



November 2023 Newsletter

Dear Friends,

I'm feeling thankful.

As we all look forward to Thanksgiving and the holiday season, I'm thinking of the students, educators, partners and supporters who make MCEE's work possible. If you're reading this, you're one of them. You understand how personal finance and economics education gives young people the tools and information they need to lead financially successful lives and make sound financial decisions.

Throughout our 70th anniversary celebration this year, we're looking back at seven decades of impactful programs and experiences for Maryland's educators and students. As we do, one thing is clear: our programs have reached all corners of the state. This impact was on full display in late October, when supporters, community leaders and partners from across Maryland joined us for our 70th anniversary celebration. (Read more about this wonderful night below.)

And as we look ahead, we're excited for the learning that's right around the corner - from the Stock Market Game in schools to curated personal finance lessons for educators of all subjects - and the return of our Girls in Finance event where young women will meet and learn from female professionals and role models.

The work continues, and our impact grows - all thanks to your attention, interest, word-spreading, and support.

Sincerely,

Julie Weaver

MCEE Executive Director

Friends and Supporters Celebrate MCEE's 70th Anniversary

On a beautiful Wednesday evening in late October, dozens of our partners, supporters, and educators gathered at our home, Towson University, to celebrate MCEE's 70th anniversary. Attendees enjoyed delicious food and drink, engaging conversation, and the inspiring perspectives from leaders and community members on why personal finance and economics education is so important for young people. Oscar Pena from Parkdale High School in Prince George's County shared how personal finance education motivates students and prepares them for their futures, and Archana Ponnada from Marriotts Ridge High School in Howard County shared her experience as a member of the Maryland state championship team in the Personal Finance Challenge.

We were honored to be joined by loyal supporters, including Maryland Comptroller Brooke Lierman, State Senator Kathy Klausmeier, Maryland State Treasurer Dereck Davis, and Baltimore County Councilman David Marks. MCEE felt the support and appreciation that evening. Check out some photos of the event.



MCEE Historical Fact of the Month: MCEE launched the Stock Market Game in Maryland in 1986 - 37 years ago! In the last eight years alone, more than 30,000 student teams from Maryland have competed in this robust challenge to invest an imaginary \$100,000 portfolio. (Last year, one team grew their holdings to \$217,000!)

70 Years in Photos: This photos of a teacher field trip remind us of MCEE's impact on three generations of educators and students. Learn more about MCEE's 70th anniversary, [here](#).



Support MCEE this Giving Tuesday

Your commitment to personal finance and economics education in Maryland is what makes our work possible. This Giving Tuesday on November 28, your support of MCEE will enable our continued expansion of this transformational learning in Maryland.

[Donate today by clicking here](#)

Upcoming Events and Programs



- **Wednesday, 11/15:** Personal Finance Challenge for Returning Teachers: Are you guiding students through the Personal Finance Challenge for another year? This webinar will help you prepare, review past performance, and learn the latest teaching strategies to leverage this competition. [Details](#)
 - **Wednesday, 11/29:** Intro to Personal Finance Challenge: Educators interested in guiding students through the Personal Finance Challenge should attend this webinar to learn the ins and outs of this engaging, educational competition as well as about available supportive resources. [Details](#).
 - **Thursday 11/30:** Personal Finance Speaker Webinar Series: Insurance Basics with State Farm: A discussion of the reason for insurance to manage risk and the various types of insurance that most families need. Learn more [here](#).
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MCEE Receives Two Grants to Support Programs



MCEE recently received generous grant funding to help ensure our engaging, impactful programs continue to reach thousands of educators and hundreds of thousands of students a year!

Paypal awarded MCEE a \$10,000 [Paypal Community Impact Grant](#). MCEE was one of 30 nonprofits across the nation that Paypal employees selected based on alignment with the company's mission.

Greenspring Advisors, a Towson-based wealth management and financial planning firm, made a \$12,000 grant to MCEE through its [Greenspring Grant Program](#). Said Greenspring Grant Committee 2023 Chairperson, Max Herbkersman, "We're proud to support the work of Maryland Council on Economic Education as they inform and inspire real advancement in our communities. MCEE serves as a vital catalyst for community development and change."

Thank you to Greenspring Advisors and Paypal for your support!

NEW: Educator Resource of the Month

MCEE's tradition of providing educational resources in this newsletter that introduces personal finance and economics concepts continues this month with Personal Finance One Pagers!

For educators and families looking to teach students in grades K-5 about personal finance, this extensive set of one-pager handouts from the Council for Economic Education offers fun and educational activities and lessons. Students may complete a nickel maze, count the coins in a piggy bank, add up loose change, or learn the difference between goods or services!

[Find it here](#)

Sponsor In Focus: Towson University

Every month, MCEE highlights partners and sponsors who help make our work possible. This month, we're highlighting a steadfast partner: Towson University. Read how Dr. Judy Harris, Associate Dean of the College of Business and Economics at Towson explains the value of our partnership, how our work aligns with the university's mission, and how together, we're benefiting Maryland's students.

[Learn more about Towson's support here](#)
