



Program Highlights & Upcoming Opportunities

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From workshop to classroom...

"This workshop made me excited to be a teacher of Business and Career Classes at my high school. I returned to my school and shared with anyone who would listen, the information I learned. GREAT workshop."

Kristi Clanton, teacher
Hermitage School District

"I brought the materials back to my school advisory committee, and they are working on ways to implement the ideas and activities here."

Julie Tucker, teacher
Springdale School District

"I have witnessed my students become more engaged in their classwork as a result of using the information from the [E³] Conference."

Michele Brown, teacher
Little Rock School District

"Having tools to help engage students has made a huge difference in student participation and 'buy in' for learning about options such as running their own business and/or marketing their own ideas. It has been really interesting to watch."

Susan Reed, teacher
Harmony Grove-Benton SD

Are You One of the Lucky Ones?



If you are teaching the required High School Economics Course this spring semester, *you are one of the lucky ones!* Economics Arkansas and the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis have wonderful resources available to teach the 18-week course, whether they are used as primary or secondary sources. You can access the "Tools for Teaching Economics" semester course notebook [here](#).

However, before you begin the course, please consider visiting the [Fed's website](#) and having your students take the Economics Pre-Test (available soon!). You will need to create an account if you don't already have one. Then you simply set up your classrooms with students and ensure you check the box next to "Add Arkansas Assessments to Class." When you add students, the system automatically generates usernames and passwords for each student so they can login and take tests, watch videos, review lessons you've selected for them. All activity generated by students is there for your viewing and recording.

When the semester concludes, you can have students take the Economics Post-Test and quantify the learning that took place. In addition, you will have great data to include in your PGP! Don't hesitate to contact Kris Bertelsen, Economic Education Specialist for the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis-Little Rock Branch, if you have questions or need assistance regarding Fed resources! Phone: 501-324-8368 or kris.a.bertelsen@stls.frb.org. Economics Arkansas' contact for resources is Marsha Masters at 501-682-4230 or marsha@economicsarkansas.org.



Is Your District Partnering with Us?

Economics Arkansas stands ready to serve Arkansas School Districts by providing high quality and user-friendly resources assisting teachers in integrating economics into their grade level and subject area. Schools that partner receive the following benefits:

- Opportunity for customized training at the district level
- Priority notice of upcoming workshops and conferences
- Registration fees refunded to teachers attending conferences or special events
- Communication about educational opportunities throughout the school year
- Online meetings and webinars for PLCs and assistance with project development

Want to know if your district has officially partnered with us for the 2016-17 school year? Simply [click here](#). If you have questions regarding how to become a partner district or need a partnership form to complete, please contact our office at 501-682-4230 or visit www.economicsarkansas.org.

A Look Ahead...

January 11, 2017

Stock Market Game Awards Luncheon
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Verizon Arena
North Little Rock, AR

January 12, 2017

A Teacher Town Hall Meeting with
Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen
Little Rock Branch Location
To learn more and register, visit
www.stlouisfed.org/events
Register by January 5-seating limited

January 17, 2017

Stock Market Game Workshop - Basics
for Beginners
Economics Arkansas Conference Room
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

January 18, 2017

Stock Market Game Workshop -
Veteran Advisors
Economics Arkansas Conference Room
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

January 19, 2017

Stock Market Game Training
Northwest Arkansas
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

January 24, 2017

Stock Market Game Training
ASU Jonesboro
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

January 30, 2017

Stock Market Game Begins!

April 2017

Financial Literacy Month!
Check website for 30 days of teaching
resources.

April 7, 2017

Stock Market Game Ends!

Webinars for all grade levels are
offered each month:
Stock Market Game
High School Economics
Children's Literature
and more!

Visit www.economicsarkansas.org and
click on "event calendar" to learn more
about upcoming workshops and/or to
register. You may also [click here](#).

Stock Market Game Winners!

The fall 2016 Stock Market Game competition came to conclusion Friday, December 2nd and what an exciting 10 weeks it has been for students and their advisors. The winners of this semester's competition may be found [here](#). They will be honored at an awards luncheon January 11th at Verizon Arena in North Little Rock.



The spring 2017 competition is open for registration and will begin January 30th. If you need training at the basic or advanced level, please see workshops dates available [here](#). If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact marsha@economicsarkansas.org.

FREE Promotional Game Dates for Spring 2017

Want to play the Stock Market Game before
introducing it to your students? Here is the
perfect opportunity!

From January 9 - 27th, you can play for
FREE!

To learn more or register, please visit
www.smgww.org

Donna K. Wright Scholarships

Available for Spring 2017
Stock Market Game
Team Fees!

For an application, [click here](#).

Deadline is January 16, 2017



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The **Economics
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Foundation**
was recently
established and
serves to further

the mission of Economics Arkansas and
advance the teaching and learning of
economic ways of thinking. The Foundation
will promote the work of Economics
Arkansas and assist in securing funds
with a goal of achieving an \$8 million
endowment. Thanks to the generosity of
the Walton Family Foundation, this goal
is 25% realized! Monies generated from
this endowment will provide funds needed
to conduct economic and financial literacy
workshops and programs. If you would
like to learn more about the Foundation,
giving opportunities to support this work,
or professionals who may assist with estate
planning, please [click here](#).

*I loved the workshop because it
reminded me that children can learn
best by learning real life lessons.
Economics is real, everyday life. I
LOVED the workshop."*

Lynda Staff
St. Joseph Catholic School

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the third and final

ArkansasGives Day

April 6, 2017



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Donate \$25 (or more)

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your PD training and
resources from
Economics Arkansas.

Thank you!



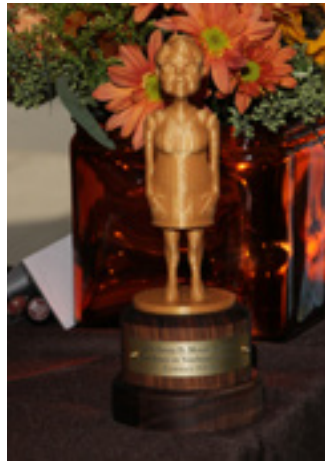
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Awards for Excellence in Teaching Economics

Twelve educators were recognized for their outstanding integration of economics. In addition, three teachers received Lifetime Achievement Awards for their tremendous work throughout their careers in education, specifically economic education. Finally, two people were recognized for receiving national awards for their involvement and contributions to promoting economic and financial literacy. For a listing of these honorees who were recognized at the Bessie B. Moore Awards Luncheon November 17, 2016, please [click here](#). Many thanks to our wonderful sponsors for helping make this event extra-special!



Award Winner Heath Hawkins receives his award from Economics Arkansas board members Bob Hamilton, Ray Hobbs, Skipper Ward and Johnny Key.



"The Bessie"



Award Winner Amy Mileham with her students who presented to the audience their project of "Baseball Economics." - It was a grand slam!



Lifetime Achievement Awards were presented by Ray Hobbs to Linda Haley (Rogers), Deborah Shearer (Pulaski County) and Jo Vanderspikken (Springdale).



Award Winner Nakesha Cunningham shared about her kindergarten project: "A Hat is Here, A Hat is There, an Economic Hat is Everywhere!"



Interested in being one of the award winning teachers for 2016-17?
Check out the guidelines [here](#), and let us know how we may assist you!

ATTENTION 8th Grade Teachers!

CHOICES is an interactive decision-making presentation for students that focuses on keeping teens in school, motivating them toward their education and future, and introducing them to practical economic concepts and life skills to help them succeed. Interested? [Click here](#) or contact Elisha at elisha@economicsarkansas.org.

Priority will be given to school districts who formally [partner](#) with Economics Arkansas.



*"The CHOICES presentation fits perfectly with Career Curriculum. Very engaging and fun!
Please come back!!"*

Libby Atkinson, Career Orientation teacher
Bryant School District



A PRAYER FOR OUR TEACHERS

DEAR GOD,
THANK YOU FOR THE AMAZING TEACHERS
WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES
TO SERVE OUR CHILDREN.
AS THEY PREPARE FOR THE NEW YEAR,
FILL THEM WITH STRENGTH TO LEAD,
GRACE TO GUIDE AND HOPE TO THRIVE
IN THEIR CLASSROOM.
BLESS THEM BEYOND MEASURE
FOR THEIR WILLINGNESS
TO POUR INTO THE NEXT
GENERATION THROUGH EDUCATION. AMEN

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More Great Resources...



This FREE 57-minute DVD, includes nine segments from John Stossel television programs, chosen and edited specifically for the classroom. Also provided is a FREE Teacher Guide (English and Spanish) with suggested lesson plans, discussion topics, worksheets, and activities!



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'Tis the Season for Economics!
(TESS 1d) - The 2016 edition of holiday articles, lessons and activities for all grade levels is available now. Check it out [here!](#)



Plickers is a powerfully simple tool that lets teachers collect real-time formative assessment data without the need for student devices.



ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

The "Walks through History" tour series features historic sites or districts around Arkansas each month. 3rd - 12th grade classrooms may participate. While there are prepared presentations, you may also request a "history in your downtown" walking tour. This would be a great way to see the impact of economic development in your town's history.

Arkansas Reads One Book

Economics Arkansas is pleased to be assisting with a Family Financial Literacy Initiative for grades K-5 in partnership with One District One Book. Approximately 10 school districts in Arkansas will be participating this spring. The premise of this initiative is for schools and families to read "The Lemonade War" book together (books are available in English and Spanish) and participate in various activities and games, with a culminating event such as a Family Financial Literacy Night. Economics Arkansas



is in the process of developing a webpage to house resources for teachers, students and parents to access to assist in teaching economic and financial literacy concepts and practices. Stay tuned!

Economics Arkansas and the Bessie B. Moore Center for Economic Education have been awarded Curriculum Awards from The National Association of Economic Educators (NAEE). The intent of these awards is to recognize superior curricular resources. Economics Arkansas received a Gold Award for its lesson based on the children's book "Too Many Toys." The Bessie B. Moore Center won a Silver Award for "Economic Development: Lessons on Development and Challenges of Economic Prosperity."



Congratulations!

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