

# SIFE

*Students in Free Enterprise*



## **SIFE's Learning Philosophy:**

"Tell me and I will forget, Show me and I might remember, Involve me and I will understand."

## **What is SIFE?**

Students in Free Enterprise, (SIFE) is a not-for-profit organization supported by individuals, foundations, and corporations whose mission is to build collegiate SIFE Teams who teach free enterprise in order to better individuals, communities, and countries. SIFE's purpose is accomplished through the SIFE Team's outreach projects where students and faculty involve the community in the free enterprise system, providing the students with an opportunity to teach others what they have learned.

## **History of SIFE**

Started in 1975 and headquartered in Springfield, Missouri, SIFE's mission to teach free enterprise is supported financially by the giants of American industry -- Wal-Mart, Johnson & Johnson, Kraft Foods, and AT&T to name only a few. In the 2006-2007 academic year, over 1,400 SIFE teams were fielded, including many international teams.

## **History of SIFE at Texas State University – San Marcos**

Several professors, including Dr. John McGhee, were initially involved with SIFE. In the spring of 1994, Dr. Jim Bell and the Texas State University – San Marcos SIFE Chapter attended their first Regional Competition. In the 1996-1997 academic year, Mrs. Vicki West became the second SIFE sponsor. In the 2001-2002 academic year, Dr. Jana Minifie helped Professor West to co-advise the team. Vicki West has advised the team since 1996-97 and served as the sole advisor. The following is a list of Texas State University – San Marcos SIFE competition results.

- 1994 - 1st Runner Up; Rookie of the Year Regional Competition
- 1995 - 2nd Runner Up, 1996-1st Runner Up Regional Competition
- 1997 - Winner Regional Competition/International-Top20
- 1998 - Winner Regional Competition/International-Top 8
- 1999 - Winner Regional Competition/International-Top 16 – Special Competitions Top Winner
- 2000 - 1<sup>st</sup> in the World Winner—International Competition
- 2001 - Winner Regional Competition/National -Top 8
- 2002 - Winner Regional Competition/National -Top 8
- 2003 – Winner Regional Competition/National – Top 16
- 2004 – Winner Regional Competition/National – Top 12 – Special Competitions Top Winner
- 2005 – Winner Regional Competition/National – Top 5 – Special Competitions Top Winner
- 2006 – Winner Regional Competition – Special Competitions Winner
- 2007 – Winner Regional Competition – Special Competitions Winner
- 2008 - Winner Regional Competition/National – Final 4 teams & Special Competitions Winner

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