

DGN students win stock market investing game

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DOWNERS GROVE – A handful of Downers Grove North High School students played the stocks right, earning first place in the Northwest Suburban Fall 2016 Stock Market Game program, according to a news release from Community High School District 99.

The team of four – Owen Wahlgren, Eric Marcanio, Jacob Ridderhoff and Tyler Mertes – beat out 860 other high school teams alongside their AP macroeconomics teacher Tom Saam in the competition ending Dec. 2.

“This program is a wonderful and fun way to teach students about the economy and how the stock market works,” Saam said. “They learn how to make informed decisions by evaluating stocks, bonds and mutual funds, which provides lifelong lessons in financial literacy.”

The Stock Market Game is

an online education program that uses nationwide teaching skills in math, social studies, technology, business, economics and language skills in a real-world setting.

In Illinois alone, the program has included more than 610,000 students since it was introduced in 1988.

The students created and managed their virtual stock portfolio from Sept. 6, 2016, to December 2016, according to the competition’s website, including holdings in Apple, Advanced Micro Devices, Carrizo Oil & Gas, iRobot, Nvidia and Tesla.

“There is a definite science to investing, and these students proved their success – even though it was virtual,” North High School Principal Janice Schwarze said in the release. “We’re proud of them for achieving the title of first place for North High.”

To learn more about the program, visit stockmarketgame.org and econillinois.org.

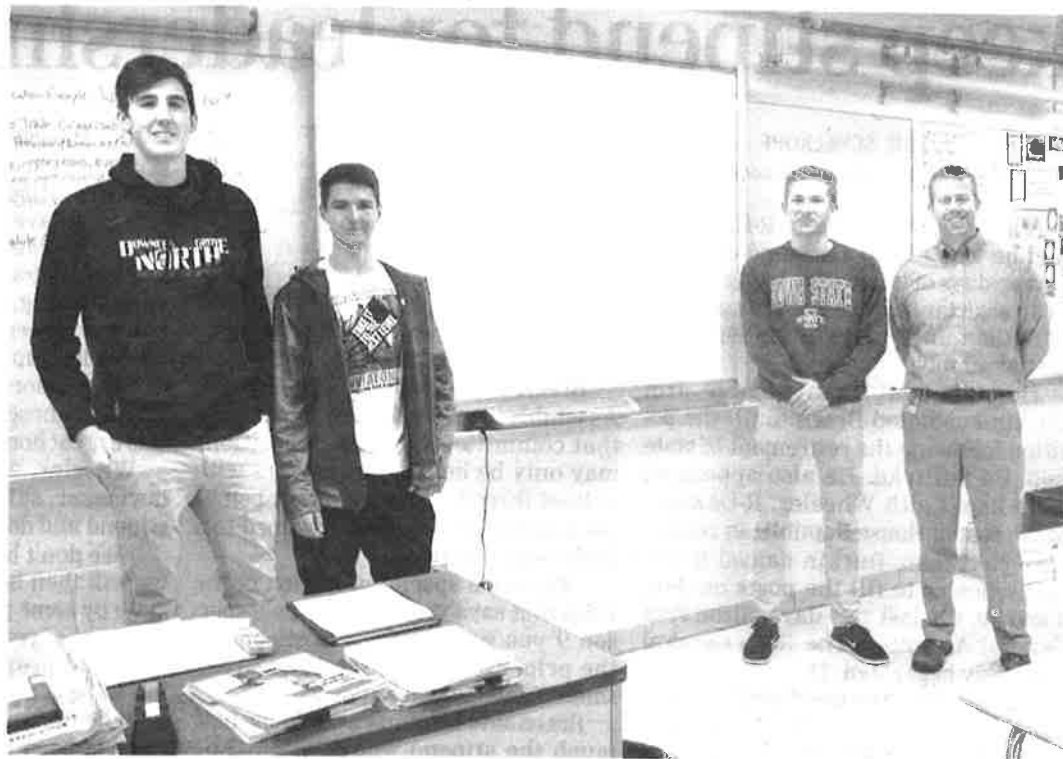


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Stock Market Game team members and Downers Grove North High School students Owen Wahlgren (from left), Tyler Mertes and Eric Marcanio, with teacher Tom Saam, are the winners of the Northwest Suburban Fall 2016 Stock Market Game competition. Team member Jacob Ridderhoff is not pictured.