

**Brockton High School Students to Produce, Broadcast, and Edit Local
Bi-Weekly Financial Literacy Radio Show**

*Rep. Claire Cronin, Who Serves on the House Ways and Means Committee,
Scheduled To Be Inaugural Guest*

Brockton (May 13, 2016) -- Brockton High School students from the Empower Yourself financial literacy club, led by Brockton teacher Cedric Turner, are excited to announce the launch of a bi-weekly radio broadcast on The Spark Radio Network.

Every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, beginning May 24, the student hosts will broadcast a one-hour show, sharing their talents and financial knowledge of a different topic each episode. Topics will range from student loans, to local budgets, to unemployment, and long-term financial health, and will tie in current events and local businesses in each episode.

The students will also interview relevant experts in the field and are honored to be starting strong with Representative Claire Cronin (D-Easton) scheduled as their inaugural guest. Cronin will answer questions about the workings of the House Ways and Means Committee -- of which she is a member -- Brockton school budget proceedings, and her job representing these students on the state level.

“It is great to see our young students engaged and interested in financial literacy,” said Cronin. “This is an exciting program for Brockton students to learn and gain the tools to empower themselves to be financially successful. I am honored and excited to be the first guest on the students’ radio show.”

In addition to providing on-air talent, the students will produce, edit, and market their own shows and a portion of every ad sold on their broadcasts will go into a scholarship fund that the students will have access to during their senior years. This money will help pay for college application fees, college visits and tours, books and incidentals during their first years of college, military service, or trade school.

“We are thrilled to begin this partnership with the Empower Yourself students,” The Spark Executive Editor Emily J. Reynolds said. “Our goal with The Spark Radio Network is to create a true community collaboration that will be informative and accessible to everyone -- across every demographic.

“The opportunity to give these talented students a platform to gain real-world experience and to share their questions, enthusiasm, and unique insight with the community is incredibly exciting and has limitless potential. We look forward to working with the students and doing our part to contribute to their scholarship fund and ease the financial burden of applying to college.”

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