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## **Maryland Council on Economic Education Announces Fall 2016 Stock Market Game™ Winners** *- Winners from Wicomico, Talbot and Worcester Counties -*

BALTIMORE, February 20, 2017 – The [Maryland Council on Economic Education](#) (MCEE), a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving economic and financial literacy in Maryland’s schools, today announced the winning elementary, middle, and high school teams of the Fall 2016 Maryland [Stock Market Game™](#) (SMG).

The SMG™ is an educational simulation that teaches about the stock market, the American economic system, and the global economy. Taught using personal computers at school and supervised by a teacher trained by MCEE, SMG™ participants develop skills in mathematics, language arts, research, and critical thinking, all 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 Assistant Director of Financial Education. “The Stock Market Game™ plants the seed for students 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 in grades 4-12 register for a fall, spring, or year-long session, and are taught grade-level lessons on investing. Classes are divided into teams of three to six students who research industries and the companies within those industries in order to make sound investments. Then each team is given a virtual \$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 2016 Stock Market Game™ are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Elementary School: [North Salisbury Elementary](#)  
Advisor: Jill Adams  
County: [Wicomico](#)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Middle School: [Easton Middle](#)  
Advisor: Ed Keeler  
County: [Talbot](#)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place High School: [Stephen Decatur High](#)  
Advisor: Kurt Marx  
County: [Worcester](#)

**About Maryland Council on Economic Education**

For over 60 years, the [Maryland Council on Economic Education](#) (MCEE) has worked to assure that Maryland's young people 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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