

DELAWARE TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

The Center for Economic Education and Entrepreneurship (CEEE) proudly recognizes and spotlights innovative and committed K-12 Delaware teachers who enrich economic, personal finance, and entrepreneurship education, sharing their motivation, instructional strategies, and valuable insights to inspire others.

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Stand Out Memory

I remember my second year of teaching, I received an email from a former student who had recently graduated. In my economics classes at the time, I assigned students a budgeting project wherein they had to create a monthly budget based on a \$40,000 annual salary. In this email, this student expressed their appreciation for my class and recalled the project so fondly that they asked if I could share the project with them again so they could use it as a basis for their budget as a college student!

Economics Everywhere

The beauty of economics is that it really can be seamlessly integrated into other social studies courses! Economic principles can enhance students' understanding of the world around them as they consider concepts through the lens of the market. Economic fluctuations can be tied to significant historical and cultural events that allow students to make connections and analyze how these events can directly affect their day to day lives.





Classroom Impact

I hope my students come away feeling like they learned something valuable. Regardless of the content, I always want to ensure that my lessons focus on helping students build skills that they can apply to anything they encounter after graduation.

For New Teachers

The foundation of economics and personal finance is choices—scarcity forces us to choose, and those choices have costs. If you can remember this and you convey this to your students, then you have succeeded.

Classroom Favorite

I love Econoland! One of the best things about teaching economics is the ability to incorporate simulations and hands-on learning opportunities for students. I love using Econoland as a way to introduce the Circular Flow Model and introduce students to macroeconomic principles surrounding business cycles and monetary and fiscal policies.



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What particular resources, programs, or general support offered by CEEE professionals have interested you, engaged you, and made your job easier and more effective? Put another way, what challenges are you facing in your world now that make partnering with the CEEE a wise choice?

When I first started teaching economics, I felt severely underqualified. It wasn't until I started taking advantage of the professional learning opportunities offered through the CEEE and its MAEEE program that I truly developed a greater appreciation and passion for economics. Since then, I have continued to go back to CEEE and participate in their summer conferences and other professional development offerings to provide me with fresh perspectives and new materials that I can incorporate into my own classroom.