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## Summertime, and the living is. . .

. . . easy? Not quite, my friends. "Busy" is the operative word here at Economics Arkansas.

Between June 1 and August 12, our program staff, Marsha Masters and Jennifer Taunton, were scheduled to present and teach a staggering 53 professional development opportunities for teachers throughout the state. Many of these were offered through the Education Service Centers, but others were our very own summer intensives, which the whole EA staff organized. They included the Third E<sup>3</sup> Entrepreneurship symposium in partnership with the Bessie B. Moore Center of Economic Education, the Fourth R.E.A.L Econ for All conference, the week-long high school economics workshop, and—new this year—a day-long saving and investing summit and two day-long symposia on the economics of sports, hosted back-to-back in Fayetteville and then in Little Rock. (For photos and more details, please see pages 4-5.)

Fortunately, we have had lots of supporters during this busy time, especially our Master Economics Teachers, center directors and representatives from academia, business and education. Thank you!

This is what it's all about: "Hands down the best professional development for practical, free, hands-on resources and investment in Arkansas teachers!"

(Becky May, Eastside Elementary, Greenbrier School District)



## Welcome New Lifetime Board Member: David Walt



During our statewide board meeting in May, we welcomed David Walt as our 10th Lifetime Board Member. He joins an illustrious group of Economics Arkansas supporters who have strengthened our organization through 25 years or more of service on our board. It is thanks to their commitment and advocacy that we continue to excel as a leader among education state councils. David, a farmer and education advocate from Dumas, joined our board in 1990.

After he accepted the engraved Waterford Crystal clock and our standing ovation, David reflected on his association with Economics Arkansas with these words: "Economics Arkansas can be life changing to many students. Through the innovative programs and methods our EA team presents, students are gaining insight and interest in the value of economic education and the impact it can have on their future."

While Arkansas has ranked low in some areas, we are a shining star in bringing economic education to our students." And: "It's been such an honor to serve on this board for 25 years."

David, the honor is ours. Thank you and all other Lifetime Board Members for your dedication!

For a list of all Economics Arkansas LIFETIME BOARD MEMBERS, visit  
[http://www.economicsarkansas.org/about\\_us/lifetime\\_board\\_members.html](http://www.economicsarkansas.org/about_us/lifetime_board_members.html)

## Words of Praise

As we are wrapping up our very busy, highly productive summer, I am filled with gratitude for our enthusiastic Economics Arkansas family that hosted many professional development opportunities. Our staff, Center Directors, METs and partner organizations simply outdid themselves!



Sue Owens  
Executive Director

But don't take my word for it. Here is just a small sample of the positive feedback from teachers who attended our workshops and conferences, which speaks volumes of the quality of training they received.

### E<sup>3</sup>: Empowering Entrepreneurship Education, July 15

- "Standards require teaching critical thinking and problem solving. Using these lessons, teachers are able to engage students in lessons with real-life applications that are cross-curricular."
- "This was my first time attending and it was one of the best conferences I have attended this year."
- "Economics Arkansas gives exponentially every time they put on an event. Educators are treated to real information, relevant activities and rigorous curriculum that they can walk away with and immediately start utilizing."

### REAL Econ for All Conference, July 22 - 23

- "The REAL Econ conference was an outstanding professional development experience. The tools and resources will allow my students the opportunities to experience real life economics."
- "Learning the value of integrating economics in all my lessons will forever change the way I teach."
- "My students look forward to coming to class because of the ideas I have received from Economics Arkansas."
- "This conference makes me so much more aware of the need for the teaching of economics in our schools if our children in Arkansas are going to break the cycle of poverty."

### High School Economics Course, July 27 - 31

- "This was the absolute best inservice workshop I have ever attended. This is the first year I will teach the course and I was concerned, but now I am well equipped to do a great job because of the knowledge I gained from it."
- "Economics Arkansas offers the best professional development I have ever attended in 19 years of teaching."
- "I will be teaching economics for the first time in the fall, and have been intimidated by it all summer. This PD has made me excited to teach the subject."

## Master Economics Teacher (MET) Candidates

Ten outstanding educators were invited to attend a MET Candidate Seminar in July, which served as "part 2" of their training to become Master Economics Teachers for Economics Arkansas (see list below). Candidates received refresher courses on economic concepts, creative ways to incorporate those concepts into a variety of subject areas, resource kits of supplies, etc. A huge thanks to the veteran METs who presented during the Seminar, plus retired Henderson State University economist, Calvin Shipley, and Dr. Kim Holder, economist from the University of West Georgia.

As part of their internships, candidates presented educational sessions at the REAL Econ for All Conference and all received wonderful reviews. We are excited to grow the MET program, and we thank Ray and Debra Hobbs for their generous support of this group.

Jessica Culver	Ozark SD	Nakesha Cunningham	PCSSD
Jamie Fields	PCSSD	Bud Hamley	eSTEM Charter
Valarie Harp	Hartford SD	Michele Jackson	Siloam Springs
Dianne Kellogg	Springdale SD	Rebecca May	Greenbrier SD
Tim Smitley	Springdale SD	Jennifer Wiggins	Springdale SD

## Choose to Become a CHOICES Volunteer!

For the 2015-16 school year, we already have 24 school districts requesting the CHOICES Program be presented to their 8th grade students — equating to over 3,000 students!

If you would like to learn how to become a CHOICES volunteer presenter, please contact Elisha at [elisha@economicsarkansas.org](mailto:elisha@economicsarkansas.org).

## Center News

Congratulations to Dr. Marsha Clayton, director of the Center for Economic Education at the University of Arkansas at Monticello, for being named a finalist for the Hornaday Outstanding Faculty Award in May 2015. The award was created in 2010 through an endowment by UAM alumni Charlotte and Dan Hornaday.



Welcome, Philip Tew PhD / JD, as the new director of the Center for Economic Education at Arkansas State University. He assumed his post August 1, succeeding Dr. Gary Latanich who served as director since 2008 until his retirement this year. Philip, we look forward to working with you, and Gary, thank you for your many years of enthusiastic leadership.



## In Memoriam



It is with great sadness that we announce the recent death of a brilliant champion of economic education. John Lefebber, passionate educator and IT specialist *extraordinaire*, died July 3 after a brief battle with brain cancer.

As the long-time director of educational technology at the CEE, he built EconEdLink into the highly popular site that it is today. He also participated as a sought-after presenter at many economic education conferences, including our own annual REAL Conference. John felt like a member of our Economics Arkansas family. He was a good friend, dedicated teacher and enthusiastic proponent of the power of technology to teach economics.

Thanks for everything, John. You will be greatly missed!



## Need Funding for Your Classroom?

Thanks to funding from the Walton Family Foundation, **DonorsChoose.org** is a great source of funding for your classroom and teaching needs! New for the 2015-16 school year are *Almost Home* grants, which will fund your eligible project down to only \$98 remaining. To qualify, your total project should cost less than \$1,000 (including fees) and focus specifically on economics curricula and lessons! Questions? Contact Marsha Masters at [marsha@economicsarkansas.org](mailto:marsha@economicsarkansas.org). Applications accepted during school year.



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The **Arkansas Securities Department** offers grants through its Investor Education Program. The suggested grant request range is between \$2500 and \$5000 although proposals of various amounts will be considered. The proposal due date is **October 2, 2015** with grants issued by November 13, 2015. Visit <http://www.securities.arkansas.gov/page/371/teachers> for more information.



The inaugural EconComics Competition occurred Spring 2015. This competition is designed for high school students (grades 9-12) who demonstrate a working knowledge and understanding of economic concepts they have learned in class via a four-frame comic strip venue. A total of 51 entries were submitted and six were chosen as winners! Below is the list of winners, advisors and school districts:

### Student

### Advisor

Keely C.	Lisa Dillard
Madison T.	Lisa Dillard
Greenbrier School District	
Hannah M.	Libby Mason
Greene County Tech School District	
Claire W.	Kenny Stephens
Little Rock School District	
Yaritza C.	Skyler Wiens
Damaris L.	Skyler Wiens
Springdale School District	

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Please note the deadline for entries for the Fall 2015 EconComics Competition: **December 4!**

To download an entry form complete with competition rules, visit [www.economicsarkansas.org/for\\_teachers/econcomics-competition.html](http://www.economicsarkansas.org/for_teachers/econcomics-competition.html).

Good luck!

## Teacher Grant Program



Twenty eight educators shared their innovative economic projects with one another during the 9th Annual EconExchange Seminar in May. This group of grant recipients distributed synopses of their projects and the successes and challenges realized. What a wonderful day of networking and brainstorming future projects to be implemented!

Economics Arkansas' 2015-16 Teacher Grant Program has a deadline of **Friday, September 18**. Application forms are available at [http://www.economicsarkansas.org/for\\_teachers/economic\\_education\\_teacher\\_grants\\_program.html](http://www.economicsarkansas.org/for_teachers/economic_education_teacher_grants_program.html). If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Taunton at [jennifer@economicsarkansas.org](mailto:jennifer@economicsarkansas.org). Funding is limited.

## Tips Corner

Arkansas Farm Bureau has many wonderful FREE online and classroom sets of resources for students of all ages. Plus, you can arrange a visit from the Mobile Ag Experience Program! Contact your local agent or Andy Guffey, Education & Ad in the Classroom Coordinator, at [andrew.guffey@arfb.com](mailto:andrew.guffey@arfb.com).

<http://www.arfb.com/education-youth/ag-classroom/teacher-resources.aspx>

## Program Calendar

*September 8, 2015*

Stock Market Game™ Extravaganza  
Economics Arkansas Conference Room  
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Little Rock, AR

*September 9, 2015*

Advanced Stock Market Game™ Training  
Economics Arkansas Conference Room  
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Little Rock, AR

*September 18, 2015*

Teacher Grant Applications Due!

*September 22, 2015*

Stock Market Game™ Training  
4:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Northwest Arkansas

*September 25, 2015*

Catholic Schools Conference  
Christ the King Catholic Church  
Little Rock, AR

*September 28, 2015*

Stock Market Game Begins!

*October 8 - 10, 2015*

CEE Annual Conference  
St. Petersburg, FL

*October 29, 2015*

Get Smart: The Basics of Saving and Investing Summit  
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
UA Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service Education Building  
Little Rock, AR

*November 12, 2015*

Moore Awards Luncheon and Economics Arkansas Board Meeting  
Clinton Presidential Library  
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Little Rock

*December 4, 2015*

Stock Market Game Ends!

*December 4, 2015*

EconComics Entries Due!

Visit our event calendar at [www.economicsarkansas.org](http://www.economicsarkansas.org) for more information or to register.

## NEW in 2015: Get Smart: The Basics of Saving and Investing

Our very busy summer kicked off with a new one-day intensive workshop dedicated to saving and investing, with a special emphasis on investor fraud prevention.

The *Get Smart: The Basics of Saving and Investing* summit on June 11 at the Cooperative Extension Service Building in Little Rock attracted 30 educators who received the training and resources on how to become savvy and knowledgeable investors—and how to share those insights with their classroom students. Master Economics Teachers, university professors and financial industry experts taught diverse topics, e.g., how literature can be a starting point to illustrate risk and reward; how to guide students to make sound financial decisions; how to calculate the value of money, and more. **Edmond Waters**, Commissioner of the Arkansas Securities Department, welcomed the guests, and **Larry Cathey**, Investor Education Coordinator from the Department, provided the keynote address. Participants received complete copies of the *The Basics of Saving and Investing* curriculum published by the Investor Protection Trust and other resources.

If you missed it, please plan on attending an encore *Get Smart* summit **October 29**. Visit our website at [www.economicsarkansas.org](http://www.economicsarkansas.org) for more details.

This workshop was funded by a grant from the Investor Protection Trust, [www.investorprotection.org](http://www.investorprotection.org).



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## E3: Empowering Entrepreneurship Education



Entrepreneurs are the backbone of the US economy, and our Third Annual **E3: Empowering Entrepreneurship Education** workshop on July 15 was designed to help create tomorrow's business founders.

Educators and real-life entrepreneurs provided lesson plans, resources and inspiring stories to a rapt audience of 55 teachers from across Arkansas. Topics included marketing plans for local businesses, an illustration of international coffee trade and a presentation about manufacturing gourmet chocolates among others. And yes, there was a lemonade stand!

The day culminated in a "Shark Tank" type competition between two college entrepreneurial groups. Facilitated by Jeff Amerine, founder of Start-Up Junkie, each group presented their business plans to a panel of judges plus workshop participants. Many thanks to the judges panel consisting of **Bob Boehmler** and **Jason England** of ARVEST Bank; **Michael Poore**, Superintendent of Bentonville Schools; **Dr. Tom McKinnon**, Professor Emeritus and **Wes Kemp**, Executive in Residence at UA Walton College of Business; **Marie Bruno**, Arkansas Economics Acceleration Foundation and **Scott Andrews**, Hayseed Ventures.

The workshop was hosted in partnership with the **Bessie B. Moore Center of Economic Education (UA Sam M. Walton College of Business)** and sponsored in part by the **Arkansas Economic Acceleration Foundation**.

Photos on left: Entrepreneurs set up displays of their products plus shared experiences with participants during educational presentations.

## ECONOMICS— IT'S NOT DISMAL ANYMORE

Here is a little secret about the required high school econ course: There are teachers who are apprehensive to teach it. But no more for the 21 brave souls who attended our one-week intensive prep course in late July. The workshop simulated the 18-week high school course and provided all the standards, lesson plans and activities required to engage students in a relevant and stimulating course.

The sessions were taught by Economics Arkansas Program Coordinator **Jennifer Taunton**, **Kris Bertelsen** of the Federal Reserve Bank St. Louis—Little Rock Branch, **Dr. Jeni Logan** of SAU, and Master Economics Teachers **Shelina Warren** and **Jan Loyd**. The curriculum included new lessons and videos.

Upon completion, one participant reflected on the workshop with these words: "Not having had any formal Economics training I was so nervous when Arkansas began the 9th grade Economics course. But Economics Arkansas made it so easy to teach that it has become my favorite subject to teach. I am even considering getting a Master of Arts in Entrepreneurship and Economics Education!"



### But wait, there is more

We offer professional development opportunities for Arkansas teachers K-12 throughout the year. Visit [www.economicsarkansas.org/event\\_calendar](http://www.economicsarkansas.org/event_calendar) or email [acee@economicsarkansas.org](mailto:acee@economicsarkansas.org) for more information.



# R.E.A.L. Econ for All Relevant, Engaging, Activity-based Learning



Take a record attendance of 190 teachers, 89 engaging sessions on economic and personal finance topics, 2 days of ADE approved, standards-based, intensive learning and one false fire alarm and you get “the best conference ever.” That was our 4th Annual REAL Econ for All Conference July 22 and 23. Educators from across the state participated in “real, engaging, activity-based learning” demonstrating how easy it is to integrate economic and personal finance concepts into the K-12 classroom.

Gwen Moritz, the editor of *Arkansas Business*, delivered a poignant keynote address about the need to improve financial literacy in our society. She cited example after example of financial ignorance and urged the teachers to improve the financial know-how of their students whenever possible. Fortunately, a number of our educational sessions were designed to do just that.



It was a true team effort, made possible by our wonderful Master Economic Teachers (METs), Center Directors from the campuses of ASU, HSU, SAU, and UA-Fayetteville, Little Rock and Monticello, and these partner organizations: Arkansas College Investing Plan/GIFT AR 529, Arkansas Economic Acceleration Foundation, Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, Arkansas Energy Rocks, Arkansas Game & Fish Commission, Arkansas Securities Department, CHOICES, Council For Economic Education, Farm Bureau Arkansas, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis-Little Rock and Memphis branches, Heifer International, State Farm, Windgate Foundation and Wyndham Riverfront Little Rock. This project was supported in part by a grant from the Arkansas Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities, and also funded in part by the Arkansas Department of Education. Thank you.



*Top left - Beth Ann Rankin presents about the 529 College Savings Plan.*

*Middle left - Teachers “flock” to land on “paper islands” to learn the concept of scarcity.*

*Bottom left - MET Candidate Jamie Fields shares economic concepts that can be found in “Fancy Nancy” children’s books.*

*Right - MET Candidate Jessica Culver teaches the concepts of bartering, trade and production experienced in Colonial America.*



## New in 2015: The Economics of Sports



Cheerleaders for the economics of sports:  
30 smiling workshop participants at the Donald W. Reynolds Razorback Stadium

What do LeBron James, two feuding running shoe manufacturers and a new football stadium have in common? Quite a lot, as more than 80 Arkansas educators found out during our very first “Economics of Sports” workshops in late June. They were hosted back to back in Fayetteville and Little Rock, with **Mike Raymer**, associate director of the Georgia Council on Economic Education as the main presenter.

Participants learned how not to go broke on a \$5 million annual salary, how to counsel 9th graders who want to go “pro” and plenty more as they delved deep into the economics of sports.

With the many resources, ideas and lesson plans they received for their classrooms, everybody felt like a winner.

# Leadership in Free Enterprise Award Honors Ford Family

It was our privilege to honor an exceptional Arkansas family who for generations has made major contributions to entrepreneurship and the advancement of free-market principles here at home and on a global scale. During a gala lunch at the Little Rock Marriott Hotel on April 30, 2015, Economics Arkansas presented the **Leadership in Free Enterprise Award** to **Dr. Arch Ford (posthumously)**, his son **Joe**, and his grandson **Scott**.

Dr. Ford was Arkansas's longest-serving Commissioner of Education, serving under six different governors from 1953 until 1978. In the early 1960s, he was instrumental in launching the Arkansas Council on Economic Education, now Economics Arkansas, which continues to excel as one of the strongest economic education councils in the nation. Joe Ford, and later his son Scott, spearheaded the growth of Alltel Corporation from a regional telephone company to a major telecommunications organization and national wireless carrier. In 2009, they launched Westrock Capitol Partners, a private investment group.

In his keynote address, **Warren Stephens** of Stephens Inc. paid tribute to the long-lasting relationship that the Stephens and Ford families have shared as business partners and friends for almost 70 years. Joe Ford concurred. "It's a relationship that began with a handshake," he noted when thanking Economics Arkansas and the almost 600 guests for honoring his family with the Leadership in Free Enterprise Award.

Speaking at the sold-out luncheon were **Debbie Shearer** of Baker Elementary School, Pulaski County Special School District, and **Susie Thompson** of Little Rock Christian Academy and their students who passionately spoke of the impact of Economics Arkansas.

We are deeply thankful for the generous support that made this event possible, including these **major sponsors**:

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Scott Ford and Joe Ford receive the *Leadership in Free Enterprise* award from El Dorado student Caitlyn Johnson, who created the artwork, and her teacher Helene Lambert.



David Humphrey, Economics Arkansas Board Chairman



Warren Stephens with Randy Zook, Economics Arkansas Board Vice-Chairman



Governor Asa Hutchinson

**View more photos and a video of the gala luncheon on our website at [www.economicsarkansas.org/our\\_supporters/](http://www.economicsarkansas.org/our_supporters/)**

## New Revenue Sources

We happily share the news of the following new funding streams these past few months:

- **ArkansasGives** on April 2 brought in more than \$8,000. A big thanks to everybody who donated!
  - A grant from the **Investor Protection Trust (IPT)** funded a new one-day saving and investing summit (see p. 4) for educators K-16.
  - Our REAL Conference (see p. 5) was supported in part by a grant from the **Arkansas Humanities Council**.
  - The **Caterpillar Foundation** just approved a grant to support the Stock Market Game during the 2015-16 school year.
- THANK YOU!**

## Securing Our Future

In partnership with an Arkansas consulting firm, we recently completed an endowment feasibility study. The findings of the study will be presented to our Budget & Finance Committee in late August.

**2015 Fort Smith "Fork Over Facts" Trivia Challenge: August 20th**



# THE STOCK MARKET GAME™ Spring 2015 Winners!

First and second place advisors and students of the Spring Stock Market Game™ program were honored during an awards luncheon held April 29 at Verizon Arena in North Little Rock. They received trophies, cash awards, certificates, t-shirts and medallions. The advisor with the highest average portfolio was **Lillian Hemphill** of Watson Chapel School District. **Graham Goodloe** of Little Rock School District won the Teacher Division. **Susie Thompson** of Little Rock Christian Academy won the Apple Award this semester with her students increasing their portfolio by \$24,294.65. First place winners are listed below. For a complete list of winners, visit [www.economicsarkansas.org](http://www.economicsarkansas.org). *Congratulations to these winners!*

## Elementary Division Winners

Regions I - VI

**Thurman G. Smith Elementary School**

Springdale School District

**Mansfield Middle School**

Mansfield School District

**College Hill Middle School**

Texarkana School District

**Walnut Ridge Elementary School**

Walnut Ridge School District

**Warren Dupree Elementary School**

Pulaski County Special School District

**Taylor Elementary School**

White Hall School District

## Junior High Division Winners

Regions I - VI

**Ozark Junior High School**

Ozark School District

**Hot Springs High School**

Hot Springs School District

**Genoa Central High School**

Genoa Central School District

**Osceola STEM Academy**

Osceola School District

**Pulaski Academy**

## Senior High Division Winners

Regions I - VI

**Rogers Heritage High School**

Rogers School District

**Hot Springs High School**

Hot Springs School District

**Genoa Central High School**

Genoa Central School District

**Pocahontas High School**

Pocahontas School District

**Little Rock Christian Academy**

**White Hall High School**

White Hall School District



**Apple Award Winner**  
**Susie Thompson**  
Little Rock Christian  
Academy

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## Another Capitol Hill Winner



Arkansas U.S. Representative French Hill proudly shared the spotlight with Angie Hopkins and her students from Arkansas Baptist in Little Rock who placed 7th in the nationwide 2015 Capitol Hill Challenge.

This annual competition pairs students with their US Congressmen against students and congressional representatives from other states to compete in a 14-week-long Stock Market Game simulation. The top 10 winners receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., to be recognized at an awards reception on Capitol Hill. They also meet with business, government and education leaders to learn about fiscal policy making, the role of the capital markets and global economic trends.

This is the third year in a row that an Arkansas team has placed in the top 10 nationally. We like that trend!

## REMINDER

Funding opportunities through [DonorsChoose.org/Almost Home](http://DonorsChoose.org/Almost Home), the Arkansas Securities Department and Economics Arkansas' Teacher Grant Program are accepting applications!

See p. 3 for details.

*"Thanks for a very well run SMG luncheon....three of the kids I brought are Special Ed and the 4th is an exchange student. They were SO proud and pleased. They all wanted a copy of the certificate. One said he is going to frame his and put his medallion on the frame. This could quite possibly be the only time in their lives where they are singled out for recognition."*

Larry Jones  
Dierks School District



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## Economics Concept Calendar Competition

The artwork for the 2016 Economics Concept Calendar competition totalled 371 entries. From this pool, 15 were chosen to be published in calendar format and will be distributed to educators and donors in December. We are always amazed at the creativity and the understanding of economic concepts displayed in the drawings. The selection committee always has the difficult task of choosing pictures to be featured each year. What a testament to the great job teachers are doing of incorporating economics and personal finance into their classrooms!

Below is a list of the student winners, their teacher advisors and their school districts.

### Student

Matthew G.  
Brooklynn B.  
Abigail P.  
Christian D.  
Zachary B.  
Hafsa A.  
Mikayla G.  
Emily P.  
Osaze C.  
Allison G.  
Shreeya K.  
Hailey M.  
Anastasia V.  
Monique D.  
Armando H.

### Teacher Advisor

Dale Creamer  
Pamela Dickson  
Cindy Dunn  
Jennifer Howald  
Jeff Killingsworth  
Helene Lambert  
Helene Lambert  
Rebecca May  
Ashley McDonald  
Ashley McDonald  
Judith Melikian  
Diane Montgomery  
Jerris Palmer  
Dana Populo  
Elena Reyes Lovins

### School District

Springdale  
Crossett  
Rogers  
Fort Smith  
eSTEM Public Charter School  
El Dorado  
El Dorado  
Greenbrier  
Ridgway Christian School  
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