



October 2022 Newsletter

Teaching Dollars and \$ense

Dear Friends,

October is Economic Education Month - a time to acknowledge the importance of providing students with the skills they need to become successful, knowledgeable consumers, eager savers, and smart decision-makers. It's a time to consider how we, as educators, parents, and advocates can infuse economic lessons in their daily actions. And it's a time to explore the many resources available - including those from MCEE - to help make economic education easy, engaging and fun!

MCEE has been busy this month. Governor Hogan's proclamation recognizing October as Economics Education Month was only the beginning of a series of workshops, forums and events that recognized the importance of financial education, including a roundtable with Delegate Brooke Lierman, Delegate Ben Brooks, and community members. As we do all year, we made sure that educators had unique and relevant [resources](#) to support them as they support their students.

And on October 28, I'll be joining the Maryland Bankers' Association [podcast "MBA Today"](#) to talk about economic education. I hope you'll listen.

As a community, we have a responsibility to give students the insights they need to make the best financial decisions for themselves. This education and our work is only possible

through your support. To our partners, sponsors and supporters: thank you for your ongoing commitment to Maryland's students.

My best,
Julie Weaver
MCEE Executive Director

October Programs Enhance Economics Education



Two recent MCEE events brought leaders, educators and community members together around a common belief: economic education is a critical component of student learning and a foundation for smart and successful personal finance.

Council For Economic Education National Conference: Late last month, MCEE and more than 50 Maryland educators connected with educators and organizations from around the country, sharing ideas and exploring resources and workshops to improve economic education for students. As the premier event for K-12 personal finance and economics educators, we're grateful for our supporters' help in sponsoring teachers' attendance! To kick things off, we treated Maryland educators to a night out to learn more about their students and share ideas.

Evening at the Fed: Our annual Evening with the Fed program on October 13 welcomed Maryland educators to the Federal Reserve Bank of Baltimore in partnership with the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. This year's event focused on teaching students about economic concepts found in the news. Participants were treated to dinner, networking, a

presentation by Federal Reserve economist Adam Scavette, and a review of resources by the Federal Reserve Bank education team and MCEE.

Upcoming Educator Programs and Events



Don't miss MCEE's upcoming webinars, events and resources - every week, all Fall long! Find the full calendar [here](#).

- **October 27:** [Update on Maryland Economy](#): Hear Towson University Vice President and noted regional economist, Dr. Daraius Irani, share thoughts on the state of Maryland's economy. Register [here](#).
- The lessons from Economic Education Month are useful beyond October! Explore our [resource calendar](#) of activities and lesson plans that help share economic concepts with your students.
- **November 7, 14, 28:** [Stock Market Game Monday Webinars](#): Are you guiding students in the Stock Market Game? Join us to explore how to enhance your instruction with activities that spur student engagement
- **November 15:** [Maryland Economics Challenge Info Session](#): Learn about this opportunity for high school students to test their economics knowledge against teams from all over Maryland. MCEE sponsors substantial prizes for the top performing teams and teachers. Our state champion team will be invited to the National Economics Challenge competition.
- **Coming soon:** [Maryland Financial Education and Capability Awards](#): These awards honor public school educators, community champions and organizations committed to delivering high quality financial education. Nominations open soon.

Upcoming Student Programs

These programs are now available to students - along with supporting classroom resources for teachers:

- **Finance Lab Field Trips:** Attention teachers of classes participating in the Stock Market Game: schedule a FREE field trip with us to the Towson University Finance Lab, featuring stock tickers, trading monitors and engaging lessons from MCEE and University experts! [Check it out here.](#)
- **Stock Market Game:** The Fall and full-year Stock Market Games have launched, but it's not too late for teachers to register classes! And the Spring Stock Market Game launches on February 13. [Click here](#) for more information. Plus, the related Investwrite Essay Competition prompt is now available, with submissions due December 5! [Learn more here.](#)
- **Student Team Sign Ups:** student teams are now being formed and prepared for the Personal Finance Challenge and the Economic Challenge. To get involved, find resources on starting a team and participating in these valuable programs, click [here for the Economic Challenge](#), and [here for the Personal Finance Challenge](#).

Educator Spotlight: Julius Prezelski, independent school teacher, builds interest in personal finance



Julius Prezelski, personal finance teacher at Mt. Saint Joseph's High School, is a tireless proponent of economics and personal finance education. By focusing on real-world financial considerations, including current events, and leveraging MCEE resources, Mr. Prezelski has developed a personal finance curriculum that creates high demand for his classes.

[Read his story here](#)

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Thank You Shohreh Kaynama

Shohreh Kaynama, Dean of the College of Business and Economics at Towson University, has long been a steadfast ally and supporter of MCEE. As she retires, we wish her the best and thank her for her belief in the power of economics education. MCEE's strong relationship with Towson University is a result of her inspiration and endorsement of our work, and will continue to grow. Thank you, Dean Kaynama!