

Economic Challenge, Financial Literacy contests highlight April as Financial Literacy Month

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The Mississippi Council on Economic Education will observe April as Financial Literacy Month by bringing together high school students from across the state for the state Economics Challenge on Tuesday and the state Financial Literacy Challenge on Tuesday, April 23. Both Challenges will be at Millsaps College in the Leggette Center starting at 10 am and ending at 1 pm.

Gov. Phil Bryant ushered in Financial Literacy Month Friday with the signing of a proclamation proclaiming April as Financial Literacy Month.

The MCEE offers comprehensive, K-12 economic personal finance and entrepreneurial education programs, including the basics of entrepreneurship, consisting of teaching resources across the curriculum, professional development for teachers, and nationally-accepted assessment instruments

Meanwhile, an effort to make financial literacy classes a graduation require for Mississippi public schools fell short in this year's Legislature. State Treasurer Lynn Fitch had sponsored the initiative, which passed the House but failed to gain a vote in the Senate.

Selena Swartzfager, director of the MCEE, said the legislative effort helped to raise awareness of financial literacy and the benefits it can bringing to youngsters in the state. "We will continue to draw as many students as possible to {financial literacy classes) as possible as an elective," she said Thursday.