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Maryland Council on Economic Education Hosts Annual Awards Luncheon

*– Ceremony honors teachers and students from across the state
who excel in financial literacy competitions and teaching –*

TOWSON, Md., May 4, 2016 – The [Maryland Council on Economic Education](#) (MCEE) a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving economic and financial literacy in the state's schools, today announced it will be hosting its Annual Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, May 18, 2016. [Scott Burger](#), president, Americas at PANDORA Jewelry will be the guest speaker.

WHAT: [Maryland Council on Economic Education](#) is hosting its Annual Awards Luncheon in honor of the students who won the Stock Market Game™, Economic and Personal Finance Challenge, InvestWrite, and Economic and Personal Finance Concepts Poster Contest. Burger will speak to the students, parents, teachers, and MCEE guests and supporters about his career path and how he sees the affect our local and global economies have on each other.

Stock Market Game Winners

[Stock Market Game™](#) (SMG) is an educational simulation for grades 4-12 that teaches about the stock market and the American economic system. Each team is given a virtual \$100,000 to invest in common stock, mutual funds, and bonds. Over the ten-week simulation the team works together to manage their portfolio and create a successful investment management strategy.

Fall Session

1st Place Elementary School
School: Eastern Elementary School - Moton
Advisor: Karen Davis
County: Talbot

1st Place Middle School
School: Easton Middle School
Advisor: Ed Keeler
County: Talbot

1st Place High School
School: Stephen Decatur High School
Advisor: Kurt Marx
County: Worcester

Spring Session

1st Place Elementary School
School: Meadowvale Elementary School
Advisor: Verna Hiser
County: Harford

1st Place Middle School
School: Easton Middle School
Advisor: Ed Keeler
County: Talbot

1st Place High School
School: Stephen Decatur High School
Advisor: Kurt Marx
County: Worcester

Yearlong Session

1st Place Elementary School
School: Cromwell Valley Elementary School
Advisor: Flo Falatko
County: Baltimore

1st Place Middle School
School: Crofton Middle School
Advisor: Amy McKusky
County: Anne Arundel

1st Place High School
School: Howard High School
Advisor: Mary Metzler
County: Howard

State and National InvestWrite Winners

[InvestWrite](#), an innovative national writing competition, produced by The Stock Market Game™, adds a critical thinking component to help reinforce concepts learned in the classroom.

InvestWrite Fall 2015 National Finalists

4th-5th Grade Division – 6th Place National Finalist

Student: Carlyn McMahan
School: Ring Factory Elementary
Advisor: Steven Dodd
County: Harford

6th-8th Grade Division – 8th Place National Finalist

Student: Arina Drovetskaya
School: Crofton Middle School
Advisor: Amy McKusky
County: Anne Arundel

9th-12th Grade Division – 5th Place National Finalist

Student: Ayo Adelaja
School: Applications and Research Laboratory
Advisor: Maddy Halbach
County: Howard

9th-12th Grade Division – 8th Place National Finalist

Student: Benjamin Yost

School: Applications and Research Laboratory

Advisor: Maddy Halbach

County: Howard

Economic and Personal Finance Challenge Winners

The [Maryland Personal Finance Challenge](#) is an opportunity for middle and high school students to demonstrate their personal finance knowledge on topics such as spending, credit, savings, investing, income, and money management.

Economic Challenge – Adam Smith Division Winner

School: Mt. Hebron High School

Advisor: Vann Prime

County: Howard

Economic Challenge – David Ricardo Division Winner

School: Mt. Hebron High School

Advisor: Vann Prime

County: Howard

Personal Finance Challenge – High School

1st place

School: Applications and Research Lab

Advisor: Maddy Halbach

Students: Austin Adamczyk, Brooke Rankin, Johnathan Taylor, and Matthew Poltorak

County: Howard

2nd place

School: Mt. Hebron High School

Advisor: Bernadette Bechta

Students: Praneeth Chandu, Matthew Michaels, Joseph Petti, and Abhishek Velayudham

County: Howard

Personal Finance Challenge – Middle School

1st Place

School: Lake Elkhorn Middle School

Advisor: Jueneville Dean

Students: Celeste Ampaah, Aymar Bisseck, NiNi Vo, and Savon Warren

County: Howard

2nd Place

School: Lake Elkhorn Middle School

Advisor: Jueneville Dean

Students: Jordan Abraham, DaNasia McRae, Kiana Wanbui, and Theodore Yu

County: Howard

Economic and Personal Finance Concepts Poster Contest Winners

The [poster contest](#) was developed to help teachers stimulate interest in learning basic economic and personal finance concepts by giving students an opportunity to creatively demonstrate their understanding of critical concepts. The winning images are combined to create a yearly wall calendar. The 17 winning images were selected from over 1,700 entries. Below are the schools and teachers of this year's winners. The names of the winning students will be released next week.

Woodson Elementary School, Somerset County (teacher: Kayla Kinder) *cover winner*
Centreville Middle School, Queen Anne's County (teacher: Todd Boyer)
Forest Hill Elementary School, Harford County (teacher: Joy John)
Princess Anne Elementary School, Somerset County (teacher: Taylor Estes)
Middletown Middle School, Frederick County (teacher: Linda Caron)
Patapsco Middle School, Howard County (teacher: Bill Kenney) *2 winners*
Stevensville Middle School, Queen Anne's County (teacher: Jim Apple)
North Dorchester Middle School, Dorchester County (teacher: Valeria Lomax)
Takoma Park Middle School, Montgomery County (teacher: Deirdre Lett)
Sykesville Middle School, Carroll County (teacher: Carol Schaper)
Easton Middle School, Talbot County (teacher: Christopher Renaud)
Churchville Elementary School, Harford County (teacher Brittney Stover)
Sudbrook Magnet Middle School, Baltimore County (teacher: Donald Opdyke)
Central Middle School, Anne Arundel County (teacher: Michele Kain)
Buckingham Elementary School, Worcester County (teacher Susan Gray)
Leeds Elementary School, Cecil County (teacher: Elizabeth Lynch)

WHEN: Wednesday, May 18, 2016
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: [West Village Commons, Towson University](#)
8000 York Road
Towson, MD 21252
(Please RSVP to Emily McDermott at emcdermott@nevinspr.com for parking instructions)

About Maryland Council on Economic Education

For more than 60 years, the Maryland Council on Economic Education (MCEE) has worked to assure that Maryland's children leave school equipped with the economic and financial literacy knowledge and decision-making skills they will need to make informed, rational decisions as consumers, workers, citizens, savers, investors, and participants in the global economy. MCEE is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and affiliate of the national [Council For Economic Education](#).

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