

The Helena Education Foundation's sixth annual Vigilante Academy took place on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at Capital High and Helena High, and was a great success. 150 students at each high school registered for a series of workshops on internet safety, credit and financial planning, business ethics, and planning for the future.

HEF could not pull this off without the support of business teachers Char Lawrence at CHS and Willie Schlepp at HHS and the many teachers who were "sheriffs" and helped make this program a success. Thanks also to the student leaders who took on the role of "deputies" for the day. They all did a fantastic job working with the student groups and introducing each presenter.

The business community is key to providing students with this learning opportunity; presenters volunteered their time from the Student Assistance Foundation, Helena Community Credit Union, Rocky Mountain Credit Union, Better Business Bureau and the Consumer Credit Counseling Service. Thank you to Detective Bryan Fischer, Mike Agostinelli and Kelly Elder for presenting the sessions on internet safety. Generous businesses in Helena donate food and prizes for the students including a laptop given away at each high school, thanks to ITC. Congratulations to the laptop winners, Jeana Ratcliff at CHS and Michaela Stewart at HHS.

Finally, HEF is grateful to the sponsors of Vigilante Academy - American Federal Savings Bank and the Student Assistance Foundation.