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**STOCK MARKET GAME & MASTER TEACHER IN ECONOMICS  
REGISTRATION: NOW OPEN FOR FALL 2010**

JACKSON, MS—August 10, 2010—Mississippi currently ranks second in the country in effectiveness and productivity for delivery of economic and financial education. This is due to the fact that Mississippi teachers are delivering the best programming available to help their students become financially ready for success as employees, consumers and citizens. To date, forty two thousand students have participated in the Stock Market Game (SMG) and three hundred fifty teachers have become Master Teachers in Economics (MTE). Registration is now open to participate in the fall 2010 SMG, training workshops and the fall 2010 MTE program. Go to [www.mscee.org](http://www.mscee.org) to register for both or contact [mscee@millsaps.edu](mailto:mscee@millsaps.edu) for applications.

Teachers can attend no cost training programs to learn how to use the SMG and receive .5 continuing education units along with the curriculum. The first training program for the fall is scheduled for September 7 in Cleveland. Registration is available on-line at [www.mscee.org](http://www.mscee.org), click on the Stock Market Game logo. Training programs are scheduled as follows:

September 7, 2010—Cleveland	September 15, 2010—Jackson
September 8, 2010—Starkville	September 16, 2010—Hattiesburg
September 9, 2010—Gulfport	September 20, 2010—Blue Mountain College
September 10, 2010—Tupelo	

Classroom teachers in grades 4 through 12 working with the Mississippi Council on Economic Education (MCEE) make the SMG program available to their students. Training to teach workforce skills in economic and financial literacy is now available for teachers. The MTE is a certificate program that enables teachers to earn the new “193” economics endorsement. Starting with the class that entered high school in 2008, students are required to earn credit in economics in order to graduate from high school. The fall MTE program will be offered at Mississippi State University and up to 45 teachers will earn \$500 in travel stipends for completion of the program. Registration is due September 3, 2010.

Teachers are urged to learn to use the SMG program and can do so by registering for workshops at [www.mscee.org](http://www.mscee.org). The simulation is one of the most effective learning tools available about the free enterprise system for students in grades four through 12. The program enables teams of students to invest a hypothetical \$100,000 in the stock market over a 10-week period.

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The SMG is an online educational program used in thousands of classrooms nationwide to help teach math, social studies, business, economics and language skills. Students in grades four through 12 participate in teams and manage a simulated investment portfolio during the school year. Mississippi businesses sponsor the SMG and to date 8,986 teams of 42,277 have participated in this state-wide competition. Sponsors for the 2009-2010 SMG program are: Merrill Lynch Global Wealth Management/Bank of America Corporation, BancorpSouth, Entergy, State Farm Insurance, Trustmark Bank and *The Clarion-Ledger*.

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