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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 – Anusha Chaturvedi, Olathe North High School

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

3rd Place, \$2,000 – Julee Clark, Chaparral High School

This year's winners showed strong knowledge of investment fraud risks and how to apply techniques designed to stop scammers," 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 and join Commissioner Schmidt in congratulating these deserving students and their teachers. Identifying and stopping fraudsters and scammers is a vital life skill," said Charlene Nichols, Executive Director of KCEE. "The materials available through resources like smartinvestks.gov aid us in training teachers to prepare Kansas students to navigate these evolving challenges."

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 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.