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**Mary Ann Hewitt Honored with Leadership Award from National Association of Economic Educators**  
*- Executive Director Recognized for Exhibiting Great Leadership in Economic Education -*

BALTIMORE, September 12, 2016 – The [Maryland Council on Economic Education](#) (MCEE), a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving economic and financial literacy in Maryland’s schools, today announced that its [executive director, Mary Ann Hewitt](#), has been honored with the 2016 John C. Schramm Leadership Award from the [National Association of Economic Educators](#) (NAEE).

[The John C. Schramm Leadership Award](#) recognizes an individual whose leadership has had an extraordinary, positive impact at both the state and national levels. In winning this Award, Hewitt was found to be an active leader in economic education at the state and national level, have a long-term commitment to quality economic education, successful involvement in the larger community in expanding the role of economic education (such as utilizing, financial commitments to support cooperative efforts on a continuing basis, classroom participation, and other economic education activities), and has established programs which increase both the quality and quantity of economic education and economic educators.

“Mary Ann is an effective leader who demonstrates her passion for education through her commitment and service to the state and national economic education councils and in our community,” said David E. Beck, chairman, board of trustees, Maryland Council on Economic Education and senior vice president and regional executive for the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Baltimore Branch. “She has brokered many partnerships to achieve consensus and improve support for economic and financial education initiatives over many years.”

Beginning her MCEE career in 1985 as a program consultant, Hewitt delivered economics workshops and programs to Maryland teachers and school systems. In 2003, she became the associate director of MCEE, and in 2005 she became its executive director.

Throughout her profession, Hewitt has served on the Maryland State Department of Education’s Content Coordinating team to oversee economics-related tasks on the Maryland Performance Assessment Program and was also appointed to the Maryland State Department of Education’s Financial Literacy Advisory Council. In 2011, she served on the Governor’s Financial Literacy Task Force and currently, Hewitt serves on the Academy of Finance Board in Howard County and chairs the program committee for the Council on Economic Education’s annual national conference.

“Over the years, Mary Ann has touched the lives of countless students, women leaders, and professional colleagues through her work as an educator, informed leader, and volunteer to the Women’s Fair and other volunteer financial counselling programs,” Beck continued. “Today, many of these students are adult professionals successfully managing their personal finances due to Mary Ann’s steadfast commitment and enthusiastic engagement and endorsement of economic education teaching and skills training.”

Hewitt will be honored with the John C. Schramm Leadership Award at the Council for Economic Education's [Financial Literacy and Economic Education Conference](#) in Phoenix, Arizona in October.

**About Maryland Council on Economic Education**

For over 60 years, the [Maryland Council on Economic Education](#) (MCEE) has worked to assure that Maryland's young people leave school equipped with the economic and financial literacy knowledge and decision-making skills they will need to make informed, rational decisions as consumers, workers, citizens, savers, investors, and participants in the global economy. MCEE is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and affiliate of the national [Council for Economic Education](#).