



June 2024 Newsletter

Dear Friends,

It's celebration season! We're still riding high after the inspiring MCEE Annual Student Achievement Awards, where we honored hundreds of students and educators for their achievement in MCEE competitions. These winners came out on top from over 20,000 participants across Maryland! We're thrilled to celebrate students who have embraced and excelled in our programs. Their excellence is due to the work of our amazing Maryland teachers in bringing curiosity, talent, and determination to their personal finance and economics instruction every day.

Year after year, we see that Maryland teachers are having an exceptional impact on students' finance and economics education. Just look at our three national championship winning teams this year from Severn School for the Personal Finance Challenge, and Mount Hebron High for the Economics Challenge! This is the first time in our history that Maryland has won all three national championship challenge programs! Congratulations to those students and to all competitors this year. Read on below for more on this wonderful event!

Much like our work, this success happens through preparation. At MCEE, we prepare thousands of educators a year to compellingly teach personal finance and economics in lessons of all subjects. We prepare hundreds of thousands of young people for successful, financially thoughtful lives after graduation through engaging activities, resources, and lessons. This year, ***MCEE reached more students and educators than ever before!***

And next month, hundreds of teachers will convene at our annual [Summit](#), taking advantage of high quality professional development workshops (see below for a preview!).

As we near the end of the school year, I invite you to consider how you can prepare and support the future educational needs of students - and how we can help. Wishing you a relaxing, productive, and fun summer!

Looking forward,
Julie Weaver
MCEE Executive Director

Hundreds of Students Honored as Winners of MCEE Competitions



The immense talents of Maryland's young people dazzled and inspired hundreds of families, students, educators, leaders, and partners last month at the MCEE Annual Student Achievement Awards!

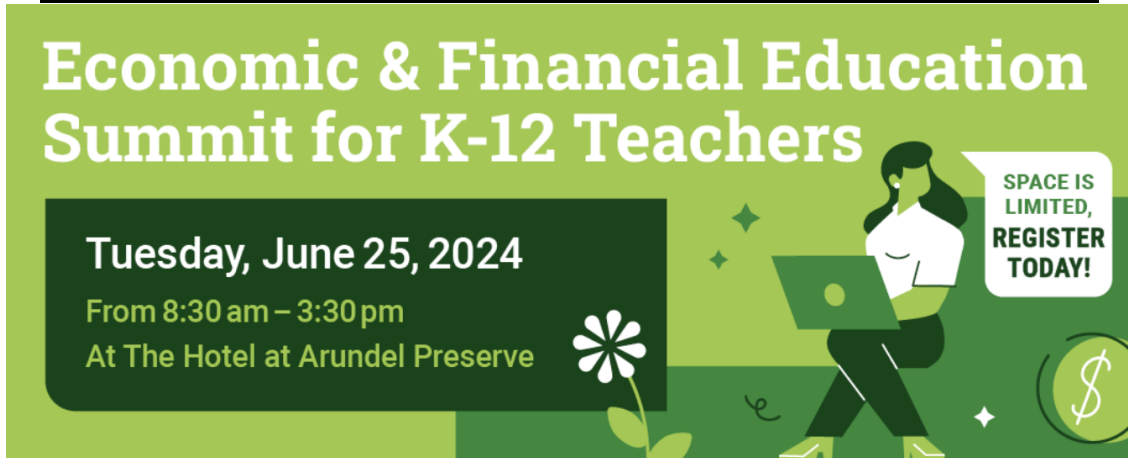
The Awards celebrated the 100+ winners of the [Stock Market Game](#), [Personal Finance Challenge](#), [Economics Challenge](#), [Poster Contest](#), [Poetry Contest](#), and [Investwrite Essay Competition](#). It was especially exciting to congratulate students from Severn School, who won the Personal Finance Challenge National Championship, a Howard County student placing 5th in the national Investwrite essay competition, and many student teams who grew their Stock Market Game investment portfolios by as much as 40%.

More than 20,000 students from 20 counties across Maryland competed this year, the highest level of student participation in 13 years!

The celebration at Towson University reminded us of why we coordinate these experiences: learning personal finance and economics in a fun, competitive environment inspires students to explore new passions and builds life-changing habits. Congratulations to all!

[Click here for a list of winners](#)

Don't Miss the 2024 Financial & Economic Education Summit!



Economic & Financial Education Summit for K-12 Teachers

Tuesday, June 25, 2024
From 8:30 am – 3:30 pm
At The Hotel at Arundel Preserve

SPACE IS LIMITED,
REGISTER TODAY!

Hundreds of Maryland educators will join us at MCEE's annual Financial & Economic Education Summit. Will you be one of them? [Register today!](#)

On June 25 at the Hotel at Arundel Preserve in Hanover, MD, the Summit will feature inspiring presentations, educational workshops, collaborative sessions, and techniques teachers can use! Some of the 18+ programs include *How To Teach Budgeting to Kids Who Don't Manage Money*, *Investing in Engagement: How to Make Your Finance Lessons Exciting*, *Financial Simulations in the Classroom*, and *Using Literature and STEAM to Teach Personal Finance*.

Join us to elevate your work in the classroom! Here's how past attendees have described their experience:

- “Not only did I grow personally in my finances, but I have a plethora of ideas I can implement in my classroom. Thank you!” - *Amanda Price, Teacher at Northern Middle School in Calvert County*
- “We got to interact with teachers all over Maryland, encourage each other, and learn from each other. It elevates our confidence!” - *Loretta Duppins, Northwestern High School in Prince George's County*

A huge thank you to our sponsors, who make this Summit possible:

Event – SECU; *Gold* – MDRealtors and CFG Bank; *Silver* – Educational Systems FCU, Fulton Bank, and Greenlight; *Bronze* – Jacob William Advisory, Sphere Education, Andrews FCU, Maryland 529 and Berkshire Hathaway Homesale Realty; *Supporting Sponsors* – First Financial FCU, Aberdeen Proving Ground FCU, M&T Bank, and FINRA Investor Education Foundation

[Learn more and register here](#)

Head to the Ballpark this Summer: High School to Homeowner Educator Workshop

Take me out to the ballgame, take me out with the crowd. Learn about houses and mortgages. You'll be able to teach it out loud! So it's head on out to Camden Yards. If you're not there it's a shame. 'Cause it's *High School to Homeownership* at the old ball game!

On **Wednesday, July 31 at 9:30am**, educators at the *High School to Homeowner Workshop* at Camden Yards will be introduced to practical resources to guide students in lessons about wealth creation through homeownership and the home buying process. Attendees will also get a complimentary ticket to watch the 12:35pm Orioles game with fellow educators in **a private suite!** This FREE workshop is coordinated by MCEE in partnership with the Maryland Realtors Association.

Registration for this event is first come, first served. Join us - it'll be a home run! [Details.](#)

Celebrating 70 Years of Impact

Historic fact of the month: Our sponsors make our work possible! Longtime sponsors have even more of an impact; their support spans entire projects, initiatives, and years to help more educators and students. McCormick & Company has been supporting MCEE since our organization's founding!

Historic photo of the month: As we wind down our 70th anniversary, we're throwing it back to the start of our celebration last year at the historic Auburn House at Towson University.



Upcoming Programs for Educators



[Find our full calendar here](#)

- **Tuesday, 6/25: MCEE's annual Maryland Financial and Economic Educators Summit:** Find information in the article above. Register [here!](#)
- **Wednesday, 6/26: Mastering the Art of Teaching the Stock Market Game for Elementary and Middle School Advisors:** Make your visit to the Summit a two day trip! This powerful program, taking place in Arundel Mills the day after the Summit, will guide educators in how to manage the Stock Market Game in their classroom or club. Attendees receive 1 CPD credit towards recertification. [Details.](#)
- **Wednesday, 7/31: High School to Homeowner Educator Workshop at Camden Yards:** See the article above for details. Register [here.](#)

Educator Resource of the Month



THE STOCK MARKET GAME™

Investing Boot Camp

Join The Stock Market Game™ as it hosts its first-ever *national summer boot camp*! Self-paced video modules will guide you through investing topics while you learn to manage a virtual \$100,000 portfolio of stocks, ETFs, mutual funds, and bonds.



Benefits for Educators & Nonprofits:

- **FREE** financial education program that can be easily integrated into your summer programming
- **Early access** to the SIFMA Foundation's new investing curriculum available this Fall
- **Weekly Zoom check-ins** with SMG Boot Camp leadership for simulation, curriculum, and program management questions and guidance
- **Participation certificates and amazing cash prizes offered!**

PROGRAM DATES: JUNE 17 - AUGUST 9



Register Today!

- Visit <https://smg.stockmarketgame.org> or scan the QR code to register.
- Select "teach students/others" if you want to receive more than one investment portfolio.
- After registration, you will receive your investment portfolio login and step-by-step instructions via email. (Make sure to add @sifma.org to your safe sender list!)



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Every month, MCEE provides helpful resources for teaching personal finance and economics. This month, we're touting the Stock Market Game Bootcamp - a FREE summer SMG opportunity that includes a series of self-paced instructional videos guiding educators, advisors and parents through learning investing basics. Often, we hear from teachers and friends who want to "try out" the Stock Market Game to get better acquainted with this amazing classroom learning experience or want to offer it to their students' families to participate at home. This is your opportunity! This is also great for clubs, camps, and partner employee engagement. Follow instructions above and [register here!](#)

Educator Spotlight: Julien Meyer Guides Students to Victory Through Gamification



In Julien Meyer's Financial Algebra classes at Severn School, students are eager to show what they're learning. That enthusiasm isn't simply the result of bookwork and lectures; the high schoolers become engaged and excited through games, case studies, and fun, competitive activities.

The result is impressive student performance and participation, most recently culminating with a team of Julien's students winning the Personal Finance Challenge National Championship in May! Read more about Julien's work [here](#).

