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NCCEE RECOGNIZES EXCELLENCE BY EASTERN NC K-12 STUDENTS

Greenville, N.C.—The North Carolina Council on Economic Education’s 25th Annual East Region Awards Banquet was held to honor excellence by eastern North Carolina students in the areas of economics, personal finance and entrepreneurship.

On hand to congratulate the students were Dr. June Atkinson, North Carolina’s Superintendent of Public Instruction who said, “The future of North Carolina’s economy depends on the preparation of its students.”

Also on hand to provide congratulations to the student honorees was Joyce Mitchell, Eastern Regional Liaison for US Senator Kay R. Hagan. Attendees viewed a video-recorded message from Senator Hagan, a long-time advocate for financial literacy.

The banquets were sponsored by Fidelity Investments and Laura Hamre, Senior Manager of Community Relations, served as emcee and provided awards to students who excelled in the Fidelity 8th Grade SMG™ Challenge, a statewide stock market simulation and competition for eighth graders which serves to improve personal finance skills, math skills, understanding of the US economy, and incorporates the job readiness skills of teambuilding and cooperation.

About the North Carolina Council on Economic Education (NCCEE):

The North Carolina Council on Economic Education was founded in 1970. NCCEE is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization working with K-12 teachers statewide to give our students a better understanding of economics and to prepare them for personal financial decision-making. With support from private businesses and foundations, the Department of Public Instruction, and the University of North Carolina system, NCCEE has been a tremendous example of an effective public-private partnership. More information on the NCCEE is available at www.nccee.org.