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Last month, I had the honor of attending Next Gen Personal Finance Inaugural Summit in beautiful San Francisco. There were over 100 educators from 30 different states in attendance. This was a great opportunity to network with other Business, FCS, and Social Studies teachers from across the country to discuss the importance of Personal Finance in the classroom.

There were over 19 different workshop sessions that spanned from Leading Effective Classroom Discussion, which was one of my favorite sessions, Teach Checking for the 21st Century, and What's Trending in Personal Finance?, this session was organized using Kahoot! And they even had some cash prizes for the top winners!! Each of the sessions were led by both educators across the country and NGPF team members.

NGPF, also held three panel discussions with leaders from the following fields: behavioral finance, investing, and fintech. These panel discussions offered insight to upcoming trends in each of the fields. NGPF also provided attendees with some of the panel speaker's books! If you are interested, they are planning to release some podcasts from the discussion panels.

If you have not checked out NGPF's curriculum or material, I would recommend taking a look at their website https://www.ngpf.org/ and creating a teacher account. There are individual lesson plans, unit plans and semester course outlines to help in your process of teaching personal finance topics. They are also in the process of releasing new online simulations about online banking. You may have heard of their most recent release, Payback, which is an online simulation to help students understand the college process. Overall, this was an amazing conference where I had the opportunity to network, brush up on my personal finance skills and experience the amazing San Francisco weather! If you have the opportunity to attend next year, I highly recommend submitting an applications.