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KCEE students receive financial literacy scholarships from the Kansas Department of Insurance

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 Securities Division of the Kansas Department of Insurance.

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 are:

1st Place, \$5,000 – Morgan Allen, Centralia High School

2nd Place, \$3,000 – Anusha Chaturvedi, Olathe North High School

3rd Place, \$2,000 – Parker Koch, Centralia High School

“This year’s winners demonstrated a strong connection between their personal financial goals and investing,” said Commissioner Schmidt. “The essays show that KCEE students are obtaining practical money skills that will serve them well in adulthood.”

“We appreciate the support of the Kansas Department of Insurance in honoring these deserving students and their teachers as they demonstrate their understanding of financial literacy through this essay contest,” said Charlene Nichols, Executive Director of KCEE. “The skills they have gained will serve themselves and all of Kansas for many years to come.”

The first-place essay will join two other winners from Junior Achievement and Jobs for America’s Graduates-Kansas 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, ‘Kansas Council for Economic Education’ on Facebook, and on X at @KSecon. For more information about the Kansas Department of Insurance or to learn more about making smart investment decisions, visit insurance.kansas.gov and 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 KansasK-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.