The SIFMA Foundation is dedicated to fostering knowledge and understanding of the financial markets for individuals of all backgrounds with a focus on youth. Drawing on the support and expertise of the financial industry, the SIFMA Foundation provides financial education programs and tools that strengthen economic opportunity across communities and increase individuals’ awareness of and access to the benefits of the global marketplace.

One thing is for certain, the Capitol Hill Challenge has drastically altered my perspective on the economy, financial literacy, and even on what I can achieve as I move forward in my life.

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THE VALUE Capitol Hill Challenge helps students better understand the global economy, develop personal financial skills, and improve their knowledge of math, economics, and business. CHC also provides Members of Congress an opportunity to connect with schools in their districts and to inspire and serve as role models for the students.

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