

Students from the Seattle School District will be engaging with Seattle area college students and professionals from May 15-22 to compete in the Seattle Academy of Finance's Annual Case Competition. The week's events will give the students opportunities to build college and career relationships, learn valuable teamwork skills, and provide analyses and business recommendations for a real-world case within a one-week period.

The Academy of Finance Case Competition will include 120 high school students from Chief Sealth, Ballard, and Franklin High School. The four person teams will begin their case on May 16th with mentoring from local college students and professionals to teach them skills on how to approach a business case, the first for many of the students. This experience will not only help develop problem solving skills, but will also introduce them to the type of course-work they will have to look forward to in college.

On May 16th they will receive their case; the problem will be a mystery to everyone up until that point. After given the case, the teams will have six days to develop a solution and then present their findings to a panel of corporate and faculty judges. The students will benefit from the experience by being challenged to put into practice the business knowledge they have acquired from their Academy courses and their own creativity to simulate real corporate decision making. Teams will be judged on quality, creativity, and professionalism in presenting their analysis of the business problem.

The Academy of Finance Case Competition is produced and supported by the Seattle Academy of Finance in partnership with the Seattle Public Schools. The Final round will be held May 22nd from 7:30 until 8:30pm in the Little Auditorium at Chief Sealth High School. The winning team will be announced immediately following the Final round.

This is the first year that Chief Sealth and Franklin High School will be competing in the competition after the pilot competition took place at Ballard High School last year. Last year's case company was Apple. The Academy of Finance Case Competition is being sponsored by a generous donation from Washington Mutual.