

NEFE Plans Evaluation of High School Program

The National Endowment for Financial Education has announced that it is sponsoring a research project through the University of Minnesota to evaluate the NEFE High School Financial Planning Program (HSFPP). Sharon Danes, Ph.D., University of Minnesota faculty, is the principal investigator and will oversee the project.

The evaluation is intended to assess the knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors of participating students immediately after completing the HSFPP curriculum. That data will be compared with information collected from students before they started the program. To help gauge the long-term effectiveness of the program, the student will also evaluate changes in students' financial behaviors three months after they have completed the HSFPP. The project is currently underway, with results to be made available in the fall of 2004.

The first evaluation of the NEFE High School Financial Planning Program was completed in 1998. At that time, the evaluation was one of the first financial education curriculum evaluations of its kind, in that it established behavioral impacts over time. A report based on this evaluation can be viewed in the Education Programs section of the NEFE Web site @ www.nefe.org.