

# MCEE to honor Easton students at luncheon

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**EASTON** — The Maryland Council on Economic Education (MCEE) will be honoring teachers and students from Easton Middle School and Easton Elementary School on Wednesday, May 18, at its annual awards luncheon for excelling in financial literacy competitions and teaching.

The MCEE is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving economic and financial literacy in the state's schools.

The luncheon is honoring the students who won the Stock Market Game, Economic and Personal Finance Challenge, InvestWrite and



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Edward Keeler stands with a few of his winners who earned first place for the Stock Market Game and will be awarded at the MCEE annual awards luncheon on Wednesday, May 18.

Economic and Personal Finance Concepts Poster Contest.

Scott Burger, president at Pandora Jewelry will be the guest speaker at the event

and will be talking to the students, parents, teachers and MCEE guests and supporters about his career path and how he sees the effect our global economies have

on each other. Edward Keeler, a social studies teacher at Easton Middle School, and his students won first place for the fall session and spring ses-

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students participating in the game. He said his fall winners looked at shipping and they won the game with investing in Amazon. The spring winners were responsible for looking at gas and oil, they saw the stock of Tesla Motors was going down and bought it in the spring when it was low. The company ended up making \$20,000 in two weeks.

"About 300,000 people put down deposits on electric cars that they hadn't even

seen yet," Keeler said.

A group advised by Karen Davis of Easton Elementary School Moton also won first place in the fall session and a student of Easton Middle School was one of 17 winners of the Economic and Personal Finance Concepts Poster Contest.

The poster contest was developed to help teachers stimulate interest in learning basic economic and personal finance concepts by giving students an opportunity to creatively demonstrate their understanding of critical concepts. The winning images are combined to

create a yearly wall calendar.

"It's about timing, when you buy the stock," Keeler said. "Even when it drops, they bought it at the right time."

The luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and is taking place at the West Village Commons at Towson University.

The other winners of the Stock Market Game fall session were from Stephen Decatur High School who also won for the spring session. A group from Meadowdale Elementary School also won first place for the spring session.

sion of the Stock Market Game.

The Stock Market Game is an educational simulation for grades 4-12 that teaches about the stock market and the American economic system. Each team is given a virtual \$100,000 to invest in common stock, mutual funds, and bonds. Over the ten-week simulation the team works together to manage their portfolio and create a successful investment management strategy. "Students learn about capitalism and the markets and I teach them about investing and saving," Keeler said. Keeler had a group of 11

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