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**Maryland Council on Economic Education Announces
Maryland Fall 2014 Stock Market Game™ Winners from
Talbot, St. Mary's, and Caroline Counties**

-- 11 students win out of 3,722 participants, grades 4-12 --

BALTIMORE, February 10, 2015 – The [Maryland Council on Economic Education](#) (MCEE), a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving economic and financial literacy in the state's schools grades K-12, today announced the winning elementary, middle, and high school teams of the Fall 2014 [Stock Market Game™](#) (SMG).

MCEE has been offering SMG since its founding in 1977. In the first year there were 26 teams. Since then participation has grown by more than 65%. In 2014, 1,775 teams participated in the Fall and Year-Long teams for a total of 7,450 students and 184 teachers.

SMG is an educational simulation that teaches about the stock market, the American economic system, and the global economy. Done through personal computers at school and supervised by a teacher trained by MCEE, SMG participants develop skills in mathematics, language arts, research, and critical thinking, while building and maintaining a stock portfolio.

“We’re not teaching the students how to make money in 10 weeks, but rather how to become smart, lifelong investors,” said Dr. Allen Cox, MCEE’s Stock Market Game coordinator. “The Stock Market Game plants the seed for them to figure out there’s a whole world out there and how it affects their portfolio – because it really does. This simulation is not about making or losing money but about thinking critically about the transactions the teams choose to make and being able to explain and support their choices.”

Participants vary between grades 4-12 and sign up for a Fall, Spring, or Year-Long team. Each team is made up of three to six students and is given a theoretical \$100,000 to invest in common stocks. The Fall and Spring games last 10 weeks each and the Year-Long teams participate in both sessions. During this time the team works together to manage their portfolio and create a successful investment management strategy.

The first place state winners of the Fall 2014 Stock Market Game™ are:

- 1st Place Elementary School: [Chapel District Elementary School](#), (CORDOVA, MD)
Advisor: Donna Midcap
County: Talbot
- 1st Place Middle School: [Margaret Brent Middle School](#), (HELEN, MD)
Advisor: Joseph DeStefanis
County: St. Mary's

- 1st Place High School: [North Caroline High School](#), (RIDGELY, MD)
Advisor: Anne Ennis
County: Caroline

About Maryland Council on Economic Education

For over 60 years, the Maryland Council on Economic Education (MCEE) has worked to assure that Maryland's school children leave high 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.

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