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SPICE UP YOUR FALL WITH SOME GREAT NEWS AND UPCOMING WORKSHOPS!

Teachers and colleagues,

We hope you are all enjoying the amazing weather as we start fall! We have a lot of celebrations to share about economic and personal finance education throughout the Valley. There are a lot of great teachers doing amazing things, please take a minute to read about some of these great teachers and what is happening in our area. We are sure many more of you are doing impressive things in the classroom too! If you are doing anything with econ and personal finance, we would love to hear about it so we can share it in our next newsletter!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR EXCELLENCE IN ECONOMICS AWARDS WINNERS!

Grand Prize Winner	Reserve Grand Prize Winner
<p>Louise Pierson Elkton Middle School</p>	<p>Eileen Hernon, Kimberly Boronat-Garcia, Peyton Erb, Sarah Rodgers, Laurissa Kennedy, Ashley Switzer, Erica Park Bluestone Elementary School</p>
K-2 Winners	Middle School Winners
<p>Kendyl Connifrey and Mariela Formiconi Bluestone Elementary</p> <p>Michelle Hunt Smithland Elementary School</p>	<p>Callie Randolph Skyline Middle School</p> <p>Leah Baker Thomas Harrison Middle School</p>

3-5 Winners	High School Winners
<p style="text-align: center;">Tammy May Lacey Spring Elementary School</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tyler Orebaugh Plains Elementary School</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Carrie Gutierrez Spotswood Elementary School</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Barbara Eanes, Kathryn Moran, Zach Taliaferro, Jennifer Showalter, Laura Fox, Bethany Deputy Turner Ashby High School</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Julie Cassetta Spotswood High School</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ryne Powell Spotswood High School</p>

These teachers will all be recognized at a special virtual Rotary Club meeting in October.

Please be sure to congratulate these teachers if you see them in the halls!

We will help you find ways to integrate economic and personal finance concepts into your class. Then you can apply for this award! There are 14 cash prizes available at the local level alone!

[Click here to request information!](#)

CONGRATULATIONS LAUREN SHIFFLETT, NATIONAL SEMIFINALIST!

Lauren's award-winning lesson, Shifflett Superville, finished in the **top three** of the elementary division for the Council for Economic Education's John Morton Excellence in the Teaching of Economics Award! This **national award** is given annually to teachers who demonstrate experience teaching in a K-12 setting and integrating economics into their instruction. This year saw over four times as many entries as a typical year, Lauren faced some stiff competition and did an excellent job.

GREAT JOB LAUREN!

WE ARE GIVING AWAY GREAT DOOR PRIZES AT THE WORKSHOPS WE HOST
(Sent safely through the mail)

We want to celebrate teachers as much as possible in these times.
What better way to celebrate than with a great 16oz stainless steel insulated travel mug!

VIRTUAL FALL WORKSHOP SERIES

QUICK HIT: TIPS FOR TEACHING ECON IN A VIRTUAL CLASSROOM

September 23
4:00pm-5:00pm

This 60-minute workshop will provide methods and activities aligned to the SOLs you can use to keep students engaged in an online setting.

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QUICK HIT: HANDS ON ECON ACTIVITIES FOR THE HYBRID CLASSROOM

September 29
4:00pm-5:00pm

This 60-minute workshop will provide easy and invigorating activities aligned to the SOLs you students can use at home for the days they are not with you in the classroom.

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USING ECONOMICS TO TEACH ETHICS

October 13
4:00pm-6:00pm

Professor Jonathon B. Wight, University of Richmond economics professor and author of *Teaching the Ethical Foundations of Economics* curriculum will join us to discuss tips for teaching ethics through the lens of economics. Use these activities to integrate relevant real-world topics to your classroom.

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QUICK HIT: USING DRAGONS DECIDE TO TEACH ELEMENTARY ECONOMICS

October 27
4:00pm-5:00pm

Get access to a great coloring book designed to teach economic concepts to pre-K-3rd grade students. Participants will get a class set of the Dragons Decide coloring books they can send to their students or use in a hybrid setting.

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ECONOMICS OF THE HUNGER GAMES: THE BALLAD OF SONGBIRDS AND SNAKES

November 10
4:00pm-6:00pm

Lynne Stover will join us to discuss using the NEW Hunger Games book, *The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes* to teach economic concepts. This workshop is a CAN'T MISS opportunity to grab your students' attention using the captivating backdrop of Panem.

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FUTURE MILLIONAIRES! ELEMENTARY FINANCIAL LITERACY

November 18
4:00pm-6:00pm

Recent studies show people's study habits are developed by the time they finish elementary school. This workshop will share activities and methods you can use to help elementary age students develop smart savings habits to help them retire a millionaire.

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AN EVENING WITH THE FED: ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN THE VALLEY

December 1
4:00pm-6:00pm

We are partnering with the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond for this exciting symposium. We will cover the state of entrepreneurship in the Valley and how educators can help develop students' future entrepreneurial mindset. Fed economist John Bailey Jones will discuss entrepreneurship's role in the economy and the impact of current economic conditions. We will have a roundtable discussion with Peter Denbigh from the Staunton Innovation Hub, Joyce Krech of the Shenandoah Valley Small Business Development Center and Frank Tamberrino, President and CEO of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Chamber of Commerce on entrepreneurship in the Valley. This is a can't miss opportunity filled with experts from every aspect of entrepreneurship and business. We will also share out activities and resources you can use to bring the entrepreneurial mindset to your students.

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UPCOMING WEBINAR

THE ECONOMICS OF COLLEGE SPORTS: HOW THE NCAA BECAME A POWERHOUSE

October 20
7:00pm-8:00pm

We will cover the impact of COVID on the NCAA, the rise of the NCAA, the role of the Power 5 conference, March Madness, payment of student athletes, cartel behavior via the NCAA, and more! *This webinar will give you fun ways to address economics and personal finance through the lens of college sports.*

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We want to help this year to be your most successful in any way we can!

Please do not hesitate to reach out to John Kruggel at kruggejb@jmu.edu if you have any questions or want any help

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