

Searching for Equilibrium

Greetings!

(by Stephanie Brewer Jozefowicz, Co-Director)

It has truly been a pleasure meeting and working with so many dedicated and enthusiastic teachers this year. Highlights of this past year include Carol Occhuizzo joining the IUP Center staff (and all of the time she has spent with many of you!), the development of new partnerships with the Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank and the *Indiana Gazette*, and the first Stock Market Game Legislative Challenge.

Even as the 2005-2006 school year is nearing an end, we are looking forward starting afresh in the fall with both new and returning programming.

We are very excited to announce a new partnership program called, "It Just Adds Up." This series of award-winning newspaper activities will be sponsored jointly by the IUP Center for Economic Education and the *Indiana Gazette* as part of the Newspapers in Education (NIE) program. The series will be published in the *Indiana Gazette* starting in September 2006.

"It Just Adds Up" is a weekly series of 26 lessons teaching young people about personal financial economics. Each lesson features a brief lesson plan, a student activity and suggested ideas for parents. The lessons integrate math and reading to help young people build their decision-making skills. While the lessons are designed for 6-8 graders, they have been used successfully across a variety of grades and courses.

In conjunction with this series, workshops focused on personal financial economics will be offered for teachers in different grade levels in September. These workshops will feature the National Council on Economic Education (NCEE) *Financial Fitness for Life* curriculum, and the workshop location will be the *Indiana Gazette* office in Indiana.

Programming also will continue to include The Stock Market Game, Business Plan, and Economics Challenge competitions, with which many of you are familiar. Please contact us any time with your questions or concerns.

FALL 2006 WORKSHOPS:



We have begun planning our Fall 2006 teacher workshop schedule. We hope this new series of workshops continues to meet your curriculum needs. Let us know if you have specific interests in

additional curriculum topics. We look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Remember to look for the "It Just Adds Up" NIE series in the *Indiana Gazette*.

September 6	<i>The Stock Market Game</i> (Grades 4-12)	3 pm - 6 pm	IUP, main campus
September 13	<i>Financial Fitness for</i> <i>Grades K-5</i>	3 pm - 6 pm	<i>Indiana Gazette</i> office (Ninth & Water Streets)
September 20	<i>Financial Fitness for</i> <i>Grades 6-8</i>	3 pm - 6 pm	<i>Indiana Gazette</i> office (Ninth & Water Streets)
September 27	<i>Financial Fitness for</i> <i>Grades 9-12</i>	3 pm - 6 pm	<i>Indiana Gazette</i> office (Ninth & Water Streets)
November 3	<i>Environmental Economics</i> (High School curriculum)	9 am - 3 pm	Butler County Community College
October 20	<i>Elementary Economics</i> (Grades 2-6)	9 am - 3 pm	Indiana County Country Club
November 15	<i>Bringing Home the Bacon</i>	3 pm - 6 pm	IUP, main campus

Congratulations to all of the students, teachers, and state representatives who participated in The Stock Market Game (SMG) and Legislative Challenge this spring. This year a total of over 500 schools, 6,300 teams, and 20,700 students across Pennsylvania participated in the SMG.

We would like to recognize Mr. Chris Peters (Marion Center High School), Mrs. Beverly Pribicko (Homer-Center High School), and Mrs. Sarah Doris (Ligonier Valley Middle School) and their students for their outstanding effort in the Legislative Challenge. Great job everyone!

Finally, our special thanks goes out to Senator Don White, Representative Dave Reed, and Representative Jess Stairs for their participation in the Legislative Challenge and continued dedication to economic education in our schools.



The IUP Center for Economic Education regional winners include the following teachers and schools:

Grades 4-6

1st place	Franklin Regional Elementary School	Carmen Loughner
2nd place	Franklin Regional Elementary School	Carmen Loughner
3rd place	Sloan Elementary School	Holli Wilson

Grades 7-8

1st place	Mary Queen of Apostles	Cheryl Kestner
2nd place	Mary Queen of Apostles	Cheryl Kestner
3rd place	Mary Queen of Apostles	Cheryl Kestner
4th place	Rostraver Middle School	Daneen Watson

Grades 9-12

1st place	Franklin Regional High School	Susan Suneri
2nd place	Franklin Regional High School	Susan Suneri
3rd place	Franklin Regional High School	Ian Magness
4th place	Belle Vernon	Judith Klinsky

The Stock Market Game

The Stock Market Game is a 10-week online simulation for students in grades 4-12. Through participation in the game and use of the National Council on Economic Education *Learning, Earning, and Investing* curriculum, teachers can help students be better savers, consumers and

investors. The Stock Market Game runs each year during the fall and spring semesters.

Please see the Economics Pennsylvania web page (www.economicspa.org) for game dates and registration information. We will be conducting a

teacher training workshop focused on The Stock Market Game on Wednesday, September 6. This workshop will be held at the IUP main campus in Indiana. The workshop will include an overview of the game and a hands-on component for participating teachers.

Business Plan Competition



Business plans submitted by teachers participating in the 2006 statewide Business Plan competition currently are being judged. The Business Plan com-

petition is run by Economics Pennsylvania and is a component of the Business Plan curriculum.

Teachers attending Business Plan workshops receive the 10-lesson curriculum on creating a business plan and teaching entre-

preneurship. This curriculum can be used by mathematics, business, and economics teachers. The student-created business plans can be submitted to the annual spring competition for regional and state judging and prizes.

Multicultural Children's Literature Books/Resource Boxes

The IUP Center for Economic Education now has a variety of children's literature books, lesson plans, and supplementary resources available for checkout by teachers. Selected books incorporate both multicultural and economic themes.

Materials have been grouped together in boxes based on regional geography: Asia, Cen-

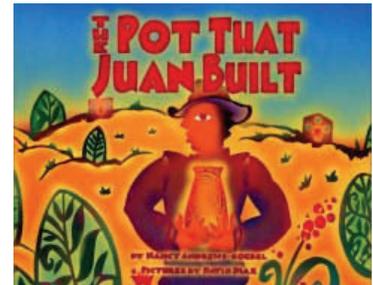


tral/South America, Africa, Europe, and the U.S. Southwest (includes Native American Indian materials). Each box contains "show-and-tell" type items related to the culture and geography of a given region.

These books will continue to be featured as a component of the "Elementary Economics" workshops. Nevertheless, they could be utilized in elementary, middle school, or high school classrooms as application exercises for basic economic content such as the production process, factors of production, and supply and demand, as well as, the basis for further exploration of topics from money and banking to international trade of goods and services to economic

systems and demographics.

One of the books included is *The Pot that Juan Built*, which is written in the style of "The House that Jack Built." It describes the rebirth of a pottery production process in Mata Ortiz, Mexico. The true story illustrates both entrepreneurship and economic development themes.



Teacher Spotlight: Sarah Doris, Ligonier Valley School District

I currently live in Latrobe with my husband, Frank, and our twins, Frank and Jessica. Although I have been a classroom teacher for only four years, effective teaching practices have been employed in all of my career choices. I have a BS in Industrial Engineering from Purdue University, and I worked as an efficiency expert and head of employee training at Latrobe Die Casting Company for five years. I also had the privilege of being a stay at home mom, the most difficult career choice yet. I

received my teaching certification from Saint Vincent College and am now a sixth grade math teacher in the Ligonier Valley School District.

I have been fortunate to be involved with the IUP Center in many capacities this year. I have attended Economics workshops, and my classrooms have participated in both the Fall and Spring Stock Market Games (SMG). One of my teams recently competed against and defeated Representative Jess Stairs in the Spring SMG

Legislative Challenge. Having integrated the lessons into my class, I also present the NCEE *Math Economics: Grades 3-5* curriculum at an IUP Economics workshop for elementary teachers.





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If you haven't already, be sure to explore the freshly redesigned EconomicsPennsylvania web site (www.economicspa.org) for information about upcoming workshops

and competitions sponsored by the IUP Center for Economic Education, as well as other regional and statewide activities. By clicking on "Workshops" and then a date in the

calendar, you can register for workshops online. The web site also includes several lesson plans that can be downloaded and links to other resources.