

## **Students manage their money well**

Congratulations are in order for two classes of students who traded their way to the top in a stock market challenge.

Angela Outland's Intro to Business class at Tates Creek High School placed first in the state and first in the region in The Stock Market Game. Students in Kathy Neal's class at The Family Care Center, guided by life skills instructor Jessica Clark, placed first in the region in the Take Stock in Kentucky competition.

"As an educator, it always is rewarding to have the opportunity to expose our students to a topic most of them know little about and help them to begin to cultivate an understanding of how this knowledge might be helpful to them in the future," said Clark, whose students won T-shirts and \$50 for a class party.

Outland's class received a cash award of \$300, \$50 for a pizza party, a trophy and medals. Her students also won \$50 for the regional win and an invitation to the KCEE Awards luncheon June 26 at the Life Fundamental\$ Financial Literacy Summit.

### **THE BOTTOM LINE:**

**The Stock Market Game** is a national program of the Foundation for Investor Education and is offered in Kentucky by the Kentucky Council on Economic Education (KCEE). It is an interactive, interdisciplinary program for students in grades 4-12 (and college) to learn about economics, finance and the American system.

The program is offered each fall and spring. Teachers are provided with resources on investing, capital formation, the stock market and the economy. During a 14-week period, teams of students research companies, make investment decisions and create their portfolios, investing \$100,000 in imaginary money in stocks and mutual funds.

Teams are ranked on equity in portfolio as students compete against other Kentucky teams statewide and across local regions.

**Take Stock in Kentucky**, sponsored by Hilliard Lyons, is the 10-week state version of The Stock Market Game. It gives students an opportunity to learn about and invest in Kentucky businesses and companies that are important to the local economy.