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April 2017



Dear Patricia,

Game Theory Academy's financial decision-making classes generally attract 30-40 applicants to yield a class of 20 - not everyone who signs up shows up. This spring we have experienced an unprecedented surge of demand! More than 80 students applied for our spring class.

We accepted 30 to the class, expecting 20 to show. 33 youth crowded into a standing room only classroom last week.

We don't understand the reason for this demand surge yet: It may be the political climate, it may be where we are in our growth as an organization, or a lack of other opportunities for teens. In any case, to add an additional spring class to our calendar, we need to raise \$3,500. We have an instructor, a classroom, and more than enough interested teens.

We received a "challenge" grant of \$1,000 from a close advisor. We just need your support! If just ten people give \$100, we win the match and get very close to our goal.

**We have a short time to take action, as spring will pass quickly to summer. Please donate today to ensure these proactive, curious youth can partake:**

<http://www.gametheoryacademy.org/giving/>

Need further convincing? Read instructor Nan Howard's blog post: ["Defining 'fair' in the Trump era."](#)

Sincerely,  
Patricia Johnson  
Executive Director

**Donate**

Beyond financial literacy,  
Game Theory Academy  
teaches youth the  
compounding impact of their  
decisions.

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## Volunteer: Mock Interview Events

Help us prepare students to stand out in their next job interview. These events are a great way to get to know our students.

**Saturday, 5/13** (sign up via [Yale Day of Service](#))

Saturday, 5/20 from 11am-1pm

To sign up or to get on the list for summer/fall dates, email:

[trish@gametheoryacademy.org](mailto:trish@gametheoryacademy.org)

## Mothers Day Flower Sale

Buy beautiful flowers for the mothers in your life from youth working at [WOW Farm](#).

May 13, 11am-2pm

Ace Hardware

1221 Grand Ave.

Piedmont, CA



## Controversy!

A recent report from the Federal Reserve challenges widely held beliefs that the job of financial education is to teach personal responsibility: *save more, spend less*! The paper posits that structural barriers such as income stagnation, housing discrimination, and education costs perpetuate wealth gaps - not shopping addictions. The good news to Game Theory Academy supporters is that we already do this: we teach youth to fight unfair fees, build their credit so they have better options, and set feasible goals. Students learn to use their senses to evaluate options and analyze the trade-offs rather than adopt blind 'rules of thumb' that plague traditional financial education.

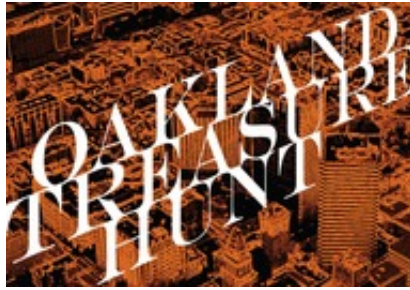
["The Political Economy of Education, Financial Literacy, and the Racial Wealth Gap,"](#) Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

["Shut Up About Financial Literacy,"](#) The EduOptimists.

["Does Financial Literacy Betray Racial Bias?"](#) Chronicle of Higher Education.

["Why Black Families Struggle to Build Wealth,"](#) The Atlantic

**Save the Date!**  
**Saturday, October 21, 2017**



Get involved!! Join the Happy Hour Committee, manage our Twitter account, beautify our web site, collect prizes from local businesses, host a pre-party ... there's a little task for everyone.

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## 2016 Annual Report

Click the image to read about our achievements in 2016, and who got us there: students, donors, volunteers, you!

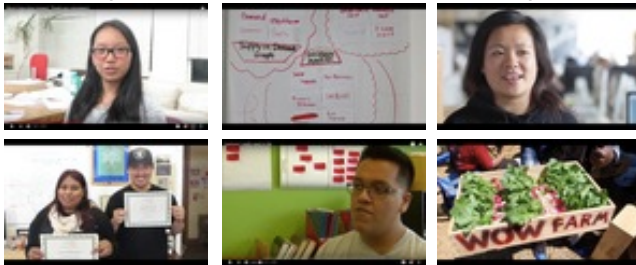
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*"I learned not to act on habits but to think about every decision."*

## Student Voices

Click the images below to hear what students have to say about WOW Farm and Game Theory Academy.



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