MOORE AWARDS FOR TEACHERS

Amy Mileham with students Anthony Jimenez, Elian Hinojoza, Catlin Hollowell, Riley Duncan and Jazmine Trujillo

Valerie Harp, Rebekah Bilderback and Amy Hardy

Melody Key, Stanley Wells and Sue Owen
12 state educators honored for economics lesson plans

What does baseball have to do with economics? Fourth-grade students of Amy Mileham at Grace Hill Elementary School in Rogers can explain. They spent a year studying economics through baseball-themed lesson plans.

Five of the students described their favorite lessons from the project during the Bessie B. Moore Arkansas Awards Luncheon on Nov. 17 at the Clinton Presidential Center presented by Economics Arkansas.

Mileham was one of 12 teachers who won awards for their projects of teaching economics. Others from across the state were Rebekah Bilderback, Jaime Cavitt, Nakesha Cunningham, Tracy Floyd, Amy Gordon, Amy Hardy, Valerie Harp, Jason Heath Hawkins, Sheila Humphrey, Kristina Thrift and Shelina Warren.

Economics Arkansas helps state students become economically and financially literate, and the awards program recognizes educators who are effective in teaching economic principles.

Mileham noted that the organization is "one of the most valuable resources teachers have." She was able to get help and a grant from Economics Arkansas for her project, "Take Me Out to the Ballgame."

During the program, four board members were recognized for their long service: Jim Wooten of Beebe, 37 years; Jim D. Rollins of Springdale, 32 years; David Walt of Dumas, 26 years; and Benny Gooden of Fort Smith, 29 years. Lifetime Achievement Awards were given to teachers Linda Haley, Deborah Shearer and Jo Vanderlip.

Shelina Warren and Linda Haley

Tracy Floyd, Kristina Thrift, Sheila Humphrey and Amy Gordon

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