



The National Academy Foundation awarded the Lancaster High School Academy of Finance with the prestigious **Aldo Papone Award for Leadership in Academy Performance**. This award recognizes excellence among NAF academies that are on the leading edge of high school reform. Aldo Papone is the retired Chairman and CEO of the American Express Travel Related Services Company Inc. Recognized for our model internship program, Lancaster's AOF will receive \$5000.00.

College Courses

Current Seniors and Juniors (classes of 2011 and 2012) must complete at least ONE college level course prior to Academy graduation. Courses are available at several area institutions, most with reduced or free tuition. **If you have already registered for a course, the college will contact you directly with additional information.** If you have not yet registered, the following colleges still have limited availability. When you have finished a college course, submit a copy of your transcript to your counselor.

▶ **UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO: A FEW SEATS AVAILABLE**
ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

Classes at University at Buffalo North Campus (Jacobs Hall) on select Saturdays: October 2010-February 2011

Students apply to course with the Mezsaros International Center for Entrepreneurship
www.mice-us-foundations.com

Students may complete an additional application to the University at Buffalo to earn 3 transferrable credits.
www.mgt.buffalo.edu

▶ **BRYANT & STRATTON: SOME COURSES/SEATS AVAILABLE**

Course offerings for Fall 2010 are listed on the AOF website and are TUITION FREE. Courses are typically on Saturday or Monday and usually earn transferrable credit. Students apply directly to Bryant & Stratton College

Parents Night – September 22 at 6pm

Parents and students of the class of 2011 and 2012 are required to attend parent's night.

This important session covers all National Academy Foundation graduation requirements for seniors and internship requirements for juniors.

SUMMER 2010 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Internship – Class of 2011

Unless otherwise arranged in advance, all course requirements are due on September 22, 2010.

AOF: SUMMER INTERNSHIP COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- 35% Verification of 130* hours of compensated work. * *Some employers request different durations*
- 30% Positive evaluation from your internship provider
- 35% Completion of the digital storytelling project

If you are paid by stipend (one lump sum at the end), be prepared to pay taxes at the end of the year.

Three samples of the digital storytelling project are available on the AOF website.

Course Selections

When you receive your school schedule for 2010-2011, verify these courses:

Sophomores (Class of 2013)

Academies: Success Strategies
AOF: Principles of Finance
AOF: Banking and Credit
AOF: MOS

Juniors (Class of 2012)

AOF: Honors Accounting
AOF: CEIP

Seniors (Class of 2011)

AOF or AP: Economics
AOF: Financial Planning

STUDENT BANK

Seniors that completed an internship at the Bank of Akron are required to work a minimum of one semester at the student branch. Seniors that completed internships at KeyBank, M&T Bank or the Lancaster-Depew FCU are expected but not required to work the student branch. Juniors or Seniors that wish to work at the student bank should contact Mr. Dixon at sdixon@lancaster.wnyric.org

Academy Calendar

Enclosed is a student calendar for 2010-2011. **A separate parent and advisory board calendar is online.**

Students are expected to attend 100% of all AOF meetings but may miss one out of every five meetings. Each meeting is held in Room 122 from 2:20pm-3:05pm. Schedule ALL appointments, as best as possible, before or after AOF meetings. **Internships, Athletic or Music practice, Club meetings, etc. are NOT acceptable excuses.**

Chicago – Nov 4-7, 2010

A brief meeting for parents/students attending the Chicago field trip will take place at the conclusion of parents' night on September 22, 2010. Travelogs, Inc. will send an invoice for final payment in August and will reflect all earnings from student fundraising.