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**Maryland Council on Economic Education Celebrates  
30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Stock Market Game™ and  
Announces Maryland Fall 2015 Winners from Talbot and Worcester Counties**  
*-- 8 students win out of 2,797 participants, grades 4-12 --*

BALTIMORE, March 7, 2016 – 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 the winning elementary, middle, and high school teams of the Fall 2015 [Stock Market Game™](#) (SMG). 2016 is the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of MCEE bringing the SMG into Maryland schools.

MCEE has been offering the SMG to Maryland teachers and students since 1985. In the first year there were 26 teams. In 2015, 810 teams participated in the fall for a total of 2,797 students. MCEE will celebrate the SMG’s 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Maryland schools on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at its Annual Awards Luncheon.

The SMG is an educational simulation that teaches about the stock market, the American economic system, and the global economy. Done through personal computers at school and supervised by a teacher trained by MCEE, SMG participants develop skills in mathematics, language arts, research, and critical thinking, while building and maintaining a stock portfolio.

“We’re not teaching the students how to make money in 10 weeks, but rather how to become smart, lifelong investors,” said [Dr. Allen Cox](#), MCEE’s Stock Market Game™ coordinator. “The Stock Market Game™ plants the seed for students to figure out there’s a whole world out there and how it affects their portfolio – because it really does. This simulation is not about making or losing money but about thinking critically about the transactions the teams choose to make and being able to explain and support their choices. To be bringing this incredible program into Maryland schools for 30 years is a tremendous accomplishment and we look forward to the next 30!”

Participants in grades 4-12 register for a fall, spring, or year-long session, and are taught grade-level lessons on investing. Classes are divided into teams of three to six students who research industries and the companies within those industries in order to make sound investments. Then each team is given a virtual \$100,000 to invest in common stocks. The fall and spring games last 10 weeks each and the year-long teams participate in both sessions. During this time the team works together to manage their portfolio and create a successful investment management strategy.

The first place state winners of the Fall 2015 Stock Market Game™ are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Elementary School: [Easton Elementary – Moton](#)  
Advisor: Karen Davis  
County: [Talbot](#)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Middle School: [Easton Middle](#)  
Advisor: Ed Keeler  
County: [Talbot](#)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place High School: [Stephen Decatur High](#)  
Advisor: Kurt Marx  
County: [Worcester](#)

### **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 and affiliate of the national [Council For Economic Education](#).

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