

High School Stock Challenge 2020

Spring 2020

College of Business hosted its second high school stock challenge in spring 2020. This competition is conducted 100% online at PVAMU's virtual trading platform (<https://pvamutrading.stocktrak.com>). The challenge started on January 27 and ended on April 3. There were about 150 students from 15 high schools participated in this year's challenge. Each team consisted of three to four 10th to 12th grade students and has \$500,000 virtual money to trade stocks and ETFs during the 10-week period. Even though the stock market went down about 24% during the challenge period due to COVID-19 pandemic, winning teams had superior performance and exhibited impressive investment skills. They not only beat the market but also our university students competing in the concurrent challenge.

High School Stock Challenge was initiated in 2018 to promote financial literacy to high school students. It provides a unique opportunity for students to experience investing first hand and understand how the stock market works. Ten financial literacy topics are included in this year's challenge to educate students.

The Winners

- **First Place Winners** – Team “We Love Fornite” from Strake Jesuit College Preparatory, whopping 100.41% return! Go big or go home!!!
 - *Students created a club in which they held bi-weekly meetings discussing the market and individual investment strategies. Students show their understanding of the relationship between investment risk and return. The winning team states, “we chose a strategy of extreme risk, because we figured that would be the only way to get first place. We chose mostly leveraged ETFs and played volatile stocks short-term.”*
- **Second Place Winners** - Team “Frachts” from Upper Dublin High School with another impressive 81.33% return. Give it up for them!!!
- **Third Place Winners** - Team “Wall Street Wolves” from Saint Thomas Episcopal School, with the amazing 68.55% return. Got to love this competition!!!

Thanks to all Participated Schools

- Calvin Nelms Charter School
- Chester Nimitz High School.
- Clear Horizons Early College High School
- Clear Lake High School
- Cypress Ranch High School
- Early College High School.
- Upper Dublin High School
- Young Women's College Preparatory Academy
- Lamar High School
- George Ranch High School
- Cypress Springs High School
- Texas City High School
- Saint Thomas' Episcopal School
- Strake Jesuit College Preparatory
- Victory Early College High School

We personally thank you all for sharing in the experience. Due to COV-19, we couldn't host the Young Investor Symposium this year, but you are invited to our next Symposium. Look forward to your competing again next year.

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