



January, 2024 Newsletter

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! The turn of the calendar is an especially good time to think, talk, and teach about personal finance. Studies show that improving finances is one of the most common New Year's resolutions, and with recent holiday expenses, what better time to talk with young people about money?

This month (and, really, all year long!), we'll be guiding educators on how to have these discussions with students. I hope you'll join us! Register for our educational programs coming up. Invite teachers to share these powerful student experiences. And consider ways you can incorporate intentional, finance-focused education into your interactions with students.

There's a lot to look forward to from MCEE this year. From our annual Educator Summit (see below for how you can register and participate!) to our impactful student programs like the Stock Market Game™ ([registration](#) for the Spring game is still open!), we're offering our always-popular and some new programs that will make teaching and learning about personal finance relatable and memorable

Read on for the many ways to get involved, get learning, and get the word out about this important work.

Best,
Julie Weaver
MCEE Executive Director

**Swing for the (Financial) Fences! Register for
MCEE's *The Economics of Sports!***



Spending evenings at Camden Yards is the norm for Marylanders, but not like this! On Saturday, February 24, join fellow educators at the ballpark for *The Economics of Sports*, a day-long professional development experience for educators of all grade levels and subjects, coordinated by MCEE.

Attendees will explore creative ideas for engaging students in economics through the lens of sports - from exploring the globalization of sports and considering the economic value of high-priced youth sports to using sports as a tool for teaching concepts like comparative advantage.

Spots on the event wait list spots are available for this popular event. *The Economics of Sports* is sponsored by The Kazanjian Foundation and APG Federal Credit Union. [Learn more and reserve your spot on the waitlist by February 14, here.](#) If you aren't able to join us this time, stay tuned as we hope to offer this innovative program again in the fall!

MCEE In the News



MCEE has been prominently featured in news outlets in the last month, where we were able to share our perspectives and highlight celebrations of personal finance and economics education.

In early January, our Executive Director, Julie Weaver, was interviewed on Fox Baltimore (pictured above) about why the beginning of the new year is the perfect time to talk about personal finance

and economics with kids at home. Julie also shared tips on how to introduce children to money-related topics. Check out the interview [here](#).

MCEE's 70th Anniversary Celebration this past Fall was featured in The Maryland Daily Record. See the photos from a fun, festive event with partners, leaders and supporters, [here](#).

Apply to Present a Session at our Annual Summit!

Do you have a unique experience or perspective on teaching personal finance and economics? Has your classroom approach engaged and inspired students - and might inspire or help fellow educators in their classrooms? Does your organization have a topic to share that would be beneficial to Maryland teachers?

Then we'd love for you to submit a presentation program for the [2024 Financial and Economic Educator Summit](#), June 25, 2024 at the Hotel at Arundel Preserve in Hanover! Share your insight and knowledge with hundreds of fellow educators who are interested in enhancing their financial teaching practice.

All educators and partner organizations working in schools or finance are encouraged to submit a proposal to present at the Summit. Applications are due on Wednesday, January 31.

[Click here for details](#)

Honor Fellow Financial Educators & Partners

Nominations for the Financial Education & Capability Awards are open! Now in their 11th year, these prestigious awards honor educators, individuals and organizations that are leaders in financial education. Awards are given to exemplary elementary, middle and high school teachers, a community champion for adult education, and an outstanding organization serving adults. Let's lift up and celebrate those making a difference in the lives of Maryland students and communities!

The deadline for nominations is January 31. For awards criteria, click [here](#). To learn more about the awards, learn about last year's winners, and make a nomination for this year's award, click [here](#).

Upcoming Events and Programs

[Find our full calendar here](#)



- **January 16, 24 and 29: Stock Market Game™ Introduction:** Teachers, get the lowdown on this fun and educational program for students. Explore its benefits, access related lesson plans, and learn tips to bring this program to the classroom. [Details](#).
- **Tuesday, January 23: Famous Black Economic Entrepreneurs:** Get insight on how to use this new resource - a set of informative flashcards - that highlights Black entrepreneurs in the classroom - a great classroom activity for Black History Month! [Register here](#).
- **Tuesday, January 30: Personal Finance Challenge and Economics Challenge Introductions:** Learn the ins-and-outs of these student competitions while exploring ways to leverage the experience for student learning. [Personal Finance Challenge registration](#). [Economics Challenge registration](#).

Celebrating 70 Years of Impact



MCEE's 70th anniversary celebration continues!

MCEE Historical Fact of the Month: In the 1980s, MCEE had partnerships with eight Maryland school districts! These partnerships set the groundwork for the ongoing support we provide school leaders today, including classroom resources, lesson plans, student competitions and curriculum design.

70 Years in Photos: This photo is from 1989 - MCEE's Stock Market Game Coordinator and Instructor, Dr. Allen Cox, then a teacher at High Point High School in Prince George's County, works with students during the Stock Market Game™.



[Learn more about MCEE's 70th anniversary, here](#)

Educator Resource of the Month

MCEE's introduction of educational resources continues with our Famous Black Economic Entrepreneur flashcards - very useful in class for Black History Month (and all year round)! Check them (and other Black History Month resources) out [here](#), and join us on January 23 for a virtual session on how to make the most of them in class.

Sponsor In Focus: M&T Bank

Partners are a core reason why MCEE is able to reach more than 2,000 educators and 200,000 students across Maryland a year with personal finance-focused learning experiences. M&T Bank is a perfect example of the perfect partner for MCEE.

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