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- LOGAN, 8TH GRADE



What I have learned about in Stocks in the Future is that we earn money by coming to school on time, every day. I plan to create my own business with the money I earn from Stocks in the Future because I want to be an entrepreneur.

- MAKAYLA, 8TH GRADE

## AN INTERVIEW WITH THE BOARD PRESIDENT

MR. A. NICHOLAS WELSH JR.



### Why did you become involved with Stocks in the Future?

I wanted to connect with an organization where my associates and I could engage in skills-based volunteer service. SIF's mission is directly related to the financial industry, and I felt we could leverage our financial expertise to make a lasting impact on the lives of students in Baltimore City. The organization has given us the opportunity to contribute to the curriculum and interact directly with the students in the classroom.

### What has your role been at Stocks in the Future?

I currently serve as President of the Board, and prior to that I was a member of the Board and also served on various SIF committees. One of my main goals has been to raise awareness of SIF at my employer, T. Rowe Price. During my time with SIF, I have educated T. Rowe Price associates about the great community work Stocks in the Future does in Baltimore. I've helped to revise the curriculum, and I have increased my company's involvement with the organization. I was genuinely proud when I was able to help provide an 8th grade class with the opportunity to present security research to T. Rowe Price executives. While it was rewarding for the kids, it was even more so for me. Seeing the culmination of three years of SIF training was amazing.

### What has been the most exciting change you've seen since joining the Board of Directors?

Since I've joined, there has been a shift to focus on future growth versus a focus on existing programs. The work of the past has built a solid foundation, and now we're ready to move forward in some very exciting change areas:

- ◆ Focusing on corporate fundraising and connecting with more people/organizations throughout the Baltimore area

- ◆ Expanding after-school programs and encouraging recent SIF graduates to continue SIF involvement
- ◆ Developing various corporate "field trips" for the students
- ◆ Increasing participation in individual fundraising events like the Baltimore Running Festival and March Market Madness

I am looking forward to keeping this positive momentum going in the years to come.

### What aspect of the program are you most excited about in 2016-2017?

I am excited to partner with new and existing board members to extend the reach of Stocks in the Future. We would like to strengthen our existing partnerships, as well as establish a presence in new middle schools across Baltimore City and beyond.

### How would you recommend our readers become more involved with Stocks in the Future?

I recommend volunteering with SIF. Becoming a guest speaker, for example. That made all the difference for me. My first time engaging with a student made such an impact on me. I could see first-hand how engaged and enthusiastic the students and teachers were about the curriculum. Attending class gives individuals the opportunity to better understand the positive influence the organization has on its students. Another great way to get involved is through March Market Madness – an annual fundraiser where students, alumni, teachers, and volunteers gather to learn more about the program and celebrate our successes. Joining the SIF running group at the Baltimore Running Festival is definitely a way to meet people already involved with the program.

# WHERE DO YOUR DOLLARS GO?



**\$100**

Send a SIF teacher to one professional development training to learn and share best practices for teaching financial literacy

**\$300**

Sponsor a SIF student for one full academic year

**\$500**

Equip 10 SIF students with their own SIF textbook, providing financial life skills

**\$750**

Provide nine students with one year's worth of SIF Dollars to invest

**\$1000**

Give 40 SIF students a valuable, hands-on learning experience at Towson University's state-of-the-art Finance Lab

**\$2000**

Sponsor one classroom to participate in the SIF program for one full academic year, including all supplies, SIF Dollars, teacher training and classroom support, and experiential learning opportunities



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— MICHAEL, 8TH GRADE

My favorite part about Stocks in the Future is **the privilege to earn money.**

I learned that if you invest in a stock with your money you make money or lose money.

— SANA'A, 8TH GRADE

