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### **FINANCIALLY READY STUDENTS HONORED**

JACKSON, Miss., May 5, 2010—Mississippi students are demonstrating that they are learning skills that will help them function in the real world. Nearly 200 students from throughout the state were recognized recently for their success in achieving financial and economic literacy at Millsaps College. The Mississippi Council on Economic Education (MCEE) is focused on achieving demonstrated financial literacy of all students before they leave high school and the students who are making the greatest strides were awarded cash prizes, scholarships and trips.

Alon Bee, Jackson Metro President for Regions, described the event, "As we move forward through this challenging climate, Mississippi business leaders and educators realize that economic and financial literacy are skills that can be learned only if teachers have tools to deliver the skills to their students. The Mississippi Council on Economic Education has some real success stories and Regions is very proud to honor teachers and students."

The winners include students in Grades 4 through 12 from every region of the state. Among the top winners were students from:

- St. Andrews' Episcopal School in Ridgeland was awarded the trip to New York City for growing their \$100,000 portfolio more than any of the other 1,000 teams to \$148,798 in the Stock Market Game;
- Will Perkins from Lee Middle School in Columbus was named a national winner in Investwrite, a writing competition and four state winners;
- Winners of the MS Economics Challenge from Madison and Ocean Springs;
- State Winners of the MS Financial Literacy Challenge from Perry County Vo-Tech Complex in Woodville who will be representing MS in Kansas City and
- Teachers who have achieved the greatest success in the classroom with financial literacy this year.

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