MESSAGE FROM M$ MONEY!

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It's the most wonderful time of the year! Well, at least that's true for us in the world of personal finance because the entire month is dedicated to Financial Capability! Way back in March of 2004 the senate passed Resolution 316 that officially recognized April as Financial Literacy Month. Every year we build our calendar around the celebration and it gives us the opportunity on campus to host super fun events and talk lots of money stuff with our students.

After months of presentations and the collection of student evaluations and feedback, we noticed the topic of investing was a common curiosity for students. Our very own peer mentor, financial guru, and podcast aficionado, Cage Avera, has a motivating presentation to kick off our month of events on April 9th called How To Retire in Your 30’s which will cover some ideas around the FIRE movement (Financial Independence, Retire Early).

We also know that for many, one looming financial burden is on the horizon, student loans. The fear and worry are very real and oftentimes we don’t know where to turn for help. As we near the Spring commencement ceremonies, we want to ensure our outgoing students are confident in how they will repay their loans. So, we partnered with the Financial Aid Office to bring you the entertaining workshop Game of Loans on April 10th.

Remember the old Milton Bradley board game, LIFE? It’s the game where you travel through ‘life’ from college to retirement, where career choices, marriages, and possibly even children pop up along the way. With the help from many different partners (New Student Initiatives, Career Studio, Residential Life & Housing, Student Health Center, College of Business, the JOE, Financial Aid, & CNCU) we are bringing the Game of Life...well, to life! Send students to the 15th Street Food Court on April 18th for their chance to play. Winning at the Game of Life.

Finally, we will wrap up the exciting month with our annual Financial Capability Month Celebration in front of the JOE on April 24th! If you haven’t tie-dyed your own NMM shirt yet, stop on by! This is a casual event where we can start some money conversations with students, answer questions, schedule appointments, and overall make personal finance a little more fun!

Can’t wait to see you and your students during this month! Cheers to money savvy!
APRIL 2019 EVENTS

• How to Retire in Your 30’s
  Tuesday, April 9th
  4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
  The Great Room, 4th Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

• Game of Loans
  Wednesday, April 10th
  12:30 pm - 1:30 pm
  The Center, 3rd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

• Winning at the Game of Life
  Thursday, April 18th
  10 am - 1 pm
  15th St. Food Court, 2nd Floor of the Joe Crowley Student Union

• Financial Capability Month Celebration!
  Wednesday, April 24th
  10 am - 1 pm
  Joe Crowley Student Union Gateway Plaza

FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH!

Financial Literacy Month is recognized in the U.S. in April in an effort to highlight the importance of financial literacy and teach Americans how to establish and maintain healthy financial habits!

Nevada Money Mentors promotes the month by participating in events such as How to Retire in your 30’s, Game of Loans, Winning at the Game of Life, and Financial Capability Month Celebration.

We also provide educational materials that center around effectively handling money and dealing with debt.

MONEY SMART WEEK

Money Smart Week helps consumers manage their personal finances better. Programs were offered to all demographics and income levels, and covered all facets of personal finance. The Knowledge Center hosted free money management classes and events April 1-5, alongside Greater Nevada Credit Union!

4/1 - 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.: Financial Football
Put your financial literacy skills to the test on the gridiron! Financial Football is a fast-paced, interactive game with 3D graphics and real football game play.

4/2 - 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.: Donuts, Dollars, and Documentary
Watch Starving the Beast: The Battle to Disrupt and Reform America’s Public Universities. A discussion of the film followed the viewing.

4/5 - 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.: Geocache for College Cash
Cash and Prizes are on the line during this fun-filled poster scavenger hunt. Enjoy food and refreshments while you search the library for posters on various financial literacy topics. THE GRAND PRIZE IS $500!!!
OUR NEW PEER MENTOR

Dalia Vongpanya
Peer Mentor
Sophomore
Finance – Economics major
To me, money means opportunity. I like financial coaching because I love to help the people around me and there is a great need for financial literacy at UNR. “Time is money.”

FAREWELL & NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Our personal finance advocate, Celeste, is graduating this upcoming May! She has worked with Nevada Money Mentors since February 2018. Although we are sad to see her go, she will accomplish great things post-graduation and we are lucky to have had her as part of our team.

Since Celeste is leaving, we will be looking for opportunities to hire another peer mentor to our Nevada Money Mentors’ team!

FINANCIAL CAPABILITY LEGISLATIVE DAY

March 7th was Financial Wellness Day at the Nevada Legislature in Carson City. Nevada Money Mentors visited the legislative session and advocated for payday lending reforms, affordable housing, college savings, and so much more. We are dedicated to the financial stability of all Nevadans!

WINNERS OF LOVE AND MONEY

Thanks to our Love and Money campaign, we were able to create a larger social media engagement highlighting personal finance within relationships among friends, family and yourself. Four lucky students were randomly chosen to win gift cards for participating!

Alexis, Tristan, Brandon, Emma
TAX DAY - MONDAY, APRIL 15
Tax Day is known as the deadline by many U.S. residents as the deadline to file their income tax details to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

THANK YOU TO OUR CAMPUS PARTNERS!
Through collaborations and partnerships in Spring 2019, we improved financial capability and expanded our outreach!

Nevada Career Studio
Nevada Wolf Shop
Joe Crowley Student Union
The Center: Every Student, Every Story
Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships
Peer Health Educators - Student Health Center
Knowledge Center
Greater Nevada Credit Union
Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS)
USAC
College of Business
P.A.C.K. Program - College of Business
College of Engineering
Orvis School of Nursing
Community Health Sciences
HDFS Department
NevadaFIT
Residential Life
New Student Initiatives

STATISTICS ON SAVERLIFE BY EARN

- There are 800 members signed up since the launch of the campaign
- Members on average make about $33,000/year, 75% fall at or under 80% AMI and 58% fall at or under 50% AMI
- 50% are single parents
- 55% are under the age of 40
- Since launching, Savers have set aside $140,000 total

1. Join SaverLife
   Securely link your existing bank account to SaverLife to track your savings.
2. Save Money
   Earn a chance to win cash prizes every week that you save at least $5.
3. Play & Win!
   Get weekly scratch cards straight to your inbox. Just scratch to see if you won!

www.saverlife.org

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OUR COACHING SESSIONS ARE APPOINTMENT-BASED
MONDAYS - FRIDAYS 9 A.M. - 3 P.M.
WWW.UNR.EDU/NEVADA-MONEY-MENTORS
HOW TO RETIRE IN YOUR 30'S

- PERSONAL FINANCE PRESENTATION -

TUESDAY, APRIL 9TH, 2019
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM
JCSU - 4TH FLOOR - GREAT ROOM
FREE PIZZA & DRINKS

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GAME OF LOANS

INTEREST IS COMING

Are you ready to graduate?
Need help for student loan repayment plans
and required exit counseling?

Come join Nevada Money Mentors for an info
session on repaying student loans!

Wednesday, April 10th
12:50 pm - 1:50 pm
The Center, 3rd floor of Joe Crowley Student Union

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DO YOU WANT TO BE FINANCIALLY SUCCESSFUL DURING AND AFTER COLLEGE?

WINNING AT THE GAME OF LIFE

APRIL 18TH
10 AM - 1 PM
15TH STREET FOOD COURT

STOP BY AND PLAY FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN
AT LIFE. THE FIRST 100 PEOPLE TO COMPLETE
AND THE NEXT 50 PEOPLE TO WIN AT THE
GAME OF LIFE GET A VOUCHER FOR A
FREE LUNCH AT ONE OF THE JOE VENDORS!

FINANCIAL CAPABILITY MONTH CELEBRATION!

GET YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED OR
COME CHAT WITH NEVADA MONEY
MENTORS & FINANCIAL AID!
YOU CAN ALSO TIE-DYE A FREE T-SHIRT!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24TH
10 AM - 1 PM
JOE CROWLEY STUDENT UNION PLAZA

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