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Parkview Cluster schools shine in economic education

Despite the current gloomy economy, some **Gwinnett County Public Schools** (GCPS) students recently used the skills learned in their social studies lessons to beat the economic challenges and build a strong investment portfolio. The **Parkview High** students worked as a team during the Spring 2009 Georgia Stock Market Game, earning the Georgia Council on Economic Education's top spot, while two Parkview Cluster teachers also were honored for their role in teaching Gwinnett students how the private sector works.

The Parkview High students earned the state's top title after converting their hypothetical \$100,000 investment in common stocks into \$389,132—the highest valued portfolio in the state. More than 4,000 Georgia teams from elementary through high school played for 10 weeks during the Spring 2009 Georgia Stock Market Game, teaching students how their economy lessons play out in the real world.

Parkview High social studies teacher **Tim Watkins** led his students to the state win, and was recognized as the game's top teacher during the Fall 2008 Georgia Stock Market Game. **Camp Creek Elementary** teacher **Sarah Swingle** took the state's top honor during the spring 2009 game.

The Georgia Stock Market Game is one of the specialized programs that the Georgia Council on Economic Education provides to K-12 schools to support economic education.

For more information about the Georgia Stock Market Game or the Georgia Council on Economic Education, visit www.gcee.org or contact 404-413-7820.

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