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Tyronia Bonaparte's business and finance class took part in the H&R Block Budget Challenge, a free computer-based program where students learn budgeting skills and how to manage their finances.

While participating in the program, students encountered real-world personal budgeting situations through an online simulation. The students also learned real-world financial skills that will be beneficial to them for life which included understanding a pay stub, paying bills on time and creating a budget.

Class winners included Brianna Nelson and Harold Morrow, first place; Ryan Lawson and Natrone Davis, second place; Alexandria Canty and Davon Canty, third place; Desmond Brown and Chauncey Aiken, fourth place; Shawn Carter, fifth place; and Khaliq Beacey, sixth place.

The class also competed in the Finance Literacy Challenge sponsored by State Farm. Teams of three to four students competed in an online competition covering spending, credit, saving, investing, income and money management. There were 233 teams participating from throughout the state, and Scott's Branch High School finished 13th.

That team included Harold Morrow, Ryan Lawson, Natrone Davis and Desmond Brown.

The Scott's Branch Middle-High School family would like to congratulate these students for a job well done.

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Congratulations to all students who participated in this on line challenge across the district! A special shout out to the high school team who placed 13th out of 233 state wide teams....very impressive finish!