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Local High School Students to Compete in Personal Finance Duel on March 4
San Antonio CPA Society sponsors student competition to promote financial literacy

SAN ANTONIO, TX (Feb. 22, 2017) — Six local high school teams have advanced to the finals of the ninth annual Jr. Duel in Ol' San Antonio hosted by the San Antonio CPA Society. This year's finalists include teams from Brandeis, Clark, Southwest, La Vernia, Saint Mary's Hall and Business Careers high schools. They will face the final round of competition, hosted at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas – San Antonio Branch, on Saturday, March 4 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Jr. Duel was started in 2008 by the San Antonio CPA Society in response to studies showing a majority of high school students graduate without basic financial knowledge. Over the past nine years, more than 5,000 students from 15 San Antonio high schools have participated in the competition.

“Jr. Duel provides a valuable financial education experience for students in San Antonio as they prepare for college and adult life,” said Priscilla Soto, CPA, Witte Museum CFO and Jr. Duel co-chair. “As a member of the San Antonio CPA Society, I’m proud to support this program and its mission to provide students with the tools and skills needed to be fiscally responsible adults.”

The program provides students with 15-20 hours of classroom financial literacy training using the Federal Reserve’s personal finance curriculum “Building Wealth.” The lessons are taught by high school teachers and finance professionals in the San Antonio area and include topics such as budgeting, investing, debt and insurance.

After the training, students are presented with a theoretical case of a family in financial distress and asked to write an executive summary of their analysis and solutions. Financial professionals select the finalists based on how well they believe the solutions will help the family improve its financial situation.

On March 4, the six finalists will present their case analyses and recommendations before a panel of local judges. The winners will receive trophies and monetary prizes provided by the San Antonio CPA



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Judges include:

- John Wright, CPA, market managing partner for the Austin and San Antonio RSM US LLP offices
- Renee Foshee, JD, LLM, CPA, manager in the international tax department of RSM US, LLP and president-elect of the San Antonio CPA Society
- Gettie Moreno, MBA, CPA, district controller for Alamo Colleges
- Tara Ford Payne, assistant vice president of communications & outreach, Federal Reserve Bank
- Kristen Mosbrucker, reporter, *San Antonio Business Journal* covering finance, technology and the defense industry

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