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NORTHWEST LIBERTY ACADEMY REPORT

“Liberty cannot be preserved
without a general knowledge
among the people”

-John Adams-

THE SPEAKERS



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Robb Horlacher
Entrepreneur



Bill Zimmerman
Entrepreneur



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Entrepreneur



Dan Roberts
"Patrick Henry"



Jason Riddle
Program Director FEE



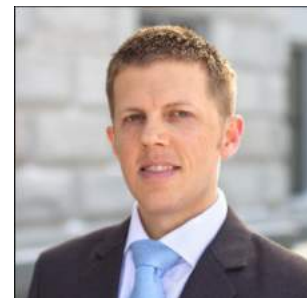
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Social Media



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Businessman



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"Food for Thought"



Darr Moon
Entrepreneur

Free Enterprise & Entrepreneurism

“Human civilization is not something achieved against nature; it is rather the outcome of the working of the innate qualities of man.”

- Ludwig von Mises -

On June 15, Steve Ackerman, Economics Professor, CWI, addressed a standing room only audience at the second annual NW Liberty Academy Symposium held at the Riverside Hotel in Boise, Idaho. His topic, *Socialism, Capitalism, Liberty!* Pointing to the differences between societies where governments control production vs. free enterprise, it became clear that, prosperity is indicative of a free society where people are free to make choices regarding ideas, goods and services. His lively discussion found younger members of the audience taking notes as he explained terms like “opportunity costs”. Needless to say Prof. Ackerman scored high marks from enthusiastic students.



Dan Robert's portrayal of Patrick Henry giving his famous “Give me liberty, or give me death!” speech was a highlight of the academy. For those who may not be familiar with the entire speech, you can find it on the NWLA website under videos. Well worth taking a moment of your time to gain more insight about *political expediency vs. liberty*.



In *Lessons from a Lemonade Stand: When it's Okay to Break the Law*, Connor Boyack, Pres. Libertas Institute, included the thought provoking question of Civil Disobedience and what happens when people are faced with having to decide whether to obey or disobey a law that goes against their moral code.



Jason Riddle, Program Director for FEE, engaged students in an interactive game entitled *Producing Pencils & Prosperity* based on Leonard

Reads, I, Pencil. Students jumped in with both feet and were engrossed in an activity that ended with many wanting more.



“Serial Entrepreneurs”, Robb Horlacher and Bill Zimmerman, engaged participants in a game on **Entrepreneurism** where teams of prospective entrepreneurs cooperated in developing strategies for marketing their ideas, goods and services. Creativity, ingenuity and the “gift of gab” made for both an entertaining and instructive session.





Russ Fulcher, chaired an independent panel of judges for NWLA's annual Essay Contest. This year's Topic was based on a William Penn quote: "Right is right, even if everyone is against it, and wrong is wrong, even if everyone is for it." Pictured are the first place winners: Tamen Whipple, Edson Whipple and Tina Perrin. Find their essays at nwlibertyacademy.org

Panel discussions on *The Unintended Consequences of Well-Intended Legislation, Is Political Correctness Correct?* and *What are Inalienable Rights?* led to extended discussions at meal time and later. We are fortunate to live in a country where we have the freedom to openly discuss such matters.



Touring Executive, Judicial & Legislative Branches



Supreme Court Justice Dan Eismann shared personal experiences from his book, *Freedom is Your Destiny* to inform and inspire those present. Later in the week he would explain the role of the Judicial Branch as members of the academy toured the Idaho Supreme Court. He graciously took time to give students opportunity to speak with him one on one. There were many questions and hopefully participants were able to gain insight to his Constitutional role.

Judicial Branch Tour with Justice Daniel Eismann



Executive Branch Tour. Secretary of State, Lawrence Denney presented copies of the US & Idaho Constitutions and the Declaration of Independence to Students.



Legislative Branch Tour. Idaho Statehouse Rotunda



Lawrence Reed, Pres. FEE spoke on *Liberty and Character* and at commencement he spoke to us about *The Difference One Can Make: Real Heroes*. The Foundation for Economic Freedom is the oldest free market think tank in the US. Find out more at FEE.org

Upon leaving the first Constitutional Convention, Ben Franklin (aka Terry Shepard) paid a surprise visit to the Academy. When asked by Mrs. Elizabeth Powell (aka Elizabeth Hodge) “Well, doctor, what have we got, a republic or a monarchy?”, he responded, “A republic, if you can keep it.”



Much of what we learn at NWLA is centered around our Republic and our Economy.

The following are quotes from some of this year’s students:

“I have learned more about the economy and the constitution here (at NWLA) than in all my years at school. Thank you so much!” Calli Perrin

“I never before have learned so much about economics and free enterprise. All of the speakers are very knowledgeable on economics, politics, and free enterprise.” Kyle Johnson

“I have learned a lot and acquired some tools that will help me in the world to fight for liberty.” Johnny Shepherd

“I had so much fun with the interactive games, both investment and trading pencils. I can’t wait for next year.” Abby Green, Senior Youth Ambassador

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