



FALL 2025

DELAWARE STOCK MARKET GAME WINNERS



First Place, 4-5 Grade Division 1st Overall, Total Equity \$129,549.99

Leasure Elementary School, Daniel Adewumi, Rory Whitmer, and Nathan Yeager-Howie, led by teacher Timothy Werbrich

First Place 6-8 Grade Division 4th Overall, Total Equity \$110,456.34

Newark Charter Junior High School, Max Gioioso, Meerub Fatima, Joseph 'Kash' DeLorme, Abhinav Kotamreddy led by teacher Sverrir Georgsson

First Place High School Division 3rd Overall, Total Equity \$111,165.75

Padua Academy, Josalyn Carter, Cecelia Costanzo, Madeline Hudson led by teacher Bethann McClory

The Center for Economic Education and Entrepreneurship (CEEE), in coordination with Delaware schools and partners including the SIFMA Foundation, the Delaware Department of Justice's Investor Protection Unit, and WSFS, proudly wrapped up another exciting Fall 2025 Delaware Stock Market Game. Students across the state showcased teamwork, critical thinking, and real-world investing skills.

Leasure Elementary Students Take First Place in Fall 2025 Delaware Stock Market Game

Congratulations to Daniel Adewumi, Rory Whitmer, and Nathan Yeager-Howie of Leasure Elementary School, who earned first place overall and first place in the Grades 4–5 division during their very first year playing the Delaware Stock Market Game! The team came in 1st overall out of 296 total teams, with total equity of \$129,549.99 and a return 23.55% above the growth of the S&P 500.

The top four finishers of Fall 2025 were:

1. Leasure Elementary School (Grades 4–5)
2. Maclary Elementary School (Grades 4–5)
3. Padua Academy (High School Division)
4. Newark Charter (Grades 6–8 Division)

The boys, friends since 2nd grade and members of the Advanced Academics Program, approached the game with a thoughtful strategy. They invested in companies such as Microsoft, Apple, Intuitive Surgical, Quanta Services, and Nvidia.

Yeager-Howie reflected on the experience, saying, “What surprised me the most was that these are real world stocks, not just pretend ‘game’ stocks.”

The standout investment that secured their win was SMX (Security Matters). The team purchased 100 shares of SMX on Monday, December 1, 2025, at \$42 per share. By the time the market closed on Friday, the final day of the game, the stock had soared to \$343 per share, earning the team a \$29,000 gain in just one week!

Their teacher Mr. Werbrich noted, “In my 22 years of having hundreds of student teams participate in the Stock Market Game, I have never seen such a wild ride with a stock that was bought at such a perfect time to grow \$29,000 in a week.”

Whitmer added, “We picked SMX because I remember it from a *Shark Tank* episode.”

While the exact episode couldn’t be confirmed, the boys’ timing was perfect. Their strategy emphasized investing in things they used, teamwork, and real-world decision-making.

The boys’ favorite part of the game was working together and debating which stocks they should buy. The team hopes to continue their success in the Spring 2026 Stock Market Game, building on the skills and confidence they gained this fall.

