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### **Maryland Council on Economic Education Announces Winners from the M&T Bank Personal Finance Challenge Bowl**

TOWSON, MD, April 5, 2017 – Students from across Maryland competed in the [M&T Bank Personal Finance Challenge Bowl](#) on April 4 at M&T Bank Stadium. 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, hosted the annual event, sponsored by [M&T Bank](#). Almost 200 students competed in the event and were able to demonstrate their knowledge of financial topics while they competed for cash prizes.

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, addressed both the students and the attendees at the event.

The M&T Bank Personal Finance Challenge Bowl began with two rounds for middle school students and three rounds for high school students which included short written quizzes on each topic. Four high school teams and two middle school teams received the highest scores and were able to continue to the Quiz Bowl round, in which students buzzed in to answer additional financial questions as well as questions on current events in the news.

Each student and teacher of the high school's fourth place team received \$50, third place received \$75, second place received \$100, and first place received \$250. Each student and teacher of the middle school's second place team received \$75 and first place received \$125. All cash prizes were sponsored by M&T Bank. Additionally, AOF 1 from Applications & Research Lab, the first-place high school team, has qualified to go on to the national competition in Missouri.

The prize winning high school teams of MCEE's M&T Bank Personal Finance Challenge Bowl finished as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place High School: AOF 1, Applications & Research Lab  
Kai Archuleta  
Alex Larsson  
Graham Schuckman  
Jonathan Taylor  
**Advisor:** Maddy Halbach  
**County:** Howard
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place High School: Boardwalk Emperor\$, LaPlata High  
James Hume  
Douglas Kalmus

Zachary Kozel  
Kinsley Tyler  
**Advisor:** Nicole Deavers  
**County:** Charles County

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place High School: MSJ Bloombergs, Mount Saint Joseph High School  
Luke Alli  
Nick Palacorolla  
Trent Rabor  
Jordan Woo  
**Advisor:** Julius Prezelski  
**County:** Baltimore
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place High School: Millionaires Club 1, Mt Hebron High  
Luke DeCray  
Nick Gordon  
Matthew Michaels  
Hersh Shah  
**Advisor:** Bernadette Bechta  
**County:** Howard

The prize winning middle school teams of MCEE's M&T Bank Personal Finance Challenge Bowl finished as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Middle School: Arbutus Bulls, Arbutus Middle School  
Lilli Hassaneen  
Justin Maddox  
Ray Sutton  
Jacob Wallman  
**Advisor:** Mike Martin  
**County:** Baltimore
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Middle School: SMS Thunderbirds 2, Sudlersville Middle School  
Maddie Blouch  
Nathan Olah  
Hugh Lesniowski  
Andrew Williams  
**Advisor:** David Wilson  
**County:** Queen Anne's County