



Program Highlights & Upcoming Opportunities

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Education for Real Life

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Teacher Feedback...

“Economics Arkansas, without a doubt, provides the best teacher professional development I have ever attended. Their PD is engaging, highly organized, and offers detailed, hands-on lesson plans for student use. If you get a chance to attend one of their sessions, I promise you will not be disappointed.”

Craig Pinion, teacher
Atkins School District

“The presenters are experts in their fields and the energy they bring really gets me excited about getting back into my classroom and applying what I’ve learned.”

Carrie Scates, teacher
Lincoln Consolidated School District



Sheila Humphrey and her students from Woods Elementary School, Fort Smith School District, shared their economic knowledge with over 450 guests at the Leadership in Free Enterprise Awards Luncheon held April 12, 2016. To see more photos, click [here](#).

Professional Development Smorgasbord!

Economics Arkansas is offering 43 professional development opportunities around the state this summer! Please see page 3 for a complete listing and registration instructions. We would love to teach you how to incorporate economics into your classroom no matter what subject area or grade level. We will help you answer your student’s question, “Why do I need to learn this stuff?” by providing lessons and activities that they can expand to “real life”! Please contact us for more information at 501-682-4230.



Winners of the Spring 2016 session of the Stock Market Game were recognized May 10th at an awards luncheon at Verizon Arena. For a complete listing of winners and sponsors, click [here](#).

Would you like to participate in the Fall 2016 or Spring 2017 game? Trainings and team scholarships are available! Contact Marsha at 501-682-4350 or marsha@economicsarkansas.org.



The Stock Market Game Queens from White Hall School District express thanks for this program.



Shirley Kiefer, Subiaco Academy, is the Spring 2016 Apple Award Winner.

Economics & Art

Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art was the location for the May 9th *Economics and Art* workshop. Thirty teachers participated during this six-hour workshop. Many thanks to sponsors Windgate Foundation, Bessie B. Moore Center for Economic Education and Crystal Bridges for collaborating to make this workshop so successful. One teacher commented, “Zev and Rita [Workshop presenters Zev Slurzberg and Dr. Rita Littrell] are incredible! Fantastic discussions relevant to “take-aways” and ideas and resources made tangible and easy to implement in our classrooms. I am excited to begin incorporating this idea in my classroom.”



Art puzzle pieces can be used as icebreakers as these teachers found their match.



Zev Slurzberg of Crystal Bridges shares how to recognize aspects of art that can be used in teaching economic concepts.

Economic Concept Calendar Winners!

Fifteen original drawings by Arkansas' K-8th graders were selected from a pool of 564. These drawings will be featured in a 2017 Calendar available to educators and donors. For a complete list of winners, click [here](#).

Artist	School District
Sadie C	Bentonville
Alana H	Little Rock
Sarah W	Bryant
Hafsa A	El Dorado
Brooklynn W	El Dorado
Peyton P	eSTEM Public Charter
Josie T	Greenbrier
Alex S	Springdale
Ryan E	Springdale
Charley S	Brookland
Lydia H	Springdale
Mokulani S	Parkers Chapel
Betsy M	Springdale
Madison G	Fordyce
Reese B	Ridgway Christian



Artist Sadie C - Bentonville School District



The SIFMA Foundation's InvestWrite national essay competition is a culminating activity for Stock Market Game students, extending what they have learned in SMG by challenging them to analyze, think critically and problem solve.

Arkansas had a *State Winner* in fall 2015:
Amanda Mathis, student
 Rhonda Jacobs, teacher
 Hector School District

A *State Winner* in spring 2016:
Connor Hamilton, student
 Brett Unger, teacher
 Springdale School District

And a *National Winner* in spring 2016:
Granger Pearson, student
 Rick Kron, teacher
 Pulaski County Special School District

Congratulations!

Happy Summer!



Economics Exchange

Recipients of Economic Education Teacher Grants from Economics Arkansas met May 13 to exchange successes and challenges about the projects they implemented in their classrooms during 2015-16.

If you are interested in applying for a grant to implement an economics project in your classroom, click [here](#).

Deadline is September 16, 2016.



EconChallenge State Winners!

The 2016 Arkansas EconChallenge competition for high school students occurred April 7th in Little Rock. Winners of the state competition are listed below. Many thanks to the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis-Little Rock and Memphis Branches for their partnership in offering this competition.

Adam Smith Division

- 1st Place:** Team "Assets"
Little Rock Christian Academy
- 2nd Place:** Team "Blue Warriors"
Little Rock Christian Academy

David Ricardo Division

- 1st Place:** Team "The Abusement Park"
Har-Ber High School, Springdale
- 2nd Place:** Team "Meme Patrol"
Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences and the Arts



ATTENTION 8th Grade Teachers!

CHOICES is an interactive decision-making workshop 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. Our staff and business and education volunteers present two 45-minute sessions over a two-day period (successive). Interested? Visit www.economicsarkansas.org and click on the "for teachers" tab or click [here](#) or contact Elisha at elisha@economicsarkansas.org.



Summer 2016 Professional Development Opportunities

Economics Arkansas is offering an abundance of PD opportunities this summer around the state! To learn more about a specific offering, please visit our website <http://www.economicsarkansas.org>, click on the “event calendar” and pick the date that interests you. You may register from that page as well. We look forward to seeing you this summer!

Arkansas Jump\$tart Conference

June 17: Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis -
Little Rock Branch
Little Rock
8:30am - 3:30pm

Heifer International Workshop

June 23: Heifer International Headquarters
Little Rock
9:00am - 3:30pm

The Economics of Sports

June 28: Cooper Alumni Center, A-State
Jonesboro
8:30am - 3:30pm

June 29: Clinton Presidential Center
with Clinton School of Public Service
(Choctaw Commons)
Little Rock
8:30am - 3:30pm

5th Annual REAL Conference

NOTE: New Location!

July 13 - 14: Crowne Plaza
Little Rock
8:30am - 4:30pm daily

July 12: Pre-conference session
“Teachnology”: Innovative Technology to
incorporate in Your Classroom
Dr. Kim Holder, University of West Georgia

E³: Empowering Entrepreneurship Education

July 20: Fulbright Junior High School
Bentonville
8:30am - 4:00pm

July 27: U of A Cooperative Extension Service
Little Rock
8:30am - 4:00 pm

Connecting Educators to Industry

(all workshops are 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

June 8: Baldor Technology Center
U of A Fort Smith
Fort Smith

June 22: Maumelle High School-Seminar Room-
morning meeting
Westrock Coffee Warehouse-
afternoon meeting
Maumelle

June 30: Grand Prairie Center
U of A Phillips Community College
Stuttgart

July 11: McKay Student Center
Arkansas State University-Beebe
Beebe

July 19: El Dorado High School
El Dorado

July 28: Arkansas Northeastern College
Blytheville

Register Today!

Economics Arkansas Plans Multiple Stops at ESC's This Summer!

Arkansas History Workshops

June 8 - DeQueen/Mena
June 13 - Arch Ford
June 16 - Wilbur D. Mills (K-4)
June 16 - Great Rivers
June 28 - Southeast Arkansas
June 30 - Wilbur D. Mills (5-8)
July 5 - Arkansas River
July 6 - Southwest Arkansas
July 28 - Southeast Arkansas
August 2 - Northwest
August 4 - Crowley's Ridge

Itty Bitty Economics Workshops for PreK-K

June 6 - Arch Ford
June 27 - Dawson
July 6 - Wilbur D. Mills
July 18 - Northwest Arkansas

Financial Literacy, Economics & Technology Workshops

June 1 - Northcentral Arkansas
June 9 - Wilbur D. Mills
June 17 - Great Rivers
June 27 - Southeast Arkansas
July 1 - Arch Ford
August 1 - Northwest
August 3 - Arkansas River

Stock Market Game Workshops

June 15 - Wilbur D. Mills
July 18 - South Central
July 20 - Great Rivers
July 21 - Southeast Arkansas
July 25 - Northwest
July 26 - Arkansas River
August 2 - Northwest Arkansas

A Look Ahead...

July 15, 2016

Bessie B. Moore Projects Due to
Economics Arkansas

September 13, 2016

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

September 14, 2016

Stock Market Game Next Level
Economics Arkansas Conference Room
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

September 16, 2016

Teacher Grant Applications Due

September 26, 2016

Stock Market Game Begins!

November 17, 2016

Bessie B. Moore Awards Luncheon
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Clinton Presidential Library
Little Rock, AR

December 2, 2016

Stock Market Game Ends

More Great Resources...



This great site offers a variety of teacher resources for middle and secondary educators!



"The Basics of Saving and Investing: Investor Education 2020" is an investor education and protection teaching guide that can be used in a variety of learning environments. It is available for downloading free of charge.

WHEN I'M 65

When I'm 65 offers multiple a videos from Detroit Public Television that give gloss-free explanations of how the times and timing affect people in navigating toward a secure retirement. It offers can-do action plans to answer questions pertinent to various age groups like Millenials, Babyboomers and Generation X.



In addition to multiple professional development opportunities being offered this summer, Economics Arkansas hosts a number of lessons, assessment tools LiveBinders, etc. on its website free to view/download. Questions? Our staff is available to assist so contact us!

KidsEcon Posters

Looking for creative ways to introduce and assess economic concepts using Bloom's Taxonomy? KidsEconPosters offers children's literature connections, songs and more!

Scholarships for Stock Market Game Program Available!

We are pleased to announce scholarship opportunities for SMG registration fees during the 2016-17 school year:

1. Donors Choose, in partnership with the Walton Family Foundation. Applicants apply online to donorschoose.org. The deadline is TBD, but is expected to be in early August — stay tuned.
2. **NEW:** A grant from the Schmieding Foundation to expand program participation in Benton and Washington counties (Springdale School District). Application and deadline details will be shared soon.

The Schmieding Foundation, Inc.



You Can Help Us Win the Fight!

Economics Arkansas has established an Economics Arkansas Foundation and begun a Planned Giving initiative. There are multiple avenues to leave a legacy to Economics Arkansas. Please help us win the battle against economic and financial illiteracy! For more information, contact Sue Owens at 501-682-4230 or sue@economicsarkansas.org.



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