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Students to be Honored at 2012 Financial Literacy Scholars' Reception

NEW YORK, N.Y.- Please join Working in Support of Education (w!se) to celebrate the outstanding achievements of more than 1,400 high school students nationwide who scored a 95% or better on the w!se 2012 Financial Literacy Certification Test.

These exceptional students will receive a medal of honor – the w!se National Scholars Award – at w!se's annual Scholars' Reception to be held at the **Museum of American Finance**, 48 Wall Street, New York, N.Y. on **Monday, June 11 at 2:00 pm**. Laura Levine, President and CEO of the Jump\$tart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy will deliver the keynote address. Senior representatives from leading financial institutions, including Citi, Allstate, NYSE Euronext, kasina and Value Line will also join in the celebration.

"These National Scholars represent less than 4% of high school students who took WISE's national standardized Certification Test in 2012 and we are honored to celebrate their extraordinary accomplishment" commented Phyllis Frankfort, President and CEO of w!se. More importantly, they are graduating high school with the vital knowledge they need to manage their personal finances effectively and build wealth", she added.

The Financial Literacy Certification Test is offered in secondary schools nationally in more than 2,000 classes as part of the w!se Financial Literacy Certification Program. w!se provides schools with curriculum and resources to teach a course or unit on personal finance. Topics include money, budgeting, banking, credit, saving, investing, insurance, financial and retirement planning. The Certification Test is administered after instruction. Those who pass this national exam become Certified Financially Literate and earn w!se's coveted and widely acclaimed CFL™, a credential that can help them in their jobs and search for work.

The Financial Literacy Certification Program is sponsored by leading U.S. institutions including The McGraw-Hill Companies, The Allstate Foundation, Citi Foundation, The JPMorgan Chase Foundation, Bloomberg, Wells Fargo Foundation, GE Capital Retail Bank, The NYSE Euronext Foundation, Inc., The Utah Division of Securities, M&T Charitable Foundation, the New York City Council, Deloitte & Touche LLP, the Charles Schwab Foundation, Capital One, kasina and Signature Bank. Additional support is provided by: America's Promise Alliance, Chicago Public Schools (CTE), The Council for Economic Education (through funding from the United States Department of Education Office of Innovation and Improvement), Federal Reserve Bank of New York, The Financial Planning Association of New York, Financial Services Roundtable, Foolproof, google.org, Museum of American Finance, New Jersey Coalition for Financial Education, New York City Department of Education, New York Credit Union Foundation, the U.S. Social Security Administration, Value Line, and The State Departments of Education in Arkansas, Georgia, New Jersey, New York, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah and Virginia.

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