

Kathryn Gustafson recognized as the MCEE 2011 Economic Educator of the Year

Farmington, Michigan — Kathryn (Katy) L. Gustafson, a Farmington High School teacher, was recently recognized at the Michigan Council on Economic Education (MCEE) 2011 Summit Dinner as the 2011 Economic Educator of the year.

Katy has taught Economics and Advanced Placement both Macro and Micro. She uses her creativity in the classroom to inspire students' learning. One of her classroom writing projects is "Cost Curve Road Trip Paper." Students write a creative paper using microeconomics cost curves as travel "friends" on an extended trip to explain their classic graph shapes, using Economics to interpret Art through a virtual field trip with the Detroit Institute of Arts, and using local resources such as the Ford Rouge Plant. Katy is a regular advisor and participating teacher in the Stock Market Game and Economics Challenge.

Katy has been an MCEE Educator Associate and VE3 Instructor since the program's inception. She has been a participant in the Foundation for Teaching Economics Institutes across the country. She has served on various writing committees, been a Teacher Editor for Glencoe Economics textbook and Economics contributor for ABC-CLIO publishers.

Katy received her bachelors and masters degrees from the University of Michigan, following internships with the Canadian Parliament and Plymouth Canton High School. She began her teaching career at Farmington Public Schools in 1996 teaching economics at Farmington High School.