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RealityU

A FINANCIAL LITERACY EXPERIENCE

STUDENTS GET A DOSE OF REALITY

Reality U brings a bit of "reality" to students, teaching about personal finance in an interactive and engaging way. How? Students complete an online survey about their projected life at age 26, including desired occupation and marital status. This information (along with current GPA) is entered into our trademarked software program to create a future scenario.

Each scenario includes the student's occupation, family status, monthly income, credit score, and (when applicable) college loan information. (Income and occupation placements are affected by current GPA; just as in life, not everyone gets what they want!)

Each student then visits 13 booths (housing, transportation, insurance, utilities, entertainment, etc.) to make selections and see whether they can afford their desired lifestyle. The checkbook register can't fall below zero!

BRING REALITY U TO YOUR SCHOOL!

•Consider a date, location, gradelevel and number of students to be involved (middle and high school grades recommended)

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POSITIVE IMPACT

The Pando Initiative began Reality U in 2002, so we are well-versed in how to make this event great for your students and community! Over the last six years, over 31,000 students have participated in an event, learning the importance of staying in school, focus on academics, and carefully consider lifestyle decisions. The business community loves to participate and share their expertise and knowledge.

Teachers surveyed after 4-6 weeks witnessed marked improvement among students who struggle in the classroom:

- Classroom attendance up 42%
- Behavior/attitude up 66%
- Participation in class up 67%

"I have heard nothing but positive comments from everyone involved. We were thrilled to participate last year, and are looking forward to participating again."
-JOSH MORREALE, PRINCIPAL, OSBORNE HIGH SCHOOL

"I think Reality U is very realistic because they took our GPA and showed us how it would most likely be in the future if we keep following the path that we are on. It showed us that if we want a better life than what we had in Reality U then we need to start preparing for it now." -HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

GOALS OF REALITY U

•Provide students with the opportunity to learn and practice personal finance skills.

•Teach teens that their performance in school today can affect their financial future.

•Help students understand principles of money management and help students understand credit uses and costs.

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