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Maryland Council on Economic Education Expands Board of Trustees

BALTIMORE, October 6, 2014 – The [Maryland Council on Economic Education](#) (MCEE), a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving economic and financial literacy in the state's schools grades K-12, today announced that Karen Gibbs, Adrian Johnson, Jeffrey Rosen, and Faith Wachter have been elected to the organization's governing board of trustees.

Veteran business television anchor and correspondent, Karen Gibbs is President and Founder of [The Gibbs Perspective](#), a company concerned with and dedicated to financial literacy and investor education. A noted speaker and moderator, Gibbs is now the financial expert for Maryland Public Television's *Smart Thinking About Your Money* campaign. Most recently Gibbs was a contributor to PBS' *Nightly Business Report* and a host for The MoneyShow.com Video Network. She spent five years as a senior business correspondent for FOX News Channel, contributing to and serving as substitute anchor on *Your World with Neil Cavuto* and *Cavuto on Business* where she also was a regular panelist. From 1992 to 1997, she was an anchor at CNBC. Gibbs earned her master's in finance and marketing from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business.

Adrian Johnson is Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for the [Municipal Employees Credit Union of Baltimore, Inc.](#) (MECU). He has been in the financial industry for 36 years and at MECU for 17 of those. He earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Baltimore and a master's from Loyola University in Maryland. In 2007, Johnson graduated from the Greater Baltimore Committee (GBC) Leadership Class. He was recently recognized by the Baltimore Business Journal as being one of eight top CFOs in the region for their contributions to their companies. He has received numerous awards for his volunteerism to the community including the Urban Financial Services Coalition (UFSC) International's Robert J. Samuels Award in June 2011 and the National Academy Foundation "Finance Professional of the Year Award" in June 2010.

Jeffrey Rosen is a Director at [RS&F, Chartered](#), a regional business consulting and accounting firm. He is a licensed Certified Public Accountant and Chartered Global Management Accountant. Rosen earned both his master's and bachelor's degrees from University of Maryland, College Park. Rosen is extremely involved in the community and has held leadership and committee positions with Comprehensive Housing Assistance, Inc. (CHAI), Towson University, the Association for Corporate Growth (Maryland Chapter), the Center Club, the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Woodholme Country Club, the Robert H. Smith School of Business, and The Associated: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore.

Faith Wachter is Director of Community Outreach Initiatives at [Maryland Public Television](#) (MPT) where she has been for almost 15 years. In this role, she is responsible for producing, promoting, and executing community engagement activities and partnerships that support on-air programming. Wachter leads MPT's financial literacy initiative, *Smart Thinking About Your Money*. She has served several terms as an advisor to the National Center for Outreach, and is currently on the Executive Committee for Community Engagement of the National Educational Telecommunications Association

and a Board member of the Mental Health Association of Maryland. Wachter graduated from Skidmore College and earned two master's degrees from Teachers College Columbia University.

"In order to make sure Maryland's school children leave high school equipped with solid economic and financial literacy knowledge we need a strong Board of Trustees who can all be advocates for our organization," said Mary Ann Hewitt, executive director of the Maryland Council of Economic Education. "Karen, Adrian, Jeff, and Faith all bring personal passion for what we do. Research shows that students perform better under the guidance of teachers trained to use specific materials and programs. MCEE provides that training and we rely on our board members to be ambassadors for this important cause. These four dedicated professionals are joining us at the beginning of what will surely be another successful school year for us."

About Maryland Council on Economic Education

For over 60 years, the Maryland Council on Economic Education (MCEE) has worked to assure that Maryland's school children leave high 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.

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