

SECOND ANNUAL YOUTH BUSINESS SUMMIT

FINANCIAL INVESTMENT
COMPETITION



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Virtual Stock Exchange

Purpose

The purpose of the Financial Investment Competition using Virtual Stock Exchange is to give students a better understanding of trading strategies and portfolio management. As you compete, you will also learn a variety of financial instruments and their risks and rewards as they apply to asset management.

Competition Overview and Goals

Acting as a prospective portfolio manager for TROY clients, your potential clients have entrusted you with \$100,000 to invest at your discretion for a period running from today until May 2nd.

Registration

1. To register your team account, go to <http://www.marketwatch.com/game/second-annual-youth-business-summit>
2. Click on the 'Join Now' button to get started.
3. Click on Not a member? [Register here.](#)
4. Register for a new account by completing the form.
 - a. First Name: Team Members' First Names
 - b. Last Name: High School Name
 - c. Password: Your team creates this unique password to access the competition.
 - d. Just one registration per team.
 - e. Click [Register Now.](#) Registration is **free**.

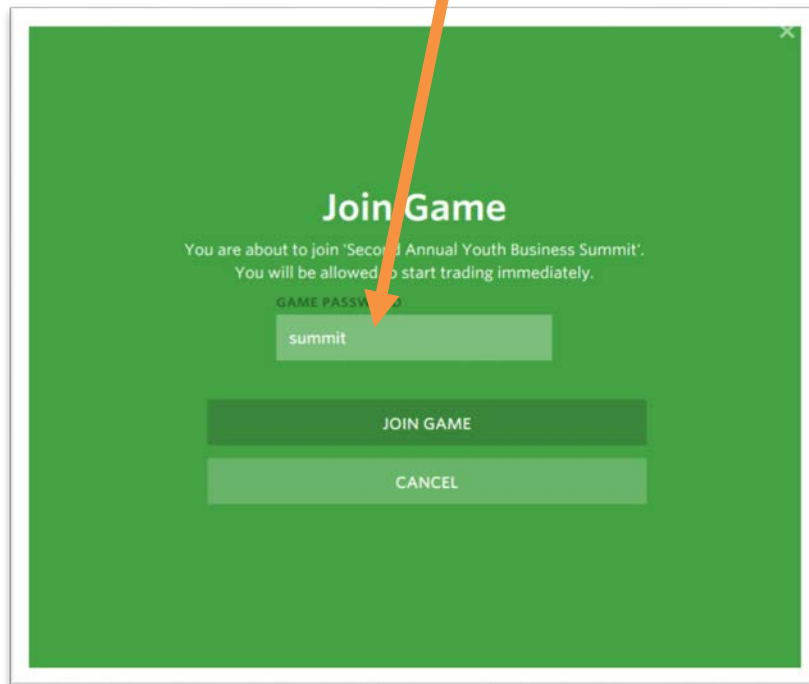
The screenshot shows a registration form with the following fields and content:

- First Name:** A text input field containing "Team Members' First Names".
- Last Name:** A text input field containing "High School Name".
- Email:** A text input field containing "sample@troy.edu".
- Password:** A text input field with masked characters "*****".
- Confirm Password:** A text input field with masked characters "*****".
- Agreement:** A checkbox labeled "I agree to the [Privacy Policy](#) and [Cookie Policy](#)".
- Submit Button:** A green button labeled "REGISTER NOW".

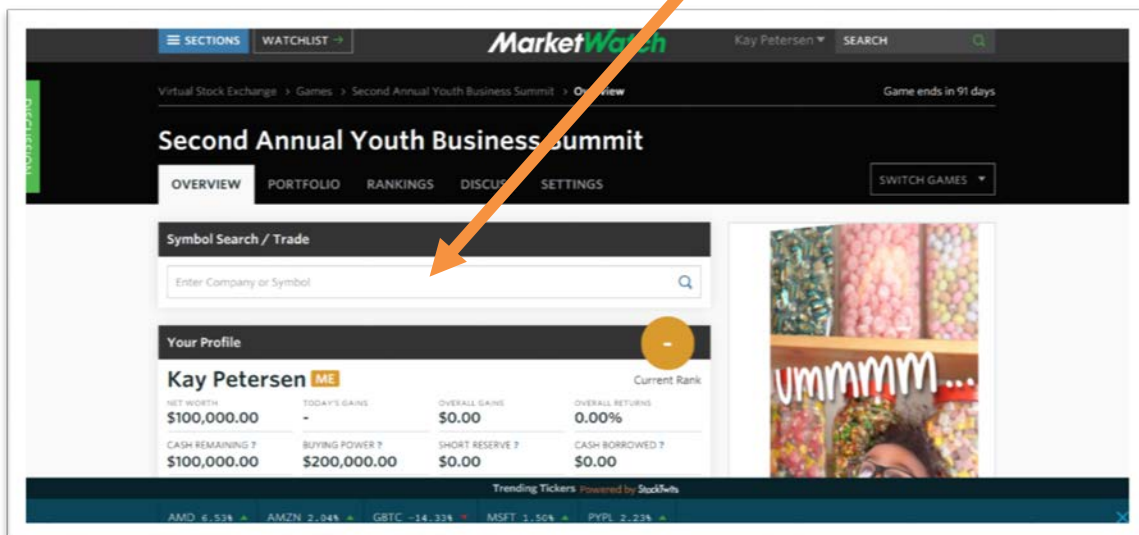
Below the form, there is a small text line: "By registering, you agree to receive updates and special offers from other Dow Jones products and services."

5. Check your e-mail and verify your e-mail address. If you do not see the verification e-mail, check the junk folder.
6. Open a browser and go to <http://www.marketwatch.com/game/second-annual-youth-business-summit>

7. Click Join Game
8. Sign in with the Username and Password (you created)
9. Click Join Game
10. Enter the competition password: **summit**
11. Click Join Game



12. Start trading by Entering the Company or Symbol. Good luck!



Schedule

Date	Event
1/31/18	Competition is open. Virtual Stock Exchange open trading. As soon as students receive their packets, they may register and begin trading. Teams can join the competition at any time during the period in which the game is open – 1/31/18 to 5/2/18.
1/31/18-5/2/18	Virtual Stock Exchange trading
5/2/18	Trading ceases at the close of the market
5/3/18	Second Annual Youth Business Summit at Troy University, Dothan Campus <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teams are encouraged to bring their transaction analysis documents and attend a debriefing workshop.• Winners will be announced. Awards will be presented to the top three ranking teams.

Investment Competition Rules and Constraints

- Students at each participating school will form teams consisting of no more than five (5) students each. How each team divides responsibilities will be up to its student participants. A school may admit more than one team.
- Teams are encouraged to document their transactions using the Transaction Analysis handout – see Appendix A.
- Additional competition settings - Overview Details Active Portfolio Guidelines – see Appendix B.

Transaction Analysis

Teams are encouraged to document their transactions using the Transaction Analysis handout – see Appendix A. Completing this document after each transaction will inspire students to consider, to a greater extent, the impact of their trades. We encourage teams to bring these documents to the Youth Business Summit on May 3th as a financial advisor will be available to debrief the students on various investment strategies and discussions about their stock picks. At the Summit they will also learn what causes stock prices to fluctuate, understand and apply various financial asset valuation models, and understand economic influence on stock performance. All of these items allow and present an

understanding of the financial markets, risk, economy, which results in better investment decisions.

Sources of Information for Investment Competition Teams

Sources that you may find to be particularly valuable for your research include:

- MarketWatch: <http://www.marketwatch.com/>
- Wall Street Journal: www.wsj.com
- Yahoo Finance: finance.yahoo.com
- Daily Treasury Yield Curve Rates: <http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/data-chart-center/interest-rates/>

Questions to Consider

- Which positions exceeded your expectations? What conditions caused this?
- Which positions underperformed for you? What factors created the performance gap?
- What are the key things you learned from your Virtual Stock Exchange experience?
- How will your Virtual Stock Exchange experience influence your personal investing in the future?

—APPENDIX B—
OVERVIEW DETAILS

Overview Details Active Portfolio Guidelines

Start Date: 1/31/2018

End Date: 5/2/2018

Game Link: 1. <http://www.marketwatch.com/game/second-annual-youth-business-summit>

Tagline: Active Portfolio for Second Annual Youth Business Summit

Password: summit

Available for Trading: All Symbols can be traded.

Privacy Options

- This is a Private game.
- Player portfolios are Public.

Portfolio Details:

Starting balance for players:	\$100,000.00
Commission level:	\$10.00
Credit interest rate:	0.50%
Debt interest rate for leverage:	7.00%
Minimum stock price:	\$5.00
Maximum stock price:	\$500000.00
Trade volume Limitation:	10.00%
Short Selling	Enabled
Margin Selling:	Enabled
Limit Orders:	Enabled
Stop Loss:	Enabled
Partial Shares	Disabled