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Since January, the small but mighty GCEE team has been hard at work helping teachers across Georgia bring economics and personal finance to life for their students. Between the start of 2026 and today, we've served 1,891 teachers through 82 unique workshops and experiential learning opportunities. These programs have included hands-on professional development workshops, standards-based classroom lessons, several student competitions, and special events designed to make economics practical, relevant, and engaging. Most importantly, GCEE offered these opportunities at no financial cost to teachers or their school systems, helping remove barriers and expand access to high-quality instruction statewide.

We are proud of the momentum built during the first part of the year and even more excited about what's ahead in 2026. Chris, Angie, and Carey continue to develop new resources and meaningful learning experiences that help teachers feel more confident and prepared to teach Georgia's required economics and personal finance standards. Whether through a workshop, the Stock Market Game, academic competitions, or new initiatives like our America 250 workshops, GCEE remains focused on one clear mission: helping teachers teach economics and personal finance so Georgia students are better prepared for their futures.

This summer, our work continues with a full slate of programs designed to support teachers at every grade level. GCEE will deliver three AP Summer Institutes, host our popular K5E3 program in Savannah, partner with Georgia-Pacific for another Economic Education Institute, and lead a study tour to Scotland. Together, these opportunities reflect the depth and variety of

GCEE’s work and our continued commitment to providing teachers with meaningful experiences, practical resources, and fresh ideas they can take back to their classrooms.

-Mike Raymer

2026 Economics Challenge Champs



We are thrilled to share the exciting news that a team of students from Lambert High School in Forsyth County took home 1st place in the Adam Smith Division at last week’s National Economics Challenge. Conducted by the Council for Economic Education and held at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, the competition brought together some of the top student economists from across the country. This marks the first time a team from

Georgia has ever won the competition, making this an especially meaningful and historic achievement. Each year, more than 10,000 students from across the country compete in the National Economics Challenge, and these four students rose to the very top.

The entire GCEE team could not be happier or prouder of these students, their teacher, and the entire Lambert High School community for representing Georgia so well on the national stage. Moments like this are a powerful reminder of what students can accomplish when they have access to engaging academic opportunities and meaningful programs that challenge them to think like economists.

2026 Econ Games

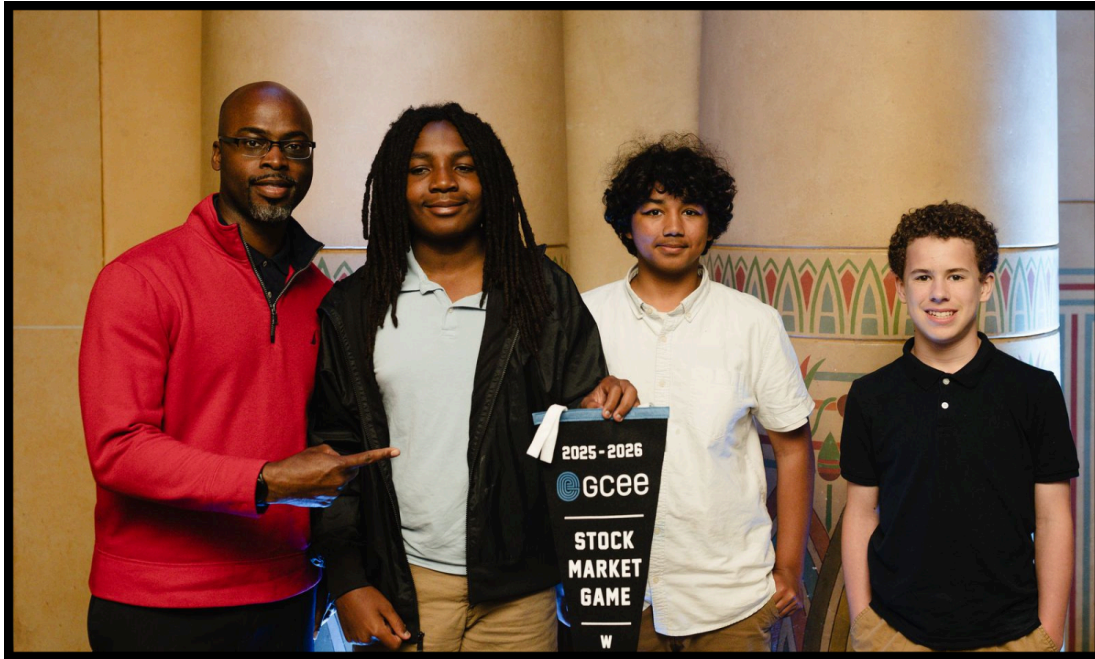


This spring, GCEE once again brought economics to life for elementary students through our Econ Games competitions. Designed for 4th and 5th grade students, the Econ Games gives young learners the opportunity to apply economic thinking in creative, collaborative, and fast-paced ways. Teams work together through multiple rounds that challenge them to demonstrate problem-solving, decision-making, teamwork, and communication skills. From assembly line production to critical thinking challenges and product pitch presentations, students showed that economics is not just something to read about in a textbook; it is something they can use to better understand the world around them.

We are especially proud of the students who competed in this year's South Georgia and Metro Atlanta Econ Games. Congratulations to Wacona Elementary School in Ware County, winner of the South Georgia 4th grade division, and Len Lastinger Elementary School in Tift County, winner of the South Georgia 5th grade division. We also congratulate Virginia-Highland Elementary School in Atlanta Public Schools, which won both the 4th and 5th grade divisions in the Metro Atlanta Econ Games. We are grateful to the teachers who prepared their students, the volunteers and judges who supported the events, and the partners who help make experiences like the Econ Games possible.

2026 Stock Market Game





More than 15,000 students from across Georgia participated in GCEE's Spring 2026 Stock Market Game, gaining hands-on experience with investing, financial decision-making, risk, diversification, and long-term planning. During the competition, student teams managed virtual investment portfolios and applied real-world economic and financial concepts as they responded to changing market conditions. Congratulations to the winning team from Decatur High School in Decatur City Schools, whose portfolio finished with an impressive total of \$169,670.

In early May, GCEE hosted its annual Stock Market Game luncheon at the Fox Theatre in Atlanta to recognize top-performing students, teachers, and schools from across the state. One teacher shared, "Playing the Stock Market Game with my students is always a highlight of the year because the game is engaging and it helps me teach so many different standards and concepts." We are proud of everyone who participated in this spring's competition and grateful for the opportunity to help students build financial knowledge through an engaging, real-world learning experience.

Georgia students also shined on the national stage this spring through InvestWrite, the essay competition that gives Stock Market Game participants the opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned about investing, financial decision-making, and long-term planning. We are especially proud that Georgia had the 1st place national winner in the 6th-8th grade division. This outstanding achievement reflects not only the student's hard work and insight, but also the power of programs that help students connect classroom learning to real-world financial decisions.

2026 Personal Finance Challenge



GCEE recently conducted the 2026 Personal Finance Challenge, giving high school students from across Georgia the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge of budgeting, credit, insurance, investing, taxes, and real-world financial decision-making. During the competition, student teams applied classroom learning to practical financial scenarios, analyzed complex situations, and presented recommendations designed to help individuals and families make informed choices. The event showcased not only students' personal finance knowledge, but also their critical thinking, teamwork,

communication skills, and ability to connect financial concepts to everyday life.

Congratulations to Lambert High School for taking home 1st place in the 2026 GCEE Personal Finance Challenge, and to Rockdale County High School for earning the title of Access Zone Champion. We are incredibly proud of these students, their teachers, and all of the teams who participated in this year's competition. Programs like the Personal Finance Challenge help students build skills that can positively impact their futures, and we are grateful for the educators, volunteers, and supporters who help make these meaningful learning opportunities possible.



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