It is hard to believe but a new year is upon us!

2018 has certainly been a busy year for the AFSA Education Foundation. We translated MoneySKILL® and now offer it in Spanish (text and audio). We’ve also revised and added modules within the program as well as recreated all of the charts.

Additionally, we have spent a lot of time spreading the word that this comprehensive program is available to teachers at no cost. Specifically, we have exhibited and conducted workshops at more than a dozen teacher conferences across the country. It has been so wonderful talking with teachers, face to face, and these interactions have helped grow the number of MoneySKILL users to over 880,000.

Of note, we’ve had a few teachers, who use MoneySKILL regularly, lead MoneySKILL workshops at some of the conferences mentioned above. Our thanks to those teachers! If you are well versed on the program and interested in teaching MoneySKILL at a teacher conference in your state, please send an email to me at rashburn@afsamail.org.

In this edition of MoneySKILL Matters!, you will find our spotlight article on Suzanne Reagan, a Marketing/Finance/Co-op teacher from Harlingen, Texas. You’ll also find the “Ask MoneySKILL” section of the newsletter.

We hope you have a wonderful holiday season.

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Maximizing MoneySKILL® in the Classroom

Meet Suzanne Reagan, a high school teacher with 18 years of experience teaching Career and Technical Education courses. Currently, Suzanne teaches Marketing & Finance classes (grade 10-12) at Harlingen High School South in Texas where she uses the MoneySKILL curriculum. Suzanne has been using the program for six years and tells her students that, “this is the best course you’ll ever take!”

Over the last several years, Suzanne has used MoneySKILL in the spring semester as part of a section in her Marketing & Finance class that she calls Money Matters. She uses all 37 modules and actively teaches the content to students before they log in. Interestingly, Suzanne has developed a fill-in-the-blank notes sheet for each module that helps her students understand the module objectives as well as key concepts with a particular focus on vocabulary. She believes that this approach “helps students to retain the information and perform well on the test.” Suzanne also admits that by compiling these sheets, she too has a better understanding of the MoneySKILL content.

Of note, there is a function, within MoneySKILL, that allows teachers to import handouts for direct student access.

“The way that MoneySKILL is organized, it follows the sequence of real life - income, expenses, savings and investment, credit, and insurance. These are essential skills that will help students in their everyday lives and last a lifetime,” said Suzanne during her interview with MoneySKILL Matters!

Born and raised in Texas, Suzanne is very involved in the teaching community. In fact, she has presented MoneySKILL workshops on behalf of the AFSA Education Foundation. Thank you, Suzanne for your enthusiasm about the program and your help in representing the Foundation!

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Ask MoneySKILL!

**Q** How do I import handouts into MoneySKILL?

**A** Open up your class and click on “Handouts” which can be found on the left hand navigation. Click “Upload” to import your handout(s). Note that the handout must be in a PDF format.

**Q** Why are there one or just a few questions on the Pretest?

**A** The pre- and post-test are comprised of the modules you selected during your class setup. Therefore, if you have 37 modules active you will have 37 questions on the pre- and post-test. Likewise, if you only have one module active there will only be one question.

**Q** How can I change my teacher login password?

**A** Just sign in and on the teacher administration site, click on “Teacher Information” and then “Update Account Information.” At the bottom of that form, put in your old password and then your new one. Don’t forget to “update” before you leave this page otherwise all updates will be lost.

**Q** What do I do if a student is absent and misses the modules that we covered in class? Can that student start on the modules the class is covering and go back later to complete the missed modules?

**A** All modules must be completed in order unless you have the class option set to allow module completion in random order. Be aware there is no way to set this option just for one student. It must be set for the entire class. If you do not want to change the random order option for your class, your student will have to complete the other modules prior to catching up with the class.

Every quarter we answer questions about the Foundation, MoneySKILL, and anything pertaining to educating students of all ages on personal finance.