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THIS NEWS ABOUT STATE AWARD-WINNING TEACHERS AND STUDENTS IS A GREAT WAY TO EASE YOU INTO YOUR BREAK!

Teachers and colleagues,
We hope you all had a restful and relaxing Thanksgiving and are ready for a well-deserved winter break. We have many 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 STATE WINNERS!

First Place Winners

Michaela Minore and Cesar Gonzalez

Skyline Middle School

“Career & Personal Finance” (Online Learning Modules)

Second Place Winners

Eileen Hernon, Kimberly Boronat-Garcia, Peyton Erb, Sarah Rogers, Laurissa Kennedy, Ashley Switzer, Erica Park

Bluestone Elementary School

“Third Grade Scarf Factory”

Regional Outstanding Economic Educator

Bethany Everidge

Harrisonburg City Public Schools

The special virtual reception hosted by the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond to honor these teachers held on December 10th will be posted on VCEE’s Facebook Page.

Please be sure to congratulate these teachers if you see them and be sure to check out the ceremony on Facebook!

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 TO OUR READING MAKES CENTS SCHOLARSHIP WINNER!



Congratulations to Smithland Elementary School third grader **Amelia Hirsch** for winning a \$529 scholarship to her Virginia 529 account!

The Reading Makes Cents program provides one registered elementary school librarian a set of 3 featured books EACH YEAR they participate!

Lessons and activities for each book are developed annually by the JMU Center in partnership with Virginia 529 and the Virginia Council on Economic Education.

Students who participate in Reading Makes Cents are eligible for a \$529 scholarship provided by Virginia 529!

--Please feel free to contact us if you are interested in participating in Reading Makes Cents--

VIRTUAL SPRING WORKSHOP SERIES

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 16 OZ STAINLESS STEEL INSULATED TRAVEL MUG!

QUICK HIT: HOME FRONT ECONOMICS: NEW VIDEO SERIES FOR AT-HOME ECON ACTIVITIES!

READING MAKES CENTS, FEATURING: SAVE IT! WHAT IS GIVEN FROM THE HEART, HOME IN THE WOODS

**January 14
4:00pm-5:00pm**

This 60-minute workshop will introduce teachers to an ALL NEW source for at-home econ and personal finance activities. These videos and activities are perfect for students in a virtual or hybrid setting! GREAT for homeschooling or for virtual days.

[LEARN MORE -OR- REGISTER](#)

**January 19
4:00pm-6:00pm**

Lynne Stover, who developed the Reading Makes Cents program and writes all the lessons and activities for the program, will join us for this workshop. Learn about bringing Reading Makes Cents to your school and how to incorporate these lessons into your curriculum.

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<p align="center">QUICK HIT: INTRODUCING NEW THE STOCK MARKET GAME™ MODULES FOR TEACHERS</p>	<p align="center">QUICK HIT: AWARD-WINNING ELEMENTARY ECON LESSONS WITH A NATIONAL SEMI-FINALIST TEACHER, LAUREN SHIFFLETT</p>
<p>January 26 4:00pm-5:00pm</p> <p>This 60-minute workshop will focus on the NEW Stock Market Game™ online module for teachers. We will also cover how to register classes for the SMG. This online simulation is a GREAT tool for teaching about investing in a virtual or hybrid setting.</p> <p><u>LEARN MORE -OR- REGISTER</u></p>	<p>February 9 4:00pm-5:00pm</p> <p>In this 60-minute workshop, teachers will hear about best practices and gain access to award-winning elementary econ lessons from nationally recognized teacher Lauren Shifflett.</p> <p><u>LEARN MORE -OR- REGISTER</u></p>
<p align="center">QUICK HIT: SUESS-A-NOMICS!</p>	<p align="center">QUICK HIT: TIPS AND TRICKS FOR TEACHING CIVICS AND ECONOMICS</p>
<p>February 25 4:00pm-5:00pm</p> <p>This 60-minute workshop will feature activities and lessons you can use to teach economics and personal finance featuring the many great books, shows, and movies of Dr. Seuss. Spice up your Dr. Seuss Day with some econ and personal finance activities for your students!</p> <p><u>LEARN MORE -OR- REGISTER</u></p>	<p>March 18 4:00pm-5:00pm</p> <p>This 60-minute workshop will cover some GREAT activities and lessons you can use for your Civics and Economics class. Participants will walk away with engaging lessons, activities, resources, and websites they can use to help teach Civics and Economics in a virtual, hybrid, and in-class setting.</p> <p><u>LEARN MORE -OR- REGISTER</u></p>
<p align="center">QUICK HIT: ECONO-GAMES: USING ONLINE GAMES TO TEACH ECON AND PERSONAL FINANCE</p>	<p align="center">JEDI-NOMICS: WHAT THE INVISIBLE HAND TEACHES US ABOUT THE FORCE</p>
<p>April 12 4:00pm-5:00pm</p> <p>This 60-minute workshop will demonstrate a number of existing online games you can use to teach economics and personal finance as well as how you can use Nearpod to engage your students in competitions within your existing lessons.</p> <p><u>LEARN MORE -OR- REGISTER</u></p>	<p>April 29 4:00pm-6:00pm</p> <p>Unlike storm troopers, this workshop is a can't miss! Get activities you can use to bring the Star Wars universe to your classes. This is the way.</p> <p><u>LEARN MORE -OR- REGISTER</u></p>

NEW HOME FRONT ECONOMICS YOUTUBE SERIES!

We have developed a **NEW YouTube series** discussing economics and personal finance with hands-on activities for your students. This series is titled Home Front Economics and is developed to help provide virtual and hybrid economics lessons. The content is designed to work for grades 3-8, but the lessons could easily be adapted for the high school level. Feel free to share these short videos with your students. We will model activities they can do at home to learn more about economics and personal finance with our own elementary aged children. **New episodes added weekly!**

Check out the series here: <https://youreconomicsuccess.org/category/video-home-front-economics/>

UPCOMING WEBINAR SERIES ON USING CHILDREN'S LIT TO TEACH ECONOMICS

Hot off the Presses: New Picture Books Featuring Economic Concepts	Reading Makes Cents: Using Children's Literature to Teach Personal Finance
January 12 6:00pm-7:00pm In this personal finance webinar, discover illustrated books that can teach young students about how to make good choices. REGISTER	January 26 6:00pm-7:00pm In this economics webinar, learn how to introduce concepts like earning and investing by way of interesting fictional characters. REGISTER
New Chapter Books Featuring Economic Concepts and Social Commentary	Pandemics Past, Present & Future: Young Adult Literature and Economic Systems
February 9 6:00pm-7:00pm In this economics webinar, discover recently published books that address socioeconomic issues that impact today's students. REGISTER	February 23 6:00pm-7:00pm In this economics webinar, discover recently published books that examine pandemics, crises, and societies' responses to them. REGISTER

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
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