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## **Maryland Council on Economic Education Hosts M&T Bank Personal Finance Challenge Bowl**

- Middle and High School Students Compete to Demonstrate  
Financial Knowledge Learned in School –

TOWSON, MD, March 27, 2017 – Students from across Maryland will compete in the [M&T Bank Personal Finance Challenge Bowl](#) on April 4 at M&T Bank Stadium, testing their knowledge of financial topics and vying for cash prizes.

The [Maryland Council on Economic Education](#) (MCEE), a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving economic and financial literacy in the state’s schools grades K-16, is hosting the annual event, sponsored by [M&T Bank](#).

Optimal time for media to attend is 12:30 pm. – 1:30 p.m. when the visually-exciting high school quiz bowl will take place and middle and high school participants (including winners) will be available for interviews. Members of the media can [park in Lot D at M&T Bank Stadium](#).

Almost 200 students will compete in the event on Tuesday, April 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the club level of M&T Bank Stadium. MCEE created the Personal Finance Challenge as an opportunity for middle and high school students to demonstrate their personal finance knowledge on topics such as spending and credit, savings and investing, and income and money management in a competition with students from across the state. Augie Chiasera, president of M&T Bank’s Baltimore and Chesapeake regions, will address the students and attendees at approximately 12:30 p.m.

“M&T Bank presents the Personal Finance Challenge because we believe it’s a great way to encourage students to develop strong financial knowledge which will serve them well throughout their lives,” said Chiasera. “Knowledge of personal finance is critical for building a foundation for successful families, which in turn helps to build successful communities.”

The M&T Bank Personal Finance Challenge Bowl will begin with two rounds for middle school students and three rounds for high school students that will include short written quizzes on each topic. The two teams with the highest scores will continue to the Quiz Bowl round, in which students will use buzzers to answer questions focused on those same categories as well as questions on current events in the news.

Each student and teacher of the high school’s fourth place team will receive \$50, third place will receive \$75, second place will receive \$100, and first place will receive \$250. Each student and teacher of the middle school’s second place team will receive \$75 and each student and first place team will receive \$125. All cash prizes are sponsored by M&T Bank. Additionally, the high school first place team qualifies to go on to the national competition in Missouri.

Students competing in this year’s competition will be representing the following schools:

<b>High School</b>	<b>District</b>
Lansdowne High School	Baltimore

Mount Saint Joseph High School	Baltimore (independent)
Patterson High School	Baltimore City
Calvert High School	Calvert
Huntington High School	Calvert
Northern High School	Calvert
Patuxent High School	Calvert
Gerstell Academy	Carroll (independent)
Laplata High School	Charles
North Point High School	Charles
Thomas Stone High School	Charles
Edgewood High School	Harford
Harford Tech High School	Harford
North Harford High School	Harford
Applications & Research Lab	Howard
Centennial High School	Howard
Mount Hebron High School	Howard
Eleanor Roosevelt High School	Prince George's
Largo High School	Prince George's

<b><u>Middle School</u></b>	<b><u>District</u></b>
Arbutus Middle School	Baltimore
Sudlersville Middle School	Queen Anne's
Benjamin Tasker Middle School	Prince George's
Samuel Ogle Middle School	Prince George's

Click [HERE](#) for the Middle School M&T Bank Personal Finance Challenge Bowl Manual which includes details about how the competition works, practice tips and resources, a non-comprehensive list of content and vocabulary to help the teams prepare, sample questions, and more.

### **About Maryland Council on Economic Education**

For more than 60 years, the Maryland Council on Economic Education (MCEE) has worked to assure that Maryland's school children 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](#).

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