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### **ACADEMY STUDENT BENEFITS:**

- ◆ **MORE THAN 4 OUT OF 5 STUDENTS GO TO COLLEGE.**
- ◆ **STUDENTS ENJOY SPECIAL GRADUATION CEREMONY AND ACCESS TO AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS.**
- ◆ **GRADUATES ACQUIRE THE PROBLEM-SOLVING AND TEAMWORK SKILLS NECESSARY TO SUCCEED IN HIGHER EDUCATION AND BEYOND.**
- ◆ **GRADUATES ARE MORE PREPARED FOR EMPLOYMENT AND HAVE MORE POSITIVE CAREER OUTCOMES**

### **Academy program features:**

- ◆ Six-to eight-week paid internships (junior/senior year) of at least 120 hours (approximately \$1,000)
- ◆ Rigorous program of study
- ◆ A way for students to earn college credits while in high school
- ◆ Enhanced opportunities for employment after graduation
- ◆ Industry training for students and teachers
- ◆ Motivated students who know that the academy prepares them for college and for their careers

### **Current AOF programs in Montgomery County Public Schools:**

- Einstein (1995)
- Gaithersburg (1995)
- Magruder (2005)
- Northwest (2005)
- Paint Branch (2002)
- Watkins Mill (2001)



**The Academy of Finance,  
a member program of the  
National Academy  
Foundation, addresses the  
needs of the financial  
services industry by  
providing high school  
students with the  
education required for  
success.**



**For more information about the AOF  
program at Paint Branch High School**

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# THE ACADEMY OF FINANCE

**THE ACADEMY OF FINANCE IS A COLLEGE PREPARATORY PROGRAM. ITS MISSION IS TO ENCOURAGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO TAKE COURSES IN FINANCIAL STUDIES RELATED DISCIPLINES. BY DOING SO, STUDENTS GAIN VALUABLE KNOWLEDGE TO PREPARE FOR MEANINGFUL CAREERS AND TO BUILD PERSONAL WEALTH.**

## Academy of Finance Courses

### Required Courses:

- ◆ Accounting A/B
- ◆ Financial Planning
- ◆ Banking and Credit
- ◆ Entrepreneurship A/B
- ◆ Internship—(2 Semesters)

### Electives: (2 semesters required)

- ◆ International Finance
- ◆ Economics and World Finance
- ◆ AP Economics

## Advantages to Students

Students gain first hand experience in the fascinating and challenging world of finance through paid internship programs. Throughout their years in the Academy, students will have the opportunity to:

- ◆ Become familiar with people, functions, and organizations in the financial services industry
- ◆ Visit banks, brokerage houses, financial exchanges, insurance companies, accounting firms, and government agencies
- ◆ Participate in mentoring and shadowing programs
- ◆ Gain valuable insights from guest speakers
- ◆ Attend conferences, trade shows, and college fairs
- ◆ Enjoy special graduation and recognition ceremonies
- ◆ Enhanced opportunities for scholarships and employment upon graduation

## How to Get Started

1. Complete and submit an AOF application
2. Sign up for Academy of Finance (AOF) required courses
3. Speak with a Business/Computer Science teacher in class or stop by the School Bank (Panther Trust) to speak to Mr. Fanning. (301)-388-9944  
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## Did You Know?

- ◆ If a student begins to invest as a teenager, he/she can become a millionaire by the time they retire.
- ◆ Students are graduating from college with a lot of debt.
- ◆ Money management is essential to a financially-successful life.
- ◆ A credit report is often required when applying for a job.
- ◆ Most careers require some financial knowledge.
- ◆ AOF students can earn up to 13 college credits while at PBHS through Montgomery College Tech Prep Program.