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Emily Hester’s SFMC Presentation Reflection

 Ms. Emily Hester and her coworker, Katherine Smith, gave an excellent presentation on the benefits of the Student Financial Management Center (SFMC). They came to class and showed a PowerPoint on what the SFMC has to offer students at LSU. Ms. Hester also displayed what was available for students online by walking us through the SFMC website. The last part of her presentation involved a trip to the SFMC, which was located in the Olinde Career Center in the Union.

 The SFMC website is an excellent asset for LSU students that need help with their finances. The website contains multiple tips, tools, and worksheets that guide students to better management of their finances. I found the budgeting worksheet to be the most beneficial. A lot of college students attempt to keep a mental record of where their money goes, but putting this information on paper and noticing trends over time will allow a student to see where less/more money can be spent. I really had to dig deep to find a portion of the website I thought could be improved, but I did notice the information on credit was lacking. You can never have too much information on what goes into your credit score.

 The SFMC is top of the line. A lot of us, including myself, probably wish they had known about the availability of the SFMC when they had entered LSU as a freshman. On top of the SFMC, the Olinde Career Center as a whole can be incredibly valuable. The whole building is a one-stop shop for money managing and career help.

 I would absolutely suggest that Ms. Hester speaks again next semester. A lot of students at LSU are unaware of this astounding service LSU offers, and by having Ms. Hester as a guest speaker, awareness of the SFMC and the Olinde Career Center will spread.