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Lunch	
Georgia Council Year in Review	Mike Raymer , <i>Executive Director</i> Georgia Council on Economic Education
Presentation of the William J. VanLandingham Commitment to Education Award	Ann Cramer, Senior Consultant Coxe Curry & Associates to Joy Berry
Introduction of the Georgia Economics Teachers of the Year	Chris Cannon , <i>Associate Director & Chief Program Officer</i> Georgia Council on Economic Education to Tim Reeder & Josh Sailers
Keynote Speaker	Raphael Bostic , <i>President & CEO</i> Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta Interviewed by Mike Raymer
Closing Remarks	Kirby Thompson

Adjournment

Georgia Economics Teachers of the Year

2018 Tim Reeder Chattahoochee High School Fulton County Josh Sailers Woodstock High School Cherokee County

2017 Vanessa Ellis Fort Service Learning Academy Muscogee County Bryan Wallace

Cambridge High School Fulton County

2016 Cary Hargett Morrow High School Clayton County

2015 Craig Ellis Oglethorpe County High Oglethorpe County Sally Meyer

Crabapple Lane Elementary Fayette County

2014 Angie Battle Kings Chapel Elementary Houston County

2013 John Cook South Effingham High Effingham County

2012 Chris Cannon Sandy Creek High Fayette County

Elfi Funk Peachtree Ridge High Gwinnett County

Pamela Roach North Cobb High Cobb County

2011 Kristen Johnson Chapel Hill High Douglas County

2010 Michael Melvin Starr's Mill High Fayette County 2009 Shelby Garner

Spring Hill Elementary Fayette County Linda Mosley-Jones Church Street Elementary Clayton County

Amy Hennessy Davidson Fine Arts Magnet Richmond County

2008 Joanna Penn Luella Elementary Henry County

2007 Michael Arjona The Walker School

2006 Sherilyn Narker Columbia High DeKalb County

2005 Mark Jones Stockbridge High Henry County

Mike Raymer Starr's Mill High Fayette County

2004 Gary Jones Berry College Elementary Patti Pair Chattahoochee High Fulton County Julie Stodghill

Troup County High Troup County

2003 Amy Clifton East Lake Elementary Henry County

Rosanne MacCauley Coastal Middle Savannah-Chatham County

Mark DeCourcy Sandy Creek High Fayette County

2002 Penny Ratliff Renfroe Middle Decatur City

Brett Hardin Campbell High Cobb County 2001 Ron Wendt Campbell High Cobb County

2000 Debbie Brown Hampton Elementary Henry County Christine Harris Mt. Carmel Elementary Henry County Susan Thompson

Collins Hill High Gwinnett County

1999 Bettye Johnson Pine Ridge Elementary DeKalb County

Bo Adams The Westminster Schools Gary Petmecky Parkview High

Gwinnett County 1998 Marlene Holland Amor Kok

> Sandy Creek High Fayette County

1997 Judith J. Andrews Woodward Academy Lower School

Susan S. Burton Gordon Central High Gordon County

Suzanne W. Click Tift County Junior High Tift County

1996 Sandra E. Hutchinson Valdosta High Valdosta City

1995 Kristin Poulsen Berry College Elementary

1994 Bessie Minor Brown Central High Bibb County

1993 Terran McCloud Newman M. Agnes Jones Elementary Atlanta City

Kay Hollifield County Line Elementary Barrow County **Del Bibles** Cairo High Grady County 1991 **Sharon Flores** The Lovett School **Betty Monroe** Shiloh Middle **Gwinnett County** Pat Eubank Milton High Fulton County 1990 **Maxanne Woolf** Woodward Academy

1992

Allison Hagan Crabapple Middle Fulton County

Doug Frutiger North Fulton High Atlanta City

Glenn Quiggle Thomasville High Thomasville City

1989 Polly Diamond West Gordon Elementary Valdosta City Debra Ault-Butenko

Cross Keys High DeKalb County

1988 Sally Finch The Westminster Schools Charlotte Stowers Walton High Cobb County

1987 Juanita Culp

Cherokee Elementary Polk County Suzanne Eddinger

Meadowcreek High Gwinnett County

1986 Barbara Cordle The Darlington School Carol Penland Wills High Cobb County

Tim Reeder: Motivating Students Towards Success

Chattahoochee High School



Tim Reeder, an economics teacher at Chattahoochee High School in Fulton County, has a pretty good track record when it comes to the success of his students.

Over the last three years, his pass rates on the Advanced Placement (AP) Micro- and Macro-economics exams have been nearly 100 percent, with his students' average scores ranging from 4.5 to 4.94 out of a score of five.

His teams have dominated the Georgia Economics Challenge, earning the title of State Champions four times. In 2017, he led a team to the National Finals in New York City, placing second in the country.

Earlier this year, Reeder received a call from the College Board informing that of the 150,000 students worldwide who took the AP Macroeconomics exam in spring 2017, only 60 received perfect scores. Three of those students were from his class.

These accomplishments are pretty impressive given the fact that Reeder didn't plan to be an economics teacher.

When he was looking for a teaching job in social studies, he got a phone call from his former AP Government teacher at his alma mater, Chattahoochee High School. The teacher was going on medical leave, and was wondering if Reeder would like to take over his classes. Thinking he'd be teaching AP Government and U.S. History, Reeder agreed.

It wasn't until later that he found out his teacher was no longer teaching the same classes he did when Reeder was a student. Instead, he had all economics classes.

"I had agreed to something I couldn't back out of," Reeder says.

Luckily for his students, Reeder didn't back out. He embraced the subject, participated in GCEE workshops and has never looked back.

"It is exciting for me to see students start the year with nearly no economic knowledge and then finish equipped as educated economic citizens," he says.

To help his students better understand the subject, Reeder strives to find creative ways to engage his students and uses real world examples that will help them better grasp the concepts.

"I make the economic theory connect to the personal matters that the students care about," he says. "When they see how the topic relates to them and how their lives are shaped by it, they are more interested, and work harder to learn and master the information."

Although he has been teaching for over a decade and has had great success in the classroom, Reeder continues to strive to be what he calls a "student of economics." He regularly attends GCEE workshops, stays up to date on the latest technology and is always pursuing new opportunities to widen his experiences.

"I feel that teaching is such an important profession because it shapes the next generation," he says, "so I want to give my students my best so they can go on and achieve their best. That is what motivates me to come to work everyday."

Josh Sailers: A Champion for Student Success

Woodstock High School



Two years ago, Josh Sailers, an economics teacher at Woodstock High School in Cherokee County, read a statistic that bothered him: Of all the college students who are majoring in economics, only 27 percent are women.

He decided to do something about that. So in 2016, he started "Sophie's Club: Women in Economics," a club for female seniors at his school to help them learn about the economics profession. The club meets twice a year, and he brings in former students who are majoring in economics as well as women who are currently in the field.

"I wanted the young women I teach to learn about all the opportunities that exist for female economics majors," says Sailers. "It's opening their eyes to the possibilities." He currently has 59 students in the club and hopes to expand it to other schools in the county within the next year.

This is one example of how Sailers takes on a challenge for the benefit of his students. Another is when he built the Advanced Placement (AP) program in Micro- and Macro-economics at Woodstock High School in 2008 and 2009 respectively. Up until that point, students did not have the opportunity to take AP economics classes. In fact, he was the first teacher in Cherokee County to teach both AP micro- and AP macro-economics. He calls himself a "tireless" advocate for increasing the numbers of students who take AP economics and now his classes are full every semester.

At the heart of everything he does is this mantra: "How can I make every student successful?"

He strives to keep his students engaged and show them how economics is relevant in their lives every day. He created an economics twitter account that he uses to tweet out articles of interest and invites his students to tweet examples of economics from their lives. He says these include price discrimination at a restaurant, pictures of diminishing returns while cooking with their families and pandas at the zoo as an example of a monopoly. He uses simulations in classroom to make the material more hands on for his students and to explain multiple concepts at once.

Although he's been teaching for 13 years, Sailers strives to keep his content fresh and continues to develop his teaching skills. He estimates he's probably taken 15 workshops from the Georgia Council over the course of his teaching career, and finds he still benefits from each workshop he takes.

Sailers says that he always knew in his heart that he'd be a teacher, but instead he took a job in the business world after graduating from the University of Georgia with a degree in history. But he says he had a "gnawing feeling that he wanted to be a teacher. He returned to the University of Georgia to earn a master's degree in education and accepted a job at Woodstock High School in 2005.

"It was the best decision I ever made," he says. "I am passionate about the teaching profession."

Champions of Economic Education Award Winner

Presented periodically to organizations that have made outstanding contributions to the advancement of economic education in Georgia.

Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta - 2004

Lifetime Achievement Award Winners

Presented periodically to individuals who have made outstanding contributions throughout their lifetimes to advancing economic education.

Glen Blankenship – 2017 Bobbie McCrackin – 2014 Ouida W. Dickey – 2011 Michael H. Mescon – 2010

The William J.VanLandingham Commitment to Education Award

This award was created in 1993 to recognize the long-time commitment of Bill VanLandingham (1937-1993) to education in general and to the Georgia Council on Economic Education in particular. He played an instrumental role in the evolution of the Georgia Council, which combined two things he loved: business and education. VanLandingham joined the Council's board and executive committee in 1978 and chaired the nominating committee beginning in 1983. He became the Council's first vice chair in 1986 and served as chair from 1988 to 1990. He cochaired the Council's 1989-1991 support campaign. He was a director of the Georgia Tech Foundation and the Joint Tech-Georgia Development Fund; a member of the Emory University Board of Visitors; a member of the Atlanta Board of Education; and a chair of the Pace Academy Board of Trustees. In 1993, the first award was presented in Bill VanLandingham's name to his wife, Barbara, in his memory. Criteria for the award include a long-term commitment to education in a variety of settings.

2018 – Joy Berry	2010 – Frank Troutman, Jr.	2001 – Elridge McMillan
2017 – Community Foundation	2009 – Barbara King	2000 – Ann Wilson Cramer
for Greater Atlanta	2008 — Sunny Park	1999 – Michael H. Mescon
2016 – J. Alvin Wilbanks	2007 – David Ratcliffe	1998 – Gov. Zell Miller
2015 – Pat Willis	2006 – James H. Blanchard	1997 – Kent C. "Oz" Nelson
2014 – Curley Dossman, Jr.	2005 – H.G. "Pat" Pattillo	1996 – Charles D. Hudson
2013 – Neil Shorthouse	2004 – Herman Russell	1995 – John L. Clendenin
2012 – Tom Upchurch	2003 — Johnny Isakson	1994 – John F. and Susan W. Wieland
2011 – Phil Jacobs	2002 – W. Lee Burge	1993 — Barbara VanLandingham

The William J.VanLandingham Commitment to Education Award

Joy Berry: A Life Dedicated to Education

On a June day in 1976, Joy Berry closed the doors of the high school where she had served as principal and boarded a plane for Atlanta. Berry, who had dedicated her life to serving children in the New York City Public Schools, was retiring. She had already purchased a house in DeKalb County, and was leaving the fast-paced world of New York for a quieter life in Atlanta.



That lasted only for the summer.

"I hadn't planned to go back to work, but I got antsy," she recalls. "That summer was enough for me to realize I couldn't stay still."

So she went back to school, teaching eighth grade English at Tucker High School in DeKalb County. The next year, she moved to Frederick Douglass High School in the city of Atlanta.

Those jobs sparked a second career – a career that would span another three decades – serving on commissions and boards that shape policy in Georgia and championing the needs of children and underserved populations.

"Joy Berry is the kind of person that just commands respect," says Ann Cramer, Senior Consultant at Coxe Curry & Associates, who served with Berry on a nonprofit board. "She brings credibility and authority to every she does, and that comes out of her grace, wisdom and experience."

Berry's passion for teaching was sparked when she was just four years old. Back before houses were air conditioned, people in her Harlem neighborhood would seek refuge from the summer heat by coming outside and setting up chairs on the sidewalk. Berry's older sister would play "school" with the other children, teaching them how to read. As she got older, Berry took over the role of "teacher" with her younger neighbors.

Her love of learning was further instilled while in school. "I had four teachers along the way who I highly respected," Berry remembers. "I wanted to be just like them."

After earning a degree in education at Hunter College, Berry was assigned to teach fifth grade at an elementary school in Queens. She eventually moved on to administration, taking

a job as an assistant principal at a junior high school in Brooklyn. A few years later she was tapped to lead a high school for pregnant teenagers in the late 1960s.

"It was very cutting edge at the time," she says. "The district was trying to create a way for these girls to stay in school and reduce the drop out rate. There were so many forces in the school itself – outside services that were not under my domain. I had to work and interact and cooperate with all of them. It was challenging."

In 1978, Berry went to work for Gov. George Busby's Office of Planning and Budget, serving as liaison between the office and the state Department of Education. In 1988, she was appointed the Executive Director of the Human Relations Commission created by then Gov. Joe Frank Harris to promote civil and human rights. The group worked with local communities and law enforcement, as well as faith leaders across the state to prevent discrimination and help create a positive human relations climate.

Out of all the positions she's held, Berry says she's most proud of her work on the commission.

"It was the greatest challenge in my life, yet the most rewarding," she says, "We were championing human rights, and I think we really made a difference."

Statement of Condition

	12/31/16	12/31/17
Assets		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,261,682	\$ 1,413,146
General Endowment Funds	\$ 2,583,499	\$ 2,964,274
James D. Compton Endowment Fund	\$ 126,033	\$ 106,941
	\$ 3,971,214	\$ 4,484,361
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	\$ 341,942	\$ 394,689
Temporarily Restricted	\$ 919,740	\$ 1,018,457
Permanently Restricted	\$ 2,709,532	\$ 3,071,215
	\$ 3,971,214	\$ 4,484,361

Endowment Fund

The Georgia Council is the beneficial owner, but not the legal owner, of the Georgia Council on Economic Education Fund, which had a market value of \$1,810,517 as of December 31, 2017. The fund is owned by the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta, Inc. and, accordingly, is not included in the Council's statement of assets and balances.

The December 31, 2017, financial statements of the Georgia Council on Economic Education were examined by Smith & Howard. Complete statements along with Internal Revenue Form 990 are available for review at the Council offices.

Consolidated Budget

	OPERATING	RESTRICTED	TOTAL
Salaries	\$ 180,000	\$ 265,000	\$ 445,000
Administrative	35,755		35,755
Governance	2,900	7,500	10,400
Communications	20,000		20,000
Travel	7,520		7,520
Instructional Materials		42,000	42,000
Special Programs	5,000	91,325	96,325
Research		10,000	10,000
Support: Georgia Network		12,500	12,500
Support: National Network	2,500		2,500
Workshops		300,000	300,000
Fundraising	18,000		18,000
Transition	25,000		25,000
Total	\$ 296,675	\$ 728,325	\$1,025,000

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KEY 1 VISION AND MISSION clearly stated

The **Georgia Council on Economic Education** continues to focus on its **Vision** of students leaving school prepared for their economic roles as workers, consumers, citizens and life-long decision-makers in a globally interdependent world. Our continuing **Mission** is to help teachers teach those students in the public and independent schools of Georgia.

KEY 2 STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENTS defined

The State Board of Education approved the **Georgia Standards** of **Excellence** in the summer of 2016, which strengthened the standards for Georgia's required high school economics course are clustered around five domains: Fundamental Economics, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, International Economics and Personal Finance. The State Board of Education administers assessment instruments with the **Georgia Milestones** End-of-Grade assessments at grades 5 and 8 and End-of-Course assessment for the high school required Economics course. The Georgia Council always adjusts programming based on the Georgia Standards of Excellence and accompanying tests.

The Georgia Council was instrumental in developing a new high school elective course called **Personal Financial Literacy** that was approved by the State Board of Education in February 2017.

KEY 3

PROGRAMS AND MATERIALS aligned to state standards and assessments

Year	Number of Workshops	Number of Teachers
2017	109	1,706
2016	133	2,719
2015	128	2,382
2014	114	2,065
2013	129	2,496
2012	149	3,022
2011	114	2,408
2010	147	2,845
2009	176	3,586
2008	122	2,947
2007	125	2,528
2006	69	1,590
Cumulat Impact	ive 1,610	32,484

The Council had another effective year in 2017, which resulted in the delivery of 109 workshops to 1,706 teachers. The development of new materials and programs for elementary, middle and secondary teachers kept the mission focused and the vision on track.

For the time period on this table, GCEE has conducted an average of 124 work-shops for 2,499 teachers per year.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta continues to be a key

partner, hosting a number of workshops, conferences, speaker events, and competitions. New workshops on the **Functions of the Fed**, multiple **Economic Bootcamps**, and the annual **AP One-Day Workshops** were conducted at the bank in 2017. The bank also hosted the first "**GCEE Distinguished Speaker Series**" evening event for teachers.

A grant from the **Robert W. Woodruff Foundation** supports the development of new programs and materials and research related to the effectiveness of the programming. The Council developed a new workshop on **World War II and the Great Depression** for fifth and for eighth grade teachers that was introduced in the fall of 2017. The Council continues its focus on **international programming.** In 2017, nation-specific workshops for middle school teachers expanded to focus on the economies of **Israel, Turkey**, and **Saudi Arabia**.

The **UPS Foundation** supports implementation of the Georgia Standards of Excellence. Their support funds a wide variety of workshops for teachers, often with an emphasis on entrepreneurship, including **"Mini-Society®**," which now reaches every third grade student in Fayette and Houston Counties. The UPS grant also supports minority entrepreneurship programs for high school students at Albany State University and Georgia College.

Grants from the **SunTrust Bank Foundation** and the **Atlanta Braves Foundation** continued to support the development of new materials and workshops that focus on the Atlanta Braves' recent move and the construction of SunTrust Park in Cobb County. A **Personal Finance Summit** was held at SunTrust Park featuring key speakers from the Atlanta Braves and SunTrust financial advisors.

SunTrust Bank Foundation funding also supported several unique opportunities including taking a group of teachers to the "Business of Sports Summit."

With support from the **Georgia Foundation for Public Education**, the Council conducted its annual "Manufacturing and American Made Movie" workshop and led a manufacturing bus tour of Georgia in cooperation with **TDK** in Peachtree City, **YKK** in Macon, and Savannah-based companies **Derst Bakery**, **Gulfstream** and **Mitsubishi**. The bus tour was designed to introduce high school economics teachers to the economic impact of manufacturing on the state's economy.

Through a grant from the **Pittulloch Foundation**, the Georgia Council continued its rural initiative by reaching out directly to **rural school systems** to maximize training time in areas of the state that are often under-served. GCEE worked directly with **Regional Educational Service Agencies (RESAs)** in Dearing, Eastman, Ellijay, and Lenox to help host and deliver these workshops. In October 2017 GCEE also partnered with

the **Northeast Georgia Food Bank** and the **Georgia Farm Bureau** to deliver a workshop on Georgia's agriculture sector. This grant also allowed GCEE to host the second annual Econ Games – an economics competition for elementary school students – in Tifton in April of 2018 with participation from multiple rural south Georgia counties.

The College Board partners with GCEE to provide special training for teachers of Advanced Placement Economics. GCEE hosted week-long workshops at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta for AP Micro and AP Macro teachers led by Gary Petmecky from the Gwinnett County Schools and professor Gary Stone from Winthrop University. One-day AP workshops were also conducted each semester for AP Micro and AP Macro teachers. A grant from the Price Gilbert, Jr. Charitable Foundation supports GCEE's work with AP teachers.

Personal Finance workshops were conducted at K-5 level showcasing the **\$martPath** resource. Significant work is expected in the 2018-2019 school year in the area of personal finance, including a new personal finance video game. Work relating to personal finance is supported by grants from **Bank of America, The Capital Group,** the **SunTrust Bank Foundation** and **Wells Fargo.**

The Council for Economic Education/National Association of Economic Educators' Annual Conference was held in Brooklyn, New York, October 4-7, 2017. GCEE staff and several Center for Economic Education Directors made presentations. **Mike Raymer,** GCEE Executive Director, presented "Take Me Out to the Ballgame...For Some Baseball." Chris Cannon, GCEE Associate Director presented "The Economics of the Film and Television Industry." **Shelby Frost,** Director of the Georgia State University Center for Economic Education presented "Tech Talk: Efficiencies in the Classroom." **Kim Holder,** Director of the University of West Georgia Center for Economic Education presented "Laughter, Literature and Innovation in the Economics Classroom" and "Arts & Crafts of the Dismal Science."

The Georgia Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference was held in Athens, Georgia, October 11-13, 2017. The program included presentations by GCEE Executive Director **Mike Raymer** and Georgia State University Center for Economic Education Associate Director **Joe Feinberg**, "Made in America, Economic Lessons for Teachers" and GCEE Associate Director **Chris Cannon**, "GCEE's new K-5 Personal Finance Experience" and "Lights, Camera, Economics: The Economic Impact of the Film Industry in Georgia."

The **Stock Market Game™** was introduced in Georgia in 1980. The Georgia competition is one of the largest in the country, with 5,372 teams in 621 schools and 20,931 students

participating during the 2017-2018 school year. A grant from Bank of America has supported the growth of the game in Atlanta and in Title I schools across the state. In 2017-2018, 268 teachers were trained in 18 workshops with the support of the Primerica Foundation. Additional support is provided by the Atlanta Society of Finance and Investment Professionals and the Georgia Securities Association. Support for the annual Stock Market Game™ Awards Luncheon comes from Bank of America, Deloitte and Invesco. A team from William James Middle School in Bulloch County took home first place in the Fall 2017 competition under the supervision of Emerson Chester. A team from Christian Heritage School in Whitfield County took home first place in the Spring 2018 competition under the supervision of April Fisher.

The Council also promotes participation in the national **Invest** *Write* competition of the Stock Market Game. Students prepare a written analysis of their investments through the application of research skills and critical analysis. **Druid Hills High School** in DeKalb County had the first & third place national winners during the fall, 2017 competition.

The 11th annual **Georgia Economics Challenge** for high school students was held at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta in March. Teams from across the state took written tests on Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, and International Trade. Teacher **Steven Slocumb's** team from **Sandy Creek High School**, Fayette County, took home first place in the David Ricardo Division (regular economics students) and teacher **Joel Miller's** team from **South Forsyth High, Forsyth County** won the Adam Smith Division (AP/IB students). The first-place teams advanced to the national Semi-Finals coordinated by the **Council for Economic Education**.

The fourth annual **Personal Finance Challenge**, an on-line competition for high school students, was held in March. A group of students from **Dunwoody High School**, **DeKalb County**, took home top honors and traveled to Lincoln, Nebraska for the national finals in May. The team competed under the supervision of coach **Laura Lampron**.

The second annual **Econ Games** competition for fourth and fifth grade students was held in Tifton in April. Teams from Jones County, Marion County, Telfair County, Thomasville City, Tift County, and Ware County participated in three rounds of competition to demonstrate their mastery of economic concepts that included specialization, entrepreneurship and productivity.

KEY 4 STATEWIDE DELIVERY SYSTEM *in place*

The **Economics***America* network in Georgia has a total of 174 affiliations (142 public school systems and 32 independent

schools) formally dedicated to strengthening economic education in their schools.

The Council's network of 12 university-based **Centers for Economic Education** continues to be a key to programming in Georgia. The staff at each Center is involved in coordinating and conducting teacher workshops and special programs, developing and distributing materials, and working with local educational leaders on ways to strengthen economic education in their schools.

KEY 5 RESEARCH to determine Council effectiveness

The **Research Committee** continues to support the efforts of Committee Chairman **Dr. John Swinton**, Director of the Center for Economic Education at Georgia College, to examine the impact of Georgia Council programming on student performance on state tests. Results published by Dr. Swinton and his colleagues indicate that students of teachers who had attended GCEE workshops **scored statistically significantly higher** on Georgia's End-of-Course Test in Economics than students of those teachers who have not attended workshops. Results also indicate that student scores continue to rise as a teacher attends additional Georgia Council workshops.

The research was made possible thanks to the cooperation of the **Georgia Department of Education** in providing EOCT results and the database of teacher participation in workshops maintained by the Georgia Council on Economic Education. The Research Committee plans to partner with the **Georgia Professional Standards Commission** on new initiatives.

The Georgia Council continues to survey teachers on their experiences with the Georgia Council. In the most recent survey, approximately 80% of all workshop attendees were either very satisfied with their workshop or thought it was one of the best they had ever attended, while 12% were "satisfied" and the balance were neutral.

KEY 6 LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE defined

The **Communications Committee**, chaired by **Rob Baskin**, **Atlanta President**, **Weber Shandwick**, continues to provide guidance as the Council expands its outreach to its key audiences – educators, current and prospective contributors, and opinion leaders.

The **Development Committee**, chaired by **David King**, **President & CEO**, **Alexander Haas**, focuses on the longterm fundraising needs of the Council during and between the Council's traditional three-year Support Campaigns. The **Finance Committee**, chaired by **Christophe Cadiou**, **Partner**, **PricewaterhouseCoopers** provides leadership in overseeing the financial affairs of the Council. The committee reviews the annual consolidated budget, provides advice on financial management, and oversees investment strategies related to the endowment funds. The Council is the "beneficial owner" of the Georgia Council Endowment Fund at the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta. The Committee meets annually with the Council's external auditors from **Smith & Howard**.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Marie Gooding, First Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, continues to recruit top leaders to serve as officers and on the Board and Committees.

The **Program Committee** continues to work with Council staff members to review existing programs and help oversee the development and delivery of new workshops, programs, and materials, which meet the needs of Georgia's teachers. **Eddie Bennett, Executive Director, Georgia Council for the Social Studies** chairs this committee.

Kirby Thompson, Senior Vice President, Community and Government Affairs, SunTrust Bank, has served as the Council's Chair, and David Smith, Executive Vice President, Regions Bank, has served as Vice-Chair and Chair-Elect.

The Council's **Board of Trustees** includes top leaders from business, education, and government. Many former leaders continue to serve as **Trustees Emeriti**.

KEY 7 FUNDRAISING AND FINANCES diversified

The Council continues to seek contributions to support our work with teachers through the **2016-2018 Support Campaign** with a goal of \$3.3 million. The campaign is being co-chaired by **Ron Hinson, Executive Vice President and CFO of Georgia Power** and **David Smith, Executive Vice President of Regions Bank. Georgia Power** donated the printing for the campaign materials. Funds will be raised from foundations, businesses, and individuals. To date, the Council has gifts and pledges totaling more than \$3 million.

KEY 8 COMMUNICATE *to multiple audiences in a variety of formats*

The Communications Committee continues its focus on the uses of technology in communication with our many audiences.

The Council also has a presence on Facebook, Instagram and

Twitter. In addition, the Council is expanding its web-based database of teacher activity, which allows for more effective and efficient management of information and communications.

The Committee oversees the development of the Council's online and print newsletters, **The Word on Economic Education**, and other print materials including the **Atlanta Business Chronicle** insert published in conjunction with the Annual Meeting, brochures, and fundraising materials. The Committee also provides guidance on the website design and other electronic communications.

They also assist with planning special events including the **Annual Meeting** and the **Stock Market Game Awards Luncheon**.

KEY 9 PARTNER with others sharing the vision

The Council continues to cooperate with, and serve as liaison to, many other groups who share all or part of the Council's vision and mission, including:

Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia The College Board Communities in Schools of Georgia Council for Economic Education Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta Foundation for Economic Education Georgia Association of Economic Educators Georgia Association of Economics and Finance Georgia Consortium for Personal Financial Literacy Georgia Council for the Social Studies Georgia Department of Education Georgia Foundation for Public Education **Georgia Humanities** Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education Georgia Public Policy Foundation Georgia Public Television Georgia Securities Association Georgia State University Japan America Society of Georgia Japanese Consulate Jump\$tart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy National Association of Economic Educators Regional Educational Service Agencies SIFMA Foundation for Investor Education Transatlantic Outreach Program World Affairs Council of Atlanta

KEY 10 RECOGNITION of excellence

The **Stock Market Game Awards Luncheon** brought together winning teams from public and independent schools from across the state for the purpose of recognizing academic achievement. The program was held May 7, 2018 at the Fabulous Fox Theatre. This was the 38th year the Council has coordinated the SMG in Georgia.

The Council supports a variety of awards programs, including the **Georgia Economics Teacher of the Year** (in cooperation with the **Georgia Securities Association**). This year's winners are **Tim Reeder** from Chattahoochee High School in Fulton County and **Josh Sailers** from Woodstock High School in Cherokee County. The Council also supports the **Professor of the Year** presented by the **Georgia Association of Economics and Finance (GAEF).** In addition, GCEE recognizes both student winners and teacher advisors in the **Georgia Social Studies Fair**, which includes an Economics Division.

The William J. VanLandingham Commitment to Education Award recognizes an individual or organization that has made a long-term commitment to education in a variety of settings. In 2018, the award is being presented to **Ms. Joy Berry.**

Brenda Cude, Director of the University of Georgia Center, received the inaugural **Direct Selling Education Foundation Educator of the Year Award** at the Direct Selling Association annual meeting.

Kathaleena Edward Monds, Albany State University Co-Director, was awarded a Venturewell grant to implement a Minor in Entrepreneurship and Innovation and a Thurgood Marshall College Fund grant to implement the Center for Educational Opportunity.

John Swinton, Georgia College University Center Director, received the 2017 **Georgia College Faculty Service Award** for his continued excellence in service to his University.

KEY 11 STAFF *lean and committed*

The Council has a small staff of dedicated, enthusiastic professionals who coordinate the activities of the statewide network and volunteers. The Georgia Council is a recognized leader within

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