



December, 2024 Newsletter

Dear Friends,

Happy Holidays! I hope your coming weeks are filled with celebration and the joy of family and friends. This season is a wonderful chance to relax, recharge, and reflect on the past year and what we'd like to achieve in the weeks and months ahead. For MCEE, what better time to release our FY24 Annual Report! Read on for more about this in-depth look at our impact on hundreds of thousands of educators and students last year.

MCEE is as busy as ever this season. We're deep into the planning process for student programs (see below for info on deadlines!) and educator professional development experiences this coming Spring. Educators - mark your calendars for MCEE's Annual Financial and Economic Educators Summit on Tuesday, June 24, 2025.

And as always, we're sharing ideas, tips, and insights on personal finance and economics education for students, educators, and recently, families! Last month, I wrote a story for Frederick's Child and Baltimore's Child magazines, with tips for how parents can incorporate financial concepts at home. As you'll see in the article, the options are endless and the potential is great. [Read it here.](#)

Need a tip for how to bring personal finance into the classroom in the meantime? Check out our resource of the month - Monday Morning Economist, a great resource for contemporary discussion topics with students. [Check out this recent, timely article](#) exploring the movie Wicked and the lessons it teaches about the economic concept of peer effects.

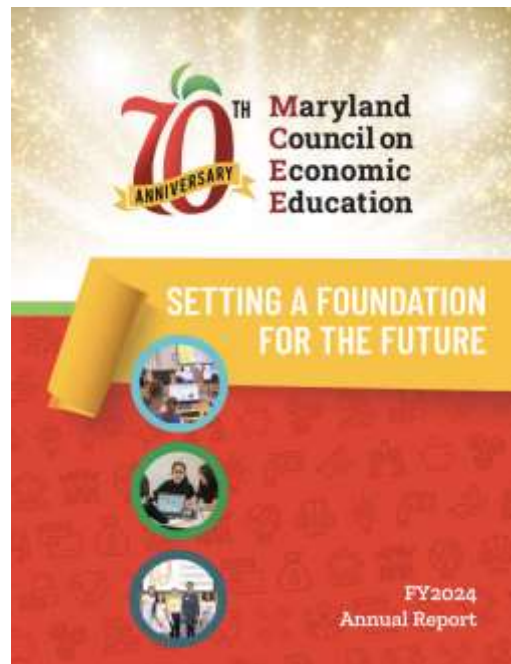
Wishing you a warm and meaningful month!

Best,

Julie Weaver

MCEE Executive Director

Introducing the MCEE Annual Report



We're proud to share the Maryland Council on Economic Education FY24 Annual Report, filled with noteworthy results of our work in the past year. This report is a celebration of significant milestones, exciting progress in personal finance and economics education, and our ongoing commitment to preparing students for a successful future.

You'll find stories of students thriving in MCEE programs in the classroom, in extracurricular clubs, and in national competitions. You'll see a recap of our 70th anniversary celebration and an introduction to our new logo. And you'll discover how MCEE reaches students across Maryland with inspiring and innovative programs.

[Click here to read our FY24 Annual Report](#)

Teachers: Share your expertise at the Financial and Economic Educator Summit



Do you have a teaching technique, activity, perspective or insight that's been especially successful - and is worth sharing with fellow Maryland educators? Apply to lead a session at [MCEE's Financial and Economic Educator Summit](#), Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at The Hotel at Arundel Mills in Hanover, MD!

Applications are now open for teachers interested in guiding presentations, workshops and collaborative group sessions at the Summit. Share your ideas with hundreds of fellow teachers and educational leaders.

Applications for sessions are due on Friday, January 31. [Click here](#) to learn more and submit your proposal.

MCEE Teams Up With the Maryland Council of Social Studies



We're excited to announce a new partnership between MCEE and the Maryland Council of Social Studies! MCEE will collaborate with MDCSS on programs and events to promote economic education and social studies in Maryland classrooms.

Educators will now have access to more events throughout the year, more best-practice-based information that they can use, and dedicated learning tracks for personal finance and economics learning at MCEE's annual Summit and MDCSS' annual conference.

Learn more about MDCSS [here](#), and read below for a look at our first collaborative event.

Join us January 11: Using Economics and Finance to Teach Social Studies

MCEE and MDCSS' first collaborative event for educators is coming up next month! Teachers, join us on Saturday, January 11 from 9am-3pm for the *Teaching the 6-7th Grade Social Studies Frameworks* virtual conference.

Attendees will hear from experts and explore ways to boost geographic thinking, combat erasure through archaeological stewardship, and use data and literature to teach economics. This program is sponsored by MCEE, MDCSS, and the Geographic Alliance.

[Learn more and register here](#)

Honoring Financial Educators: Capability Award Nominations Now Open



Celebrate the people doing incredible work in financial education! Nominations for the 12th Annual Financial Education & Capability Awards are now open. These prestigious awards lift up the amazing educators, individuals and organizations whose work makes them leaders in financial education. Awards honor exemplary elementary, middle, and high school teachers, a community champion for adult education, and an outstanding organization serving adults.

Any Maryland teacher doing outstanding work sharing financial concepts with students is eligible, no matter the subject. Winners receive a \$1,000 prize as well as a celebration event with the Maryland General Assembly. The deadline for nomination is January 31, 2025.

[Learn more and nominate here](#)

Upcoming Educator Programs and Events



[Find our full calendar here](#)

- **December 16-20: Personal Finance Challenge - Testing Session 1:** Teachers, get your teams ready! The first testing window for the Personal Finance Challenge is coming up. Registered teams of students will complete the online portion of this engaging program. Learn more and register (there's still time for Fall or Spring sessions!) [here](#).
- **Friday, December 20: Investwrite Fall Deadline:** The deadline for this popular essay competition challenging students to reflect on their experience in the Stock Market Game is right around the corner! It's also not too early to register for spring Investwrite - students who participated in the Fall Stock Market Game can still register for the spring competition. Learn more, submit student essays, and register for spring, [here](#).
- **Tuesday, January 7: Getting Started with the Stock Market Game Intro:** Interested in bringing the Stock Market Game to your students? Learn how to get started and incorporate this engaging program into your teaching. [More](#).

Educators! If you have an engaging topic you'd like to share or learn more about in the future, let us know.

Educator Spotlight: Jeeva Ashok



Picture this: a significant financial decision looms in an area in which you have no experience. You're uncertain on how to navigate it successfully, and you're struggling to figure out how to approach the problem.

Now imagine another scenario: the same challenge approaches, but you remember navigating a similar problem in high school. You worked through case studies and explored options using trial and error. Now, you're feeling prepared, unfazed, and ready for the moment.

That scenario is reality for tens of thousands of high school students in Prince George's County Public Schools, which now requires a course in personal finance for all high school students - giving them the chance to learn from financial decision-making challenges before adulthood. And Jeeva Ashok, a personal finance teacher at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, is using hands-on learning experiences, and robust support from MCEE, to help her students make the most of it.

[Read more here](#)

Support MCEE

From like-minded organizations to individuals who prioritize personal finance and economic education, our supporters' generosity and commitment makes our work possible. Our thanks extends to them and far beyond, to each and every one of you!





Your interest in making sure that students across Maryland have meaningful financial education ensures that they have the tools they need to make sound decisions and achieve their goals. Your end-of-year contribution to MCEE makes that education possible. If you feel that financial education is important or you, your family, students, or employees have directly benefited, please consider giving.

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OUR IMPACT

2023-2024

 118 Workshops Delivered	 2,250 Teachers Served	 8,916 Teachers Served in the Last 5 Years	 206,796 Students Reached
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