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Illinois Econ Challenge State Finals

Ten teams will be complete this Friday, April 7th in DeKalb!



Ten AP economic student teams of four have advanced to the 2017 Illinois Economic Challenge state finals this Friday, April 7th at the Regional Office of Education in DeKalb, Illinois.

The Illinois Economics Challenge (ILEC) is a program of Econ Illinois and the Centers of Economic Education throughout Illinois. The program, endorsed by the Illinois STEM Finance Learning Exchange, is a Money Smart Week event that leads to the National Economics Challenge Finals. The ILEC is designed to recognize Advanced Placement students who demonstrate high levels of comprehension and application of economics concepts and skills and to reward their teachers for outstanding practices in teaching AP economics courses. The National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed this program on the 2016-2017 NASSP List of Approved Contests, Programs and Activities for Students.

"I am honored to join Econ Illinois to kick off Financial and Economic Literacy Month with the 2017 Illinois Economic Challenge state finals", said Lt. Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti. "An education in economics, markets, and finance gives our students the tools they need to be the next generation of business and civic leaders. I applaud our students and their teachers for reaching these state finals."

This year's finalists include students from the following schools: Adlai Stevenson High School (Lincolnshire), Hinsdale South High School, York Community High School, Edwardsville High School, Neuqua Valley High School (Naperville) and Saint Ignatius College Prep (Chicago).

"The ILEC began in 1998 to bring attention to the study of economics and to recognize students that excel in the subject and honor their teachers as well." Says Beth Metzler, vice president of programs & partnerships for Econ Illinois.

"Students are tested on microeconomics, macroeconomics, as well as international economics"

& current events," Metzler says. "It is reassuring to talk with the students who showcase critical thinking skills, a keen awareness of our market economy and an understanding of the global society that we live in."

Econ Illinois provides economic and financial literacy programs and services starting at the elementary level and extending throughout adulthood, enabling individuals to participate effectively in the economy. Founded in 1951, Econ Illinois is an educational not-for-profit 501 (c) (3) organization that is an integral unit within the NIU Division of Outreach, Engagement and Regional Development. There are five Center of Economic Education throughout the state including: Dominican University, University of St. Francis, Northern Illinois University, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Western Illinois University.