and amazon.com. Please understand that the texts can be expensive and this is strictly optional; a text will be provided for your child during the first week of school at no cost. If this option interests you, the text that we will be using is:

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The Academy of Finance's mission has always been to prepare its students for college. In fact, everything that we do is meant to mirror that of a college environment. Through

feedback from our graduates and the many stakeholders that we are affiliated with, we have been very successful since program inception 29 years ago. I look forward to welcoming your child into the AOF in August and spending the next four years challenging them to grow both as a student and individual. It will be a wonderful journey for your child; one that I can't wait to get started on. If you have any questions, my email is william.daniel@ocps.net.