



Dr. Frank Harber

2005-2008 Marilyn C. Link Endowed Teaching Chair in Financial Management

As a recipient of the 2005 Marilyn C. Link Endowed Teaching Chair in Financial Management, **Dr. Frank Harber** enhanced the Financial Management Institute by developing an interactive website that provides students and members of the community with all of the tools needed to manage their finances and prepare their own stock portfolios. The website provides links to up-to-date financial templates, online calculators and other financial resources.

As part of his chair, Dr. Harber partnered with the Housing Authority to offer potential first time home buyers a discussion-based seminar on home buying. He held several seminars at the IRSC Northwest Center with approximately 150 families in attendance. He covered topics including mortgages, understanding the importance of credit, working with lenders and what to expect in the process.

He also partnered with the Lifelong Learning Institute to offer a series of seminars on savings, investments, stock portfolios, retirement planning, and estate planning for lifelong learning members.

Under his leadership, students who attended the IRSC 2006 Summer Leadership program were enrolled in a personal finance class that covered areas of setting budgets, managing credit cards, establishing credit, the value of good credit and the stock market. A stock portfolio was established for each student so that they could learn how to do research on companies and make their own decisions on what types of companies to invest in and track their performance over the six week course.

He offered a personal finance class at IRSC covering topics such as family budgets, lowering interest rates on credit card debt, improving credit scores, and planning for retirement. He also worked with the Adult High School to add a section devoted to financial management and credit issues.