Oswego Money Matters

Meet the Staff

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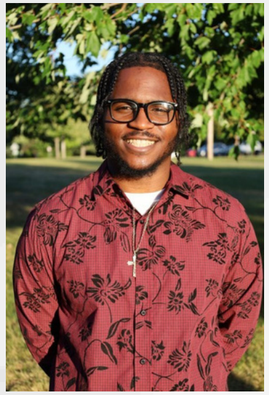

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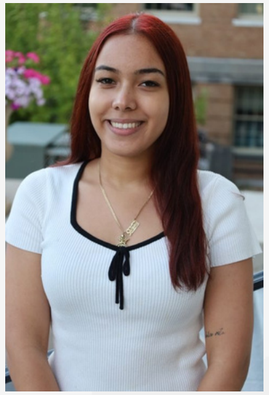

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Meet the Staff

Yadi

What is Financial Literacy ?

Financial literacy basically means knowing how to manage your money wisely. For college students, it’s about understanding the everyday financial decisions they’re already making—like how to budget their spending, avoid unnecessary debt, and plan for life after graduation.

- Budgeting
- Saving
- Investing
- Managing Debt
- Knowing Financial Tools
- Understanding the true cost of college
- Learning how to avoid common financial pitfalls

What is Financial Literacy ?

- Recognizing how financial choices affect academic success, mental health, and stress levels.
- Knowing how to compare job offers beyond salary, including benefits, retirement plans, and health coverage.
- Building healthy credit early
- Learning to manage part-time job income without sacrificing academic performance.
- Planning for future milestones
- Understanding how to protect themselves from financial scams that target young adults.
- Becoming more confident making real world decisions
- Encouraging long-term thinking so students can set goals beyond college, not just live paycheck to paycheck.

Why does Financial Literacy Matter ?

- Many students are managing money on their own for the first time. Without guidance, they often develop habits that hurt them long-term.
- Student loans are often the largest financial commitment they've ever made. Understanding interest, repayment plans, and borrowing limits can prevent years of financial hardship.
- Financial stress affects academic performance. Students who struggle with money are more likely to skip classes, work excessive hours, or even drop out.

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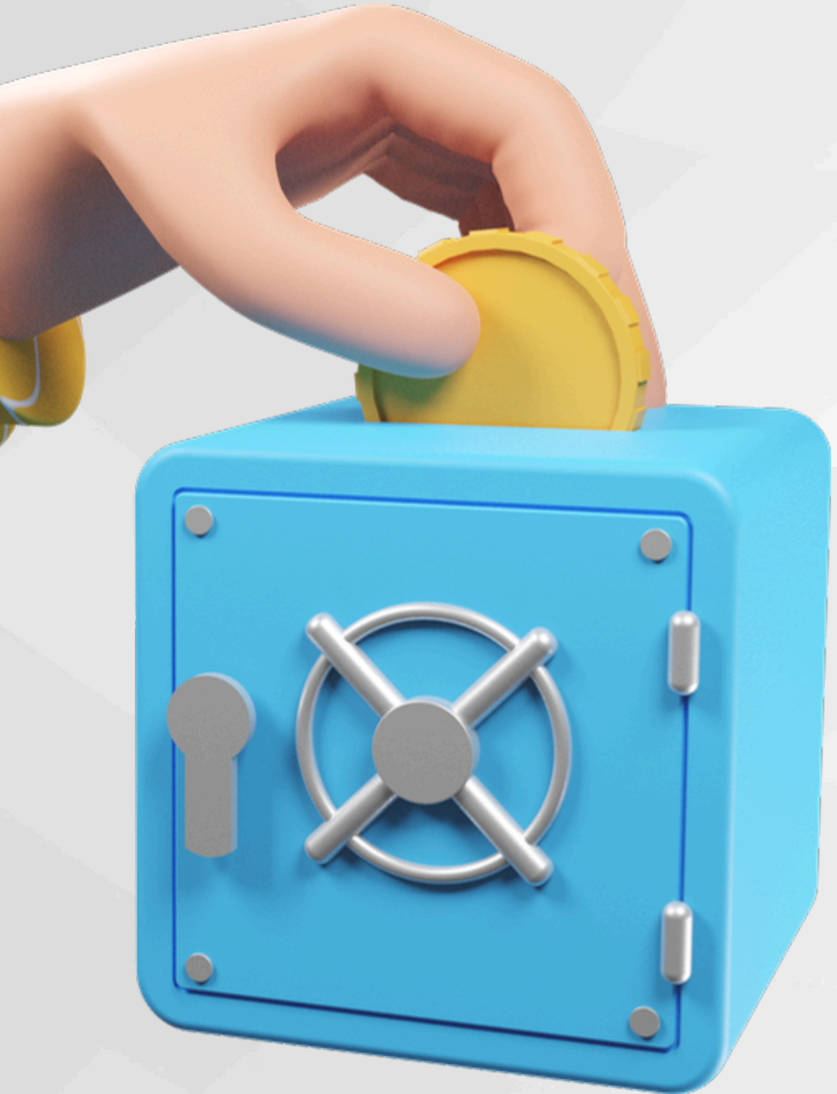

- College is the ideal time to build healthy financial habits. Skills learned now, such as budgeting, saving, and smart spending, set the foundation for adult financial stability.
- Financial literacy improves students' confidence and independence. They feel more capable of making big decisions like renting an apartment, choosing insurance, or planning for a career.
- Preparing students for life after graduation. Whether they enter the workforce or grad school, understanding money is essential for long-term success.

Offices we have collaborated with...

- Dean of Students (S.H.O.P)
- International Education (Study Abroad)
- Numerous Clubs and Organizations (Investment Club)
- Student Engagement and Leadership (Newsletter)
- Advancing Completion through Engagement (ACE)
- Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)
- College of Business and Entrepreneurship (Professors and Deans)
- Office of Experiential Learning (First-Year Experience)
- Career Services (Future Collaboration)

Resources the Money Matters Team Offers:

We are now on Starfish (WOOOHOO) - Peer Mentors offers 1:1 appointments both in-person and virtually.

We also offer Walk-in times in our main office from 4:30 pm to 6 pm, Monday - Thursday

Monthly Newsletters with Financial Aid Updates (SAP, Loans, etc)

Scholarship Help

Financial Tools outside of Oswego (Citizens Bank)

Senior Peer Mentors can also advise on Financial Aid processes

Our Past Events

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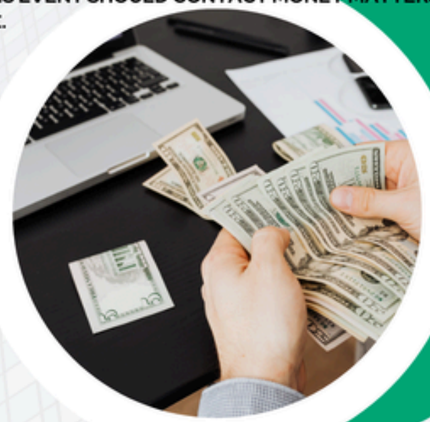
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES SEEKING ACCOMMODATIONS TO ATTEND THIS EVENT SHOULD CONTACT MONEY MATTERS AT 315-312-2248 IN ADVANCE.

Citizens Bank

Introduction to Investing



Date: February 12

Time: 5-6PM

Location: Marano 232

MONEY MATTERS SUNY OSWEGO

- Learn the basics of investing and how to get started
- Simple strategies to help you grow your wealth over time!

FROM AN EXPERT!

GUEST SPEAKER

Raymond Sykes

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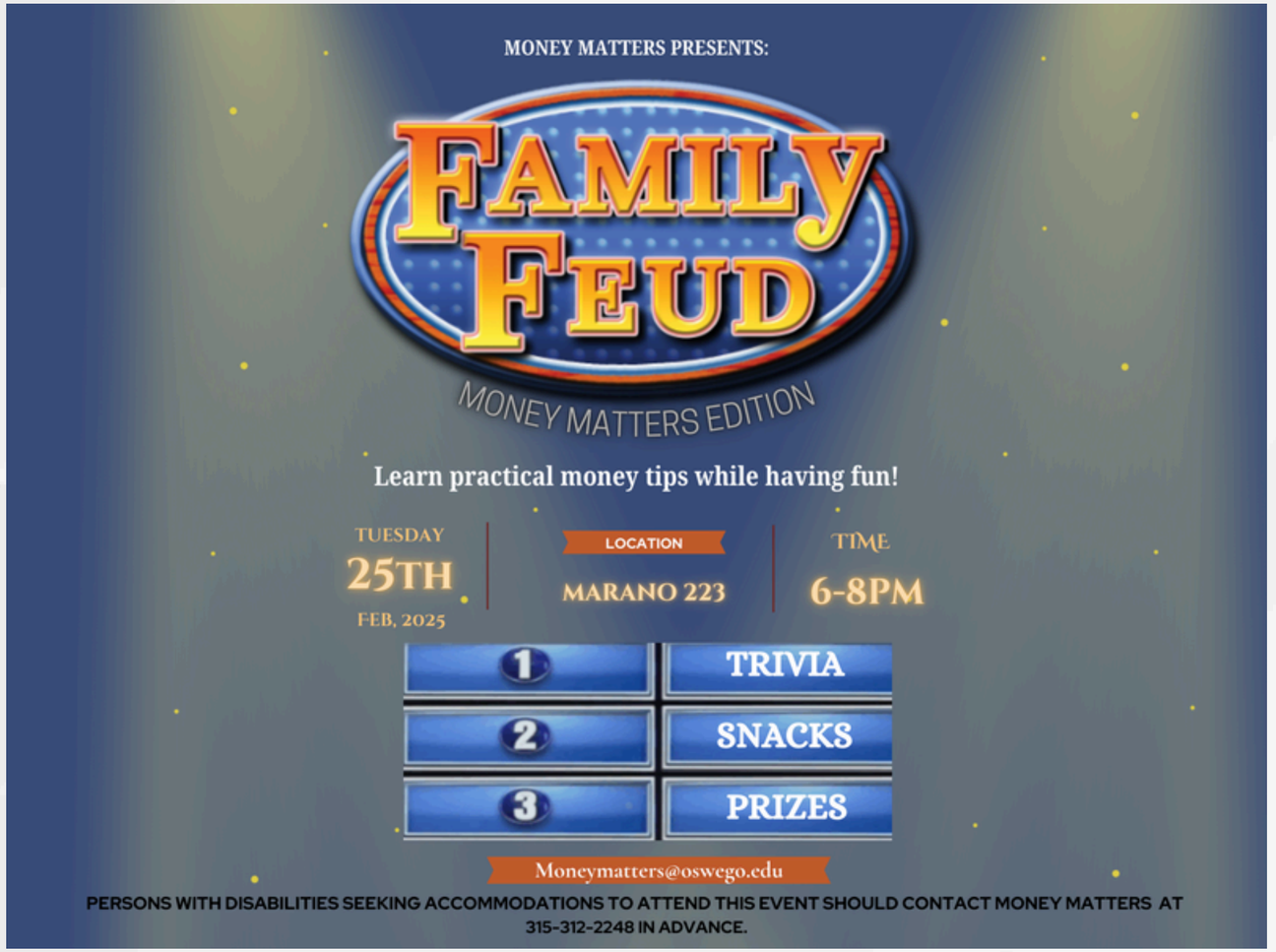
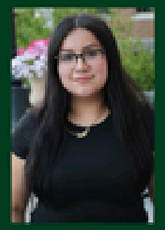


PEER MENTOR OFFICE HOURS

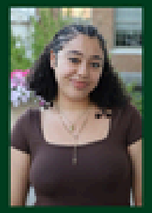
GEORGE CURRIE
THURSDAY 4:00 - 6:30

AMIR KUBANYCHBEKOV
WEDNESDAY 9:00 - 11:00



SANDRA LOPEZ
TUES 2:30 - 4:30
WED 3:00 - 4:00
THURS 2:30 - 4:30

JOSHUA LLANOS
MON - THUR 1:30 - 3:00



ELAINY DELEON
WED 9:30 - 11,
3 - 4:30

GIANNA DIAZ
TUESDAY
4:30 - 6:30

LABASSS KONE
WEDNESDAY
11:00 - 1:00

MATT LEON
TUES & THURS
9:00 - 12:00

ISKENDER TURATBEKOV
MON 4:30 - 6:30
WED 5:00 - 6:30

What are we asking of you?

To keep our program in mind when talking to students

Our goal is to serve all students in the campus community.

We have plenty of students who can help with FAFSA and TAP, but it's the topics beyond that students struggle with

We are very flexible and can appear in your classroom if you would like us to present

We can attend events and collaborate

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