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Indiana Council for Economic Education Announces State's Top Teachers of Economics

The Indiana Council for Economic Education is pleased to announce the finalist for the 2017 Statewide Olin W. Davis Teaching Award recipients. Award recipients are selected based on their exemplary classroom projects or units in economic or personal finance instruction along with letters of recommendation. Each finalist will receive a check for \$500 and a plaque honoring their accomplishments in the field of economic education. The award is sponsored by Indiana Farm Bureau.

These prestigious teaching awards will be presented at the ICEE's Annual Awards for Excellence Luncheon in Indianapolis at the Sheraton Indianapolis Hotel at Keystone Crossing at **12 noon on Thursday, June 29th, 2017**. The finalists are **Laura Duncan**, Triton Central High School; **John Kruggel**, Brownburg High School; **Justine Skillman**, Hasten Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis; **Chris Stevenson**, Covenant Christian High School (Indianapolis); **Barbara Tilley**, Mintonye Elementary (Lafayette); **Emily Vanderwall**, **Michelle Tuinstra**, and **Kim Plantenga**, Lafayette Christian School. Two state winners, one for elementary grades and one for secondary grades will be selected from these finalists and announced at the Awards Luncheon.

According to Jeff Sanson, ICEE Executive Director, "The ability to think and reason economically continues to be important in today's world. The finalists for the Olin Davis Award are remarkable in their ability to create learning experiences for their students that make decision making come alive. Their students get to not only apply the knowledge they gain from other subjects across the curriculum, they get to practice using economics and personal finance to help them make real world decisions – from managing a household budget to decisions involved in the production and marketing of goods and services."

The awards luncheon is part of the annual Smart Indiana Economic Education and Financial Literacy Conference. For information on this event, call (765) 494-8541, or visit the ICEE website at www.econed-in.org.

Professor Olin W. Davis formalized the economic education programs at Purdue University in 1954. Under his leadership, economic education's sphere of influence grew to impact thousands of Indiana citizens. Professor Davis died in 1970. The Olin W. Davis Awards for Exemplary Teaching of Economics in Indiana is sponsored by the ICEE, which is built on the foundation Professor Davis established and which honors him with this fitting tribute. This annual award is sponsored by Indiana Farm Bureau.

The ICEE is an academic outreach center within Purdue's Department of Agricultural Economics. Established in 1954, it is the lead unit in an 11-institution network of university centers for economic education. Both the ICEE and the university centers are affiliated with the national Council for Economic Education. The 11 universities, in addition to Purdue, are Ball State University, Indiana State University, IU East, IU Kokomo, IU Northwest, IU South Bend, IU Southeast, IPFW, IUPUI and the University of Southern Indiana.

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