



Fostering Financial Education in Maine Schools Conference

Agenda

Augusta Civic Center - May 6, 2016

7:30 – 8:00	Registration & Exhibitor Breakfast - Augusta/Capital/Pine Tree		
8:00 – 8:30	Welcome		
8:30 – 9:30	<i>Financial Education Strategies You Haven't Tried Before</i> Peter Bielagus , America's Financial Educator		
9:30 – 10:00	Morning Exhibitor Break and Exhibitor Scavenger Hunt		
10:00 – 11:00	Augusta/Capital/Pine Tree	Washington	York
	Bring Your Classroom to Life with the SIFMA Stock Market Game™! Jim Ford , SIFMA Stock Market Game Coordinator	Claim Your Future® Game Mila Tappan , Manager of College Access, FAME Kassandra Foster , English Language Arts Teacher, Sedomocha Middle School Lindsay Noyes , Eighth Grade Science Teacher, Sedomocha Middle School	Investing is On You: Investing 101 for Educators Christopher Lee , CFP® and co-owner of New England Capital Financial Advisors and President of the Connecticut Jump\$tart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy
11:00 – 12:00	LifeSmarts Mock Competition Featuring the 2016 Maine LifeSmarts Champions		
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch – Maine Jump\$tart Educator of the Year Presentation		
1:00 – 2:00	Augusta/Capital/Pine Tree	Washington	York
	Teacher Panel: Best Practices in Financial Education Ami Amero , History Teacher, Forest Hills High School Amanda Peterson , Business Instructor, United Technologies Center Bo Zabierek , Applied Academics Instructor, Region Two School of Applied Academics	Three Laws of Money That Will Help Your Students Start Strong Dr. Sarah Newcomb , Behavioral Economist, Morningstar	The Truth About Student Loan Debt Jennifer Lanphear , College Access Counselor, FAME
2:00 – 2:30	Exhibitor Cookie Break – Maine Credit Union League Financial Fitness Fair		
2:30 – 3:30	Augusta/Capital/Pine Tree	Washington	York
	SALT® Financial Literacy Program for High School Students and Beyond Joanne Dashiell , Manager of Partner Engagement, American Student Assistance	How to Help Students Get on the Road to Using Credit Wisely Jennifer H. Pincus, Esq. , Office of the United States Trustee Christopher Roney, Esq. , General Counsel, FAME Tony Staffiere , College Success Counselor, Cornerstone TRIO	Teaching Personal Finance in the High School Classroom Ami Amero , History Teacher, Forest Hills High School, Jackman
3:30	Closing Remarks & Raffle Drawing - Augusta/Capital/Pine Tree		

Financial Education Strategies You Haven't Tried Before

Feel like you've tried everything to get students interested in money management? In this high energy session, personal finance expert Peter Bielagus will show you the strategies he uses while working with over 60 high schools and college campuses to get students excited about money management. He'll show you how to rope in parents and how to zero in on the best resources. Along the way you'll be able to interact with colleagues and get some tips on improving your own financial life. Get ready to laugh and share as you learn how to enrich the lives around you.

The Stock Market Game™

During this interactive session, participants will learn how to engage students into the topic of investing utilizing the SIFMA Stock Market Game Program. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn how to get started in the classroom and how to take the first step in the lifelong learning process of understanding investments.

Claim Your Future® Game

Join the Finance Authority of Maine and two educators from Sedomocha Middle School in Dover-Foxcroft to learn about Claim Your Future, FAME's college, career and money management game created for middle school students and beyond. Participants will receive an overview of the classroom game and website, teaching strategies and ways to engage parents and caregivers.

Investing is On You: Investing 101 for Educators

Many teachers tell us that even as experienced financial educators, they would appreciate extra guidance with the complexities of investing. Whether it's to help you teach or to help you manage your own portfolio, this session will offer helpful insights into today's unique investing environment.

Teacher Panel: Best Practices in Financial Education

During this interactive panel, Maine teachers recognized for their excellence in financial education will share their strategies to engage students, helpful classroom resources, and what they wish they had known when they began teaching.

Three Laws of Money That Will Help Your Students Start Strong

Financial educators know how hard it is to motivate actual behavior change, especially when emotion trumps logic, as it so often does with money. Crossing the line from teacher to counselor is a daunting step, but a basic understanding of financial psychology can be an incredible differentiator in your courses. In this session you will learn how to help your students uncover and challenge core beliefs that may lead them to financial self-sabotage, choose strategies that meet their needs while also reducing expenses, and identify their most valuable resources and turn them into assets.

The Truth About Student Loan Debt

Join this student loan discussion to hear the real story about student loan debt. Participants will receive helpful strategies that students can employ before, during, and after college to ensure they are able to pay their bills and maintain financial health. Hear about the steps being taken at the federal level to assist current and future students successfully repay their loans. An overview of available resources and hands on activities will be included.

SALT® Financial Education Program for High School Students and Beyond

Join American Student Assistance to learn about SALT, a free online financial education program designed to empower students to confidently manage their finances in high school and beyond. Participants will receive an overview of SALT's online resources, including easy to use tools and resources.

How to Help Students Get on the Road to Using Credit Wisely

The Maine CARE Committee is comprised of volunteer lawyers and bankruptcy professionals who will come to your classroom to speak with your students about the responsible use of credit and how to avoid pitfalls related to debt. They will also explain how a credit report works and how not paying credit card bills in full, on time, each month, can impact a credit score and a consumer's future financial health. The presenters will walk you through the basics and share how educators have incorporated the CARE program into their curriculum.

Teaching Personal Finance in the High School Classroom

Educators attending this session will be provided with ideas on how to approach personal finance in their classrooms. Topic & lessons presented will include: paying bills, meal budgeting, FICO scores, buying a car, "zero" budget planning, credit cards, savings vs. emergency funds, definition of wealth, how to reconcile a bank statement and thrifting. Materials for each lesson will be distributed as well. In addition, assessment samples will be provided for schools that are using a standards/proficiency-based approach.