



## *September 2023 Newsletter*

Dear friends,

And...we're off! Across Maryland, students and educators have returned to school. As the school year launches, MCEE is there to ensure they creatively and effectively incorporate personal finance and economics education into their planning, teaching and learning.

That's what we've been doing for years - 70 years, to be exact! This year, MCEE is celebrating its 70th anniversary - seven decades of workshops, resources, programs and events that support Maryland educators and their students. See below for a look at how we're celebrating, where we've been, and where we're headed.

Speaking of where we've been, this past summer we connected with hundreds of Maryland teachers and school leaders. We delivered informative professional development sessions and a thought-provoking annual Summit, and worked closely with school districts in planning their curriculum. And with a new school year comes new resources: we'll now be including a "resource of the month" in our newsletter to encourage personal finance and economics education.

Here's to a great start to the school year!

Best,

Julie Weaver

MCEE Executive Director

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**Celebrating 70 Years**



Thousands of students...hundreds of workshops...piles of resources for educators...and learning that will last a lifetime. It's MCEE's 70th anniversary!

Founded in 1953, MCEE's mission is the same today as it was then: to assure that Maryland's school children leave high school equipped with the economic and financial literacy knowledge and decision-making skills they need to make informed, rational decisions as consumers, workers, citizens, savers, investors and participants in the global economy.

This year, we'll be celebrating our 70th with events, compelling stories about our impact, innovative new resources, and a fun dive into our archives! [Click here](#) for more on our anniversary and history.

Take a look below at a photo of our first ever workshop, in 1954!



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## A Summer of Learning



School may have been out of session, but Maryland educators' thirst for knowledge remained high. Hundreds of teachers, department heads and school leaders came together at our annual [Financial and Economic Educator Summit](#) for in-depth discussions, interactive workshops, and detailed planning sessions to enhance their teaching. As one attendee summed up, “this was one of the single most beneficial days of professional development.” Thanks to all who joined us!

MCEE also hit the road, delivering professional development experiences in Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, and Montgomery Counties. The range of relevant topics included globalization, monetary policy, incorporating personal finance education into math class, and facilitating the Stock Market Game™ for students. Interested in a professional development session for your team or looking for some external input into your curriculum or course planning? We're here to help. Get in touch at [mcee@towson.edu](mailto:mcee@towson.edu).

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## Upcoming Events and Programs



- **TODAY, 9/7:** FAFSA Simplification: What Teachers/Parents Need to Know - this free webinar will guide attendees on changes to FAFSA in the coming year. [More.](#)
- **Monday, 9/11:** Intro to Stock Market Game™ - for educators new to the Stock Market Game™, join this free webinar to learn everything you need to make your students' participation a meaningful success! [Details.](#)
- **Wednesday, 9/13:** Stock Market Game™; Conducting Research - educators, learn strategies for stock research to support students in the Stock Market Game. [More here.](#)

- **Tuesday, 9/26:** Personal Finance Challenge 101 - this one-hour webinar dives deep into everything educators need to know about having their students compete in the Personal Finance Challenge. [Register here](#).
- **All of October:** Economic Education Month! Get ready for MCEE's celebration, with resources, competitions, and activities. Details to come!

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## **Enter the MCEE Economics Education Month Educator Video Competition!**

Attention Maryland K-12 teachers! To celebrate Economics Education Month in October, we're launching a video competition with a **\$1,000 prize!**

We're inviting all teachers to submit creative, 30-second videos that answer the question, "How can exposure to economics and economic decision-making benefit students?"

As you create your video, think about a time where you used economics in a lesson or as a lesson and you saw how it resonated with your students! All entries are due on Monday, October 16 and should be emailed to [mcee@towson.edu](mailto:mcee@towson.edu). [Click here for official rules](#). Join us in celebrating economics education!

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## **NEW: Educator Resource of the Month**

All year long, MCEE creates and curates informative and practical resources that introduce personal finance and economics concepts to students in engaging ways. Now, we'll be including resources in our newsletter, giving you a look at how we connect economics and personal finance education to classroom learning and real-world interest.

What's of interest right now? Barbie! We recently reviewed a new lesson created by the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis that has great application in teaching economics (labor markets) and history (evolution of women in the labor force) for Social Studies educators. It also is a great lesson on career opportunities for our Career and Technical Education (CTE) and Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) educators.

[Find it here](#)

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## **Educator Spotlight: Kevin Cromer is infusing personal finance into AVID (college and career readiness) classes**



Kevin Cromer, a teacher at Benjamin Tasker Middle School in Prince George's County, began one of his lessons with a look at the news. He scrolled online through stories until he saw one about student loan forgiveness. That was the impetus for mock-debates and discussions with his students about loans.

The learning progression for students was simple and natural, and that made it impactful. [Continue reading here.](#)

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### **Sponsor In Focus: McCormick & Company**

In 1954, MCEE offered its first-ever workshop, guiding 60 Maryland educators to incorporate personal finance into their lessons with students. Like today, that work was only possible because of the support from generous community partners who cared about our mission and our communities. And like today, McCormick & Company was there in 1954 - supporting MCEE and changing education for Maryland's children.

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