

Susan Lamoreau

Susan has been a classroom instructor for the Sanford School Department for over 37 years. She began her teaching career as a business teacher at Sanford High School in the fall of 1987. As business programs were closing in high schools, Sue worked hard to keep her content relevant and started a whole new program at Sanford Regional Technical Center in the fall of 2014, called the Academy of Business.

Currently, the students in her program can earn three college credits in financial literacy through the dual enrollment program that she instructs that is affiliated with Thomas College.

Sue has a passion for teaching financial literacy to all students, not just her students in Sanford, but throughout southern Maine. Through her program, Susan engages students at eight partner schools, supports home-school students, as well as those who are enrolled in private institutions.

As a strong advocate for personal financial literacy for all students, Susan's work has supported the requirement that all Sanford School Department students complete a personal finance course before graduation.

Susan has also been a strong advocate for recent attempts to strengthen the personal finance and economic standards in the ME learning results and has provided testimony for several bills, educated her local representatives, and has also been interviewed by media outlets, in turn raising awareness across our state.



L to R: Susan Lamoreau, Mary Dyer, Steve Withers

She is truly the gold standard for personal finance education and we at Maine Jumpstart are as lucky to have her in our midst as the students that she teaches each day.

Steve Withers

Steve Withers has taught at Waynflete School for over ten years. In addition to coaching the cross-country team, Steve teaches math and personal finance. He is beloved by students and staff at Waynflete and is a staple at Maine Jumpstart training events, always willing to lend a hand presenting or supporting his colleagues. In addition to his work with Maine Jumpstart, Steve has also provided his expertise to FAME, teaching a week-long summer personal finance course to Maine high school students in partnership with the “other” Steve.

Steve is a leader and a passionate advocate for financial education, always offering up his free time to help students and colleagues. His energy and enthusiasm are infectious.

A former student shared this: “Steve Withers is a fantastic teacher of economics and economic ways of thinking. He has engaged me and other students in a way that is caring and humorous, all while teaching us lessons about investment, asset allocation, and our financial system -- lessons that opened our eyes to the world of money flowing all around us. Steve has been more than a fantastic communicator of economic and financial ideas and wisdom. He is the kind of teacher who quickly becomes your friend and inspires you to be the best student you can be. I am so grateful that I had the chance to learn as much as I have from him.”

Please join me in congratulating Susan and Steve as this year’s Financial Educators of the Year!