



October, 2024 Newsletter

Dear friends,

Happy Economic Education Month! October is the perfect time to help your students and communities learn about and celebrate personal finance and economics education.

I know, I know - I say that every month! No matter the time of year, there are timely ways to teach this important content. For example, with Halloween approaching next week, we can introduce children to the economics of candy or costume sales, and how holidays and seasons can impact companies. For more timely learning resources, see our Educator Resource of the Month, below.

MCEE is entering the fall season with lots to look forward to. Next week, we're welcoming financial-education-focused friends to SECU's offices in Linthicum for the [Before The Bell Breakfast](#), where speakers will share insights about what to expect for youth financial education in Maryland. I hope you'll join us! Student programs like the Stock Market Game are underway (it's not too late to register teams [here](#)). And we're out and about, all over the state presenting helpful ideas and approaches for educators at conferences and classrooms - read on for more.

Our work - be it in the classroom with students or in collaborative workshops with educators - is only possible through your support and the commitment of our partners. One of those dedicated partners is Greenspring Advisors, who recently awarded MCEE a \$10,000 grant to help our programs reach as many Maryland students as possible. To Greenspring and to all of our contributors, thank you.

Sincerely,

Julie Weaver

MCEE Executive Director

MCEE Named “Council of the Year” By Council on Economic Education

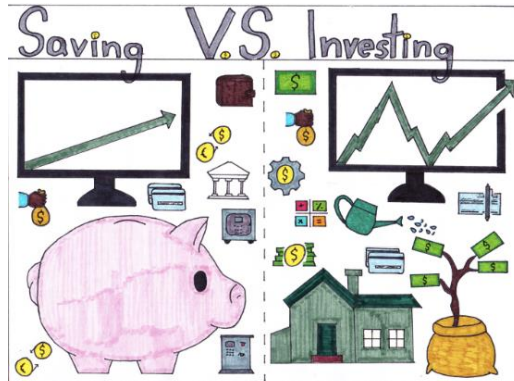


The Maryland Council on Economic Education was honored by the [Council for Economic Education \(CEE\)](#) as the 2024 Council of the Year at CEE’s national conference in Cleveland earlier this month. This prestigious award is given to the State Council that excels in enhancing personal finance and economics education; MCEE was selected out of 32 state councils nationwide! We’re grateful for this honor!

MCEE sponsored seven educators from five Maryland counties to attend the conference. They gained valuable insight in a packed schedule of workshops and learning experiences. The educators’ attendance was possible thanks to support from the MASTA Foundation (read below for more on their steadfast partnership), First Financial Federal Credit Union, Educational Systems Federal Credit Union, Bank of America, and other partners. MCEE staff presented two workshops at the conference, *The Economics of Sports* and *Invention Education and Entrepreneurship: A Perfect Match*. Dr. Amanda Price, Calvert County middle school teacher and financial education champion, presented a session on using Project Based Learning as an tool to engage students in learning.

In addition, Vann Prime, economics teacher at Mount Hebron High School in Howard County, was awarded the *Barry G. Haimes Award for Excellence in Teaching* for his “unique and results-driven approaches to promoting economic and personal finance education at the high school level.” Congratulations, Vann!

MCEE Poster Contest Entry Form Available - Winners to Be Featured in Annapolis



Great news for teachers considering inviting students to participate in the MCEE Poster Contest - for which registration is [now open!](#)

MCEE is excited to announce that the winners of this year's Poster Contest will have their creative entries displayed during the entire month of April (Financial Education Month) in the lobby of the Louis Goldstein Treasury Building in Annapolis - home to the Comptroller's Office and State Treasurer's Office! This honor is a wonderful addition to an already educationally engaging experience for students, infusing financial learning with creativity.

In addition to the display, winners, their teachers, and families will be invited to a reception on March 27 at the Treasury Building to unveil the display, honor students' achievements, and meet elected officials and legislators. All are welcome, and the display will be open to the public all month long.

Teachers, learn more about getting your students involved in creating original posters that demonstrate their knowledge of personal finance and economics concepts by [clicking here](#). Posters are due on March 1!

Out and About With MCEE



It's been a bustling start to the school year at MCEE. Take a look at some of what we've been up to:

- **Maryland State Conference on Gifted and Talented Education:** MCEE participated in this annual conference, guiding educators in two immersive workshops: *Financial Literacy in Math Class*,

and *Storytelling and Literature: A Rich Connection to Personal Finance and Economics*. [Learn more about the conference here.](#)

- **2024 Maryland Council of Teachers of Mathematics Annual Conference:** MCEE joined hundreds of Maryland’s math teachers at this annual conference to explore the many options for seamlessly bringing finance into math lessons. [More about the conference.](#)
- **MCEE Program: *Is Capitalism Good for the Poor?*:** Dozens of educators joined us for a daylong program, held in partnership with the Foundation for Teaching Economics (FTE), exploring how capitalist institutions influence the well-being of the poor around the world, and how this topic can encourage thinking, learning, and analysis of our global and national economy. Participating educators left with lessons and classroom activities. Said one attendee: *“The activities and lectures were well balanced and intellectually stimulating. I am eager to implement some of the activities!”* And another: *“Engaging and thought provoking, both personally and professionally.”* Keep an eye out for additional professional development collaborations with FTE in the spring!
- **MCEE Program: Top 5 Economic Games to Use in the Classroom:** Educators joined this virtual webinar and got interactive - exploring the top classroom games led by [Marginal Revolution University](#) to enhance student learning.

Upcoming Educator Programs and Events



[Find our full calendar here](#)

- **Tuesday, 10/29: Before the Bell Breakfast:** Hosted by MCEE and SECU, this free, engaging program will feature presentations from experts about the status of youth financial education in Maryland. This is a great opportunity our partners, members of the business community, and others interested in personal finance and economic education for youth to network and learn more about what is happening at a national, state, and local level. [Register here.](#)
- **Monday, 11/4: Stock Market Game: Let’s Trade Today:** This free webinar is perfect for SMG teachers who want to jump right into the portfolio experience, have difficulty getting students engaged, or want to maximize the program in limited time. [More.](#)

- **Thursday, 11/7: Building Your Own GPT for Economic Education:** This stimulating Council on Economic Education webinar will guide teachers in integrating and creating AI technologies to enhance economic instruction. [Register](#).
- **Tuesday, 11/12: Social Media Influencers in the Classroom:** Explore ways to leverage students' interest in social media influencers into learning about economics and personal finance with Frederick County teacher, author, and financial education creator, Rob Phelan, at this MCEE webinar. [Learn more and sign up](#).
- **Thursday, 11/14: Class Dismissed: The Economic Cost of Pandemic Learning Loss:** Join the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond for this engaging, in-person or online workshop led by economists, educators, and policymakers exploring how school closures and remote learning have impacted students. This is a great opportunity for partners, school system administrators and school system school performance staff to learn valuable information. [More here](#).

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

Educator Resource of the Month: **No Extra Room on the Mayflower**

Turkey time is right around the corner - a great time to incorporate Thanksgiving-themed lessons into the classroom. [Check out this resource, *No Extra Room on the Mayflower*](#), from Econ Ed Link and CEE. Students in grades k-5 will imagine taking the voyage on the Mayflower as they play an interactive “pack the suitcase” game to choose what items to bring and how to keep their luggage under the 150 pound weight limit while learning how scarcity limits choices.

[Find the resource here](#)

Educator Spotlight: Victoria Beasley and “Building”

For ten years, Victoria Beasley taught biology at Digital Harbor High School in Baltimore City. Over that time, she enjoyed connecting with students and watching as they explored their interests and built knowledge. But in doing so, Victoria had a realization: students were missing something in their preparation: personal finance.

So Victoria did something to change that.

[Read more here](#)

Sponsor in Focus: MASTA Foundation



When asked about the [Mid-Atlantic Security Traders Association's](#) (MASTA) support of MCEE, MASTA Foundation President Stan Craig puts it simply and powerfully: "We share the same mission. MCEE enhances the financial literacy of children across Maryland. It's exactly the kind of work we do as a Foundation."

That alignment has created an impactful, decade-long partnership that has helped thousands of students and educators access personal finance and economic learning experiences that will help them succeed.

[Read more here](#)

