

Empower Your Future 2023 – Curriculum Guide

1. What is your superpower?

Description: Jackie Morgan from the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta gives an overview of how your personality traits might map to a career in economics or finance

Questions:

- Are you a square, rectangle, circle, triangle or a squiggle? Why are you that shape?
- What career paths in Economics or Finance are best suited to your personality?
- What is the Federal Reserve? Who are some of the female leaders at the Fed?
- What career opportunities are available at the Atlanta Fed?

2. Economics with Prof. Sheena Murray

Description: Dr. Murray discusses common social problems that Economics helps us understand.

Questions:

- Why is Economics described as the study of choices?
- How does Economics help us understand inequality and social justice?
- How does Economics help us understand and measure ethnic discrimination?

3. Panel Discussion – Why is it important for women to study Economics and Finance?

Description: Four female leaders from different walks of life talk about why they chose to study Economics or Finance and how that has helped them in their careers.

Questions:

- Why is it important for women to study Economics and Finance?
- What are some career paths you can pursue with degrees in Economics and Finance?

4. Finance with Prof. Christi Wann

Description: Dr. Wann speaks of various reasons for studying finance.

Questions:

- What jobs and careers are available to students of finance?
- What is the financial value of a college degree?
- What is compound interest?
- How do women make a difference in the economy?

5. The SMILE Fund at UTC

Description: Student leaders speak about UTC's premier experiential learning opportunity - the Student Managed Investment Learning Experience (SMILE Fund).

Questions:

- What is the SMILE Fund?
- What roles do students have in the SMILE Fund?
- What are the benefits of working in the SMILE Fund?

Resources for Educators

<https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/financial-education/Documents/OFE-CFAP-Resources.pdf>

The Office of Financial Education in the U.S. Department of the Treasury provides links to a variety of financial education resources.

https://practicalmoneyskills.com/assets/downloads/pdfs/financial_education_for_everyone.pdf

Financial Education for Everyone is a practical money skills project of Visa.

[InCharge Debt Solutions – Financial Literacy for High School Students](#)

InCharge Debt Solutions is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization offering credit counseling, debt management services, bankruptcy education, housing counseling and educational initiatives promoting financial literacy.

<https://www.nea.org/professional-excellence/student-engagement/tools-tips/resources-teaching-financial-literacy>

The National Education Association provides lessons, activities, learning games and other resources for teaching financial literacy.

<https://www.aeaweb.org/resources/teachers>

The American Economic Association provides resources for educators on how to teach Economics that include lesson plans, teaching tools and more.

Links to Jobs and Careers in Economics and Finance

[18 Top Jobs with an Economics Degree – Indeed.com](#)

[Occupational Outlook Handbook – Economists](#)

[Occupational Outlook Handbook - Business and Financial Occupations](#)