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## February, 2023 Newsletter

# Teaching Dollars and \$ense

Dear Friends,

Just when we think the chilly weather might never end, sunny spring temperatures arrive! MCEE is looking forward to a spring filled with fun, learning experiences for students and impactful training for teachers. Student competitions like the Stock Market Game are well underway (check out the Fall winners [here](#)) and, as you'll see below, we will be hosting a number of webinars planned for educators in March.

Personal finance education and concepts are top of mind as we head into March. In Annapolis, lawmakers are considering bills that expand access to financial education. Media is sharing [MCEE's book list](#) in celebration of Black History Month. And all around the state, educators are leveraging MCEE programs to engage students in ways that genuinely interest them. Read more about one of these educators, Kurt Marx's approach, below.

Through it all, MCEE stands ready to support educators in delivering learning experiences that make personal finance education accessible, interesting, and relevant for *all* Maryland students.

Looking forward,  
Julie Weaver  
MCEE Executive Director

**Save the Date! Economic and Financial Education Summit  
is June 28**



Mark your calendar! MCEE's annual summit for educators is coming up on Wednesday, June 28 at The Hotel at Arundel Preserve in Hanover, MD. This always-popular, day-long event brings together hundreds of teachers from across the state to connect, collaborate, and explore ideas and strategies for delivering personal finance and economics education.

The Summit will support educators of all grade levels with more than 20 immersive sessions on topics like cross-curricular connections, best practices, and applying current events to classroom instruction. Space is still available for those interested in exhibiting at the event - and for those interested in sponsorship opportunities.

[Learn more here](#)

## **Student Program Updates and Opportunities**

- **All year - Black History Month resources:** Last month, we released free resources to help educators and students learn about and celebrate Black American entrepreneurs, economists, and members of the business community. But it doesn't need to be February to explore them. They're available all year! [Check them out here](#)
- **Any time this semester - Finance Lab Field Trips:** Classes are visiting the state-of-the-art Finance Labs at Towson University or Salisbury University - giving students an introduction to a college campus and a hands-on lesson on building wealth through personal finance! Field trip slots are still available at Salisbury! [Details.](#)
- **March 15 Deadline - Poster Contest:** Students can demonstrate their understanding of financial concepts by creating a poster. Submissions are due March 15! [Click here for more.](#)
- **April 3-14, 18 - Economic Challenge:** This engaging competition puts students' understanding of macro and microeconomic concepts to the test. [Details.](#)

- **April 3-14, 22 - Personal Finance Challenge:** This competition challenges students to demonstrate understanding of personal finance. [Learn more.](#)

### Upcoming Educator Events



- **March 18 - Understanding Global Issues:** At this one-day conference, middle and high school educators will explore ways to infuse classroom learning with exploration of global economic issues. The program features a special presentation from the Port of Baltimore. [Register here.](#)
- **March 25 - Maryland Council for Social Studies Conference:** MCEE is proud to co-host this powerful professional development conference, and to present our program, *Globalization: The Study of Trade in Economics, Geography and History*. Join us! [More.](#)
- **March 25 - Using Behavioral Economics Concepts to Teach the Maryland Personal Finance Standards:** 6th-12th grade educators can earn one MSDE Credit by attending this immersive, day-long professional development program. [Details.](#)

### Resources for Women's History Month

March is Women's History Month! MCEE has created a set of resources, from lesson plans to reading lists, that teachers can use to enhance their celebrations with personal finance concepts and classroom lessons.

[Learn more here](#)

### Educator Spotlight: Kurt Marx Leverages the Stock Market Game™ for Personal Growth



Kurt Marx, Business Teacher at Stephen Decatur High School in Worcester County, leverages his students' interests to introduce personal finance concepts in a fun, competitive learning environment. Read our latest Educator Spotlight to discover how his approach to teaching is truly reaching his students.

[Read his story here](#)

### Our Year at a Glance

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