Center for Financial Success

VFTH

3/27/14

One thing we all have in common is the constant stream of people battling for our money.

But knowledge is power and WKU has a new service to help people gain financial freedom. Amy Bingham explains in this week’s View from the Hill.

The Center for Financial success was approved by WKU’s Board of Regents last summer. It offers students and faculty some extra help when it comes to balancing their budgets.

Andrew Head \ Dir., Center for Financial Success

Chantel Batton-Utley \ Senior, Gallatin, TN

Get ready college students, the real world and all it’s financial responsibilities isn’t that far away.

“You have houses to buy at some point in your life, you’ve got cars you want to buy.”

And it doesn’t take long to make some big financial mistakes.

“Without a solid understanding of the fundamentals here, they are setting themselves up for just a disaster.”

That’s where WKU’s Center for Financial Success comes in.

Director Andrew Head, who also teaches personal finance, oversees the Center which offers counseling, community outreach and professional development.

Senior Chantel Utley works as a desk clerk at Minton Hall. She has already taken advantage of the Center for Financial Success.

“They had a counselor and she directed me to an online program that they use that has been really helpful actually.”

With graduation approaching in December, Chantel was determined to get on a plan that would help maximize her dollars.

“It’s kind of like the money starts working for itself so now I’m able to use money I made last month just because I’m able to budget more.”

That’s what Head stresses in class, especially since students are getting closer to being out on their own with no more help from mom and dad.

“The worst time for financial problems is not while in college, a lot of times it is the first year or two out of college when they’re truly on their own financially.”

The Center for Financial Success is located on the third floor of Grise Hall. Service One Credit Union funds the student financial success counselor position.

With this week’s View from the Hill, I’m Amy Bingham.

###