



# KANSAS INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

\_\_\_\_ Vicki Schmidt, Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Chaparral High School students receive financial literacy scholarships from the Kansas Insurance Department**

Topeka, Kan. – Kansas Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt, today, announced three participants in Kansas Council for Economic Education (KCEE) programs as winners of a financial literacy essay scholarship contest sponsored by the Office of the Kansas Securities Commissioner, a division of the Kansas Insurance Department.

The Department granted \$10,000 to KCEE designated for a financial literacy essay contest in which the top three KCEE student essays split a share of the grant in scholarship funds.

The scholarship winners included:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place, \$5,000 – Ashley Garcia, Chaparral High School
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, \$3,000 – Grace Meecham, Chaparral High School
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, \$2,000 – Sierra Kiesel, Chaparral High School

“The winning essays displayed a firm understanding of critical financial concepts, particularly a demonstration of prudent investing practices,” said Commissioner Schmidt. “The students have obtained practical money skills that will serve them well in adulthood.”

The first-place essay will join two other winners from Jobs for America’s Graduates Kansas and Junior Achievement to compete for the overall winner of the essay contest and an additional scholarship of \$5,000.

To learn more about KCEE, visit [kcee.wichita.edu](http://kcee.wichita.edu), ‘Kansas Council for Economic Education’ on Facebook, and on Twitter at @KSEcon. For more information about the Kansas Insurance Department or to learn more about making smart investment decisions, visit [insurance.kansas.gov](http://insurance.kansas.gov) and [SmartInvestKS.com](http://SmartInvestKS.com).

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*The Kansas Council for Economic Education (KCEE) was founded in 1959 on the campus of Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas and is currently housed at Wichita State University’s Barton School of Business. KCEE provides Kansas K-12 students with the economic knowledge and financial skills needed to thrive in the dynamic economy. By providing quality training and up-to-date resources, KCEE partners with teachers and schools to help students develop decision-making skills needed to be informed consumers, productive employees or innovative entrepreneurs, thoughtful investors, and reasoned voters.*

*The Office of the Kansas Securities Commissioner, a division of the Kansas Insurance Department, regulates investment sales in Kansas--the birthplace of “Blue Sky Laws.” In 2017, the Office was merged with the Kansas Insurance Department.*