

DMS students study 'The Real World'

► Program designed to teach students about budgeting, financial management

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Daphne Middle School Family and Consumer Science teacher Kay Taylor won a grant this year from Supporting Educational Enrichment in Daphne Schools, designed to introduce students to the real world through a budgeting and financial management workshop.

Called "Welcome to the Real World," this real-life simulation asks Taylor's students to choose a career based on their interests and aptitudes.

Students are then given a salary commensurate with their chosen career.

Using their salary, students must make budgeting decisions to pay their taxes and living expenses. Elizabeth Phillips of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System trains the students how to proceed.

Community business leaders who helped students make budgeting decisions included Donna Gilman and Marina Simpson of United Bank; Debbie Ierubino, Chris Scales,



Students at Daphne Middle School got a dose of "The Real World" as part of the simulation put on by area business and community leaders.

Jeremy L'Abbe, Kathy Sundie, Kelly Findley and Christy Blanton of Publix Super Markets;

Also, Prudential-Nichols Realtors Claudene Nichols, Wendy Menck, Jan McNair, Kathy Staska, Laura Willis, Jerrie Mills, Elizabeth Kaye and Melissa Hoffman;

Also, Coldwell Banker Reehl Properties Realtors Will Baldwin, Richard Hice, Shelia Ratliff, Bo Blackwell and Angie Fagan.

Other business leaders were Courtney Tolbert, Daphne Utilities; Leighann Stewart, Riviera Utilities; Kimberly

Helms-Malone Farmers Insurance Agency;

Also, Sherri Davis and Jennifer Ikner, Jim Golemon/State Farm Insurance Agency; Mandy Gatlin, Langley Insurance and Services; Cathy Murphy, Minto Energy Corporation; Holly Boyett, RELS Title Company; Lisa Henry, Sam's Club; and Walmart.

Parent leaders included Judy Sullivan, DMS PTSA newsletter editor; Dorothy Smith, Marta Coffman, Irma Rivera, Ann Blauer, Loretta Cahoon, Daphne Pierce, Mary Wall, Rebecca Parke and Stan Lysack.