



September, 2022 Newsletter

Teaching Dollars and \$ense

Happy Fall! On behalf of MCEE, I wish you - whether you're an educator, MCEE partner or supporter, a wonderful start to the new school year.

As students return to classrooms and educators plan for the year, MCEE offers support in infusing economics and personal finance education into the classroom. From providing engaging classroom experiences, like the Stock Market Game, to hosting professional development opportunities and workshops, we are here to help, to listen, and to collaborate.

For almost 70 years, MCEE has been working with educators to enhance economics and personal finance education. In today's world, these tools are even more important. As students face a fluctuating job market and more complex financial decisions, they need to develop good habits and understand possible pitfalls to navigate their way to financial independence and support civic involvement.

Teachers are facing a rapidly changing economic landscape and must have the guidance, expertise, and best practices necessary to effectively instruct and guide students. MCEE supports these goals on a year-round basis by offering weekly webinars, events for both teachers and students, and anytime guidance. Find a full [calendar of events](#) and opportunities here, and get in touch at any time with questions, ideas, or requests. We are here to help you and help your students!

Looking forward,
Julie Weaver
MCEE Executive Director

Expanding our MCEE Education Team to Better Serve Educators



MCEE is excited to announce the expansion of our Education Team! To better accommodate the varying needs of Maryland educators and students, we have created two new, leadership-level

positions and have appointed two experienced and energetic professionals to them: Mary Metzler, a longtime MCEE team member, is now Director of Student Programs and George Toepfer is MCEE's new Director of Teacher Education!

As Director of Student Programs, Mary will enhance how our student experiences, like the Stock Market Game and the Personal Finance Challenge, align with classroom instruction, creating an even more seamless transition from program participation to curriculum. As Director of Teacher Education, George will ensure teachers have a robust knowledge of the latest in financial education, and that they are equipped to pass those lessons along to students.

[Read more here](#)

Fall Student Programs

Engaging programs are *now* available for students - along with resources for educators to use them in the classroom!

- [Personal Finance Challenge](#): This one-day competition allows high school students to learn and apply personal finance concepts is coming up in the Spring! Teachers, join us on *October 6* at 4pm for a getting started info session! Register [here](#).
- [Stock Market Game](#): Students love the fun of building and managing a simulated stock portfolio while growing their critical thinking, math, and research skills. The Fall session kicks off *October 10*! Find a range of related educator resources [here](#). And find our calendar of weekly SMG webinars to support educators [here](#).
- [Economics Challenge](#): This one-day competition testing high school students' knowledge of macro and microeconomics is coming up in the Spring. Join us on *October 18* for an info session on getting started! Register [here](#).

Educator Programs and Events



Check out MCEE's webinars, events and resources for educators - every week, all Fall long! For a full calendar, [click here](#). Check out some highlights:

- October: **Happy Economic Education Month!** Celebrate with us by using our calendar of daily topics and activities to share economic concepts with your students. [Access it here](#)
- October 4: [Teaching Personal Finance in the 21st Century; Buy Now, Pay Later apps - webinar](#).
- October 12: [The Economics of Going to College webinar](#): Learn to help students answer questions about financial aid, living on campus, budgeting tips and more.

- October 13: [Evening at the Fed](#): Join MCEE and the Federal Reserve Bank of of Richmond, Baltimore Adam Scavette, Regional Economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Baltimore Branch, as he discusses how to identify and understand economic topics in the news. Educators will also receive related teaching materials! All for free! [Details and registration](#).
- October 20: [Homelessness in in Children's Literature Series: Cash, Credit, and Cars - webinar](#).
- October 27: Maryland Economic Update webinar: Join us for a special presentation from Towson University Vice President and noted regional economist, Dr. Daraius Irani, focused on Maryland's economy and his thoughts on what's ahead. [Details and registration](#)
- Coming Soon: Applications for the Maryland Financial Educator and Capability Awards will be available soon! The awards celebrate the incredible public school teachers, community champions and outstanding organizations who deliver financial education. [Learn more](#).

Educator Spotlight: Flo Falatko



Every month, we are highlighting Maryland educators doing amazing work guiding students in financial literacy education. This month, meet Flo Falatko of Cromwell County Elementary School in Baltimore County! As a STEAM Resource Teacher, Flo leverages MCEE's resources, lesson plans, Stock Market Game management and partnership to support student learning.

[Read her story here](#)

Sponsor In Focus

Our work is possible thanks to the generous support from organizations and individuals who share in our dedication to delivering financial literacy education to young people. For nearly 20 years, Bank of America has supported MCEE's work and partnered with us to enhance our programs and guidance for students and educators. You can see the full list of our supporters [here](#).

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Our Year at a Glance

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