How are you celebrating Financial Capability Month?

With April declared as Financial Capability Month throughout Minnesota, we’re excited to share our favorite resources and stories on financial literacy.

April Resource of the Month: This month’s Resource of the Month comes straight from the Minnesota Department of Commerce. In partnership with the University of Minnesota-Extension, they have created a fantastic series of Financial Literacy Guides to help Minnesotans from kindergarten to retirement. These guides cover topics like saving, credit, and retirement, with a special guide just for children, teens, and young adults.

Helpful Articles: Looking for even more resources to use in your classroom? Check out these articles for elementary and high school teachers.
Register for the 2014 Summer Conference!

August 5-6, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities

Spend two days with K-12 teachers from across the state, enhancing your content knowledge and walking away with new resources, lessons, and ideas!

This year’s conference includes more sessions led by teachers across tracks including high school economics, advanced economics, personal finance, economics for the elementary grades, and economics for pre-service teachers. Networking roundtables are also built into this year’s agenda.

New this year! Register for one or both days. One-day registration is $50, while two-day registration is $90.

Visit our website to view the latest agenda and register!

Congratulations to this month’s state competition winners and qualifiers

Competition Updates on the Blog! Schools from across the state have been busy participating in Economics Challenge and Personal Finance Decathlon. Check out our blog for updates on both events, including photos: Economics Challenge and Personal Finance Decathlon

Congratulations to Albany High School, Little Falls Community High School, and St. Thomas Academy, our Economics Challenge state champions, and our Personal Finance state champion, Little Falls Community High School. Little Falls has qualified for the national finals in both Economics Challenge and Personal Finance Decathlon!

Strengthening your financial literacy doesn’t stop at the end of the month! Continue your learning this summer at one of MCEE’s summer programs in economics and personal finance.

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Apply for MCEE’s Teaching Awards by Summer Course
Summer Conference
Keynote: Professor Curt Anderson

Professor Curt Anderson is retiring! Join us on the first day of the conference in celebrating and recognizing his contributions to economics education in Minnesota over the past 30 years.

Professor Anderson will lead this year’s Claudia Parliament Distinguished Lecture, sharing his insight on why he will miss teaching economics and personal finance.

July 1

For over 30 years, we have recognized Minnesota’s outstanding teachers for their innovative lessons in economics and personal finance. Open to all K-12 teachers in the state, the 3M Economic Educator Awards and Thrivent Financial Personal Finance Educator Awards celebrate excellence and creativity in bringing economics and personal finance to the classroom.

Submissions are now open for this year’s awards, and all teachers are invited to submit their best economics or personal finance lesson for consideration. We are also accepting nominations for this year’s 3M Economic Educator Excellence Award. Award winners receive a cash prize and recognition at our annual EconFest event, scheduled this year for October 23 at Thrivent Financial’s Corporate Center.

Learn more about the awards on our website. Submissions are due on July 1!

Highlights: Global Food Summit

August 4, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities

Join us for this pre-conference workshop, featuring speakers from the business and university community and site visits to Minnesota’s food transport gateways. You’ll learn more about our (recently updated!) Global Food Challenge curriculum and come away with tons of ideas on how to teach vital topics like food trade, safety, and security to your students.

While the curriculum is geared toward middle and high school teachers, the summit is open to any teacher, and all participants receive an $80 participation stipend! Registration is $30 and includes curriculum, all meals, transportation to site visits, and CEUs.

Additional scholarships are available for those outside of the metro area, agriculture educators, and those interested in attending both the summit and our summer conference. Check out the