



## The Weekly Minutes



Presentation of the LRS Ice Rink to the Illinois Department of National Revenue

### Speakers & Places

Thank you to our speakers and host sites this week!

#### Speakers

- Professor Hasan Kartal | UIS (Information Systems)
- Michael Lansden | Stifel Simulation

#### Site

- LRS

### Student Spotlight

#### Meet Caroline

Caroline attends Springfield High School. She plans to attend the University of Georgia as a marketing major and minoring in finance.

Caroline applied to Sangamon CEO because the class interested her. She says, "My freshman year, I saw seniors walking around the hallways in their suits and wondered what was going on. After asking around, I found out that these students were in CEO. This program sounded right up my alley and that was when I decided that I was going to apply. I also saw the projects and businesses that were created, and it looked like so much fun."

Caroline would describe the program as a more relaxed and interactive classroom environment. She says, "It is a judge-free zone, which means that you can throw out any ideas that come to you and feel comfortable about them. Additionally, I feel that the classes that we take within school focus on learning by memorization, rather than understanding and asking deep questions about the material. Every day in CEO we are challenged to contemplate and reflect on the information presented to us in the classroom."

She values Sangamon CEO for the connections she has made through the program. She says, "I wish people knew that this program is not only beneficial because of the curriculum, but it also gives you connections within the community. When working for the LRS Ice Rink, I got the chance to speak on the news about the project with the mayor and the alderwoman. This was such a great experience, and it provided me with good practice for public speaking in the future."



Caroline's favorite part of CEO is getting to create meaningful relationships with others. She says, "All of the students attend different schools in the area, so on the first day, there were many people that I didn't know. We have gotten time to meet each other and work together on different projects throughout the year. This program has introduced me to lifelong friends, that I will never forget and keep in touch with after graduation."

We are looking forward to seeing all the amazing things Caroline does the rest of the CEO school year and in her future endeavors!

### Community Spotlight

#### Beverly Bunch

Beverly is a UIS Professor for the School of Public Management and Policy.

#### How long have you been involved in CEO and in what capacity?

I look forward to speaking to the CEO students in late March 2022. I have had the opportunity in the past to talk with CEO students when they came to a program hosted by the Citizens Club of Springfield. I was impressed with the students' ability to engage in a professional and effective manner.

#### Why did you choose to invest in the program?

I am interested in seeing the City of Springfield and the surrounding area emerge as a vibrant economic hub, while valuing the natural environment and providing opportunities for people from diverse backgrounds. Learning more about what young people want from the community is a good step in that direction. We also need to share with CEO students the opportunities and happenings within our community. This includes career options, as well as other opportunities such as working with community groups to help improve the environment, eliminate racism, and celebrate cultural diversity.



#### What advice do you have for other community members, and why should they engage with this program?

I encourage other community members to learn about the CEO program and seek opportunities to engage with this program. These students have demonstrated their passion for learning and working hard to achieve their goals. We need to hear about their aspirations and think of ways we can be supportive of their goals.

#### What would you tell CEO alumni so they come back to Springfield?

Springfield provides wonderful opportunities for young people. As a professor in the University of Illinois Springfield (UIS) School of Public Management and Policy, I would encourage CEO alumni to consider careers in the government or nonprofit sector. Working for the State of Illinois, a local government in our area, or one of Springfield's many nonprofit organizations can provide a challenging and rewarding experience. CEO alumni also can continue their education through one of the many programs offered by UIS.

### CEO vs. Sharks News

#### Coming in April 2022!

#### Stay Tuned!

Introducing & Engaging with our students personal businesses!

### CEO vs. Sharks Over the Years



CEO vs. Sharks 2019



CEO vs. Sharks 2018

### Instagram Corner



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Grace Landerson, CEO Alumni



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### Internships & Jobs Corner

#### Account Executive

Lamar

If you are hiring for jobs and internships, we would love to share them with our alumni and network!

Please email [grace@sangamonceo.com](mailto:grace@sangamonceo.com).

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##### Speakers

- Toastmasters
- Tour at Bunn
- Chuck Davis

##### Site

- Sarah Petty Photography
- Bunn
- LRS

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