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Harding Senior High School teacher, Emily Yang, named MCEE's Personal Finance Educator of the Year

December 19, 2019 -- The Minnesota Council on Economic Education (MCEE) honored Emily Yang with the Economic Educator of the Year Award (Grades 9-12) at its annual *EconFest* celebration on December 14, 2019 at St. Catherine University. The award recognizes a teacher who implements creative lessons that increase personal finance understanding.

"I love being able to talk about current events when teaching personal finance and economics; it provides students a different way of looking at the world," said Ms. Yang. "Learning about personal finance and economics also gives students many different entry points into a challenging but highly relevant subject!"

Ms. Yang has been teaching at Harding Senior High School since 2006. Her current courses include Economics, Economics for English learners, and Human Geography. Ms. Yang received her Bachelor of Science in History & the History of Science from UW-Madison prior to earning her Minnesota 5-12 social studies license and Master of Arts in Teaching from Hamline University.

"Ms. Yang's innovative and creative lessons engage students and allow them to gain an understanding of personal finances," said MCEE Education Director, Colleen Gray. "MCEE commends Ms. Yang's efforts to prepare her students to become financially literate citizens."

MCEE is a non-profit organization housed at the University of Minnesota with a mission to equip Minnesotans with the economic and personal financial understanding needed to succeed in today's complex economy. The council equips teachers with the content and resources in economics and personal finance that they can bring directly to the classroom. To learn more about MCEE please visit mcee.umn.edu.