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SIFE team hosts high school competition

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SAGE is an international group that links secondary school student organizations to university student mentors to advance global entrepreneurship in an ethical and socially responsible manner.

Schools scheduled to compete in the regional competition include Southfield High School, Centerline High School, Fitzgerald High School, U of D Jesuit High School, Oak Park High School and Lapeer County Tech-Ed Center.

Participating high schools compete by completing at least one entrepreneurship or business project and at least one community outreach project. Teams have tremendous freedom to determine which projects to pursue. At the regional competition, each team makes a 25-minute presentation to a panel of business experts to describe their projects and what they have accomplished.

The high school team that is judged "champion" earns recognition, prize money and travels to the SAGE World Cup competition in Kansas City, Mo., in May. This unique experience enables SAGE students to acquire stronger communication, team building, leadership and management skills.

Founded in 1975 and active on more than 1200 college and university campuses in 31 countries, SIFE is a non-profit organization that works in partnership with business and higher education to provide college students the opportunity to make a difference and to develop leadership, teamwork and communication skills through learning, practicing and teaching the principles of free enterprise.

Each year, SIFE teams worldwide develop and implement thousands of educational outreach projects in their communities that are designed to teach others the principles of the free enterprise system.

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