



Pennsylvania Business Week  
**PROGRAM EVALUATION**  
**Advisor Response**

**GIRARD HIGH SCHOOL**  
 February 10 –13, 2025

**COMMENTS**

“I saw personal growth in the students. The team’s CFO learned a significant amount about the simulation, and presented with such confidence at the Stockholders Presentation.”

**“Thank you for the experience, the opportunity to help, and for the great group of students I had the honor of hanging out with this week. I will absolutely be back next year for GHS!”**

*“It’s amazing to see collaboration in a non-academic environment, working together, and that sometimes you can do everything right and still fail. As long as you learn and grow, failure and struggle are okay.”*

***“Mixing students of different abilities is critical to learning to work with others.”***

**“Boo Hagerty’s presentation was very motivational for the students, as was the marketing presentation.”**

*“I love to seeing the kids work together and grow their independence.”*

***“At the beginning of the experience, not all students bought in to Business Week, but by the end of our days, everyone was an active participant. This was a rewarding and affirming phenomenon to witness.”***

**“I loved watching students go from not wanting to do this to being all in.”**

**“I think the concept of the Trade Show is wonderful. I liked how other grade levels can come visit.”**

**NUMBERS**

**OF ADVISORS RATED THEIR EXPERIENCE AS EXCELLENT OR GOOD**

**100%**

**100%**

**OF ADVISORS SAID OTHER SCHOOLS WOULD BENEFIT FROM THIS PROGRAM**

HOW EFFECTIVE WERE THE FOLLOWING?	VERY EFFECTIVE	SOMEWHAT EFFECTIVE	NOT EFFECTIVE
THE COMPANY CONCEPT	100%	0%	0%
STOCKHOLDERS COMPETITION	88%	0%	12%
MANAGEMENT SIMULATION COMPETITION	72%	28%	0%
ADVERTISING AND MARKETING COMPETITION	100%	0%	0%
TRADE SHOW COMPETITION	100%	0%	0%
SPEAKERS	58%	42%	0%



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## COMMENTS

**“This made me want to show up to school more and more.”**

“It was a wonderful experience. I loved all the different challenges it presented and gave us the tools to be creative.”

*“I loved competing in RONA and all of the other competitions.”*

“Business Week, even with me being part time because of TECH, was a great experience. I believe I now have a better understanding on how to start a business.”

**“I really appreciated being able to experience the life of a CEO for a few short days. This experience will definitely help in my future career.”**

“We definitely couldn’t have done this without our advisors, they gave such good guidance and didn’t give up on us.”

“I really enjoyed the week and working with people I do not usually work with. Although it was very stressful, my team was able to work through and overall do very well working together. There were some disagreements; however after working together, we were able to come up with a conclusion to arguments.”

*“I enjoyed talking to people I don't usually get to talk to. I feel I have learned so much about businesses and appreciate the work people put into them.”*

**“I learned leadership starts when you ask yourself what you could've done, instead of telling someone else what they didn't do.”**

***“I loved being a CEO and presenting, thank you very much.”***

“This was absolutely amazing! At first I was skeptical, but after completing this week I believe this should be mandated throughout all schools.”

## NUMBERS

OF STUDENTS RATED THEIR EXPERIENCE AS EXCELLENT OR GOOD **89%**

OF STUDENTS SAID THEY NOW HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE AMERICAN ECONOMY **98%**

OF STUDENTS SAID THEY ARE NOW MORE AWARE OF AVAILABLE LOCAL CAREERS **88%**

OF STUDENTS SAID THAT PBW INFLUENCED THEIR THOUGHTS ON FURTHER EDUCATION **65%**

HOW EFFECTIVE WERE THE FOLLOWING	VERY EFFECTIVE	SOMEWHAT EFFECTIVE	NOT EFFECTIVE
THE COMPANY CONCEPT	75%	24%	1%
STOCKHOLDERS COMPETITION	68%	29%	3%
MANAGEMENT SIMULATION COMPETITION	61%	37%	2%
ADVERTISING AND MARKETING COMPETITION	75%	22%	3%
TRADE SHOW COMPETITION	74%	25%	1%
BUSINESS ADVISORS	72%	26%	2%
SPEAKERS	52%	40%	8%