

Financial Consequences

By far and away my favorite guest speaker, Gene Natali spoke to our class last Thursday about our financial choices and the consequences that are attached to them. We met for coffee beforehand and got to know him a little better. The first thing I noticed about Gene is that he has a charismatic personality. He embodies the concept of being an energy giver rather than an energy taker. He asked each person at the table to describe one good thing about Westminster and something else that the school could do a little better. When it was finally my turn it was very difficult for me to find something to say that hadn't already been taken. After pausing for a moment, I decided that one thing our WC education could do a better job of preparing us for is the real world. Gene echoed this sentiment and said he would cover that topic in depth in his presentation.

For as long as I can remember I have dreamed of buying a new car once I graduated from college. I've always known they are a bad investment but was still ready to sign on the dotted line. After listening to Gene I think it would be prudent to delay my purchase by at least a year and focus on paying off my loans.

Gene informed us that half of the baby boomers don't have enough money for retirement. This is shocking to me because my parents are that age and I've always associated that generation with having built up a lot of wealth. After all, they are the main age group criticizing the millennials for not having our act together.