



News from Nebraska State Treasurer Don Stenberg - July 2018



High school teams from 17 states gather May 11 at the UNL College of Business to compete in the National Personal Finance Challenge, a first for host city Lincoln.

Welcoming Students to the 2018 National Personal Finance Challenge



Nebraska Treasurer Stenberg and NEST Director Rachel Biar with the first-place team from Chelsea, Michigan. Also pictured is Jennifer Davidson, president of the Nebraska Council on Economic Education.

High School teams from 17 states met in Lincoln to compete in the 8th annual National Personal Finance Challenge.

Nebraska State Treasurer Don Stenberg awarded \$14,000 in NEST 529 college savings accounts to the first-, second-, and third-place winners. The competition was hosted by the Nebraska Council on Economic Education.

First place went to a team from Chelsea High School in Chelsea, Michigan. Second place went to BASIS in Scottsdale, Arizona, and third place went to a team from Clarinda High School in Clarinda, Iowa.

A team from the Millard Academy of Entrepreneurship at Millard South High School represented Nebraska in the competition.

The competition was designed to test high school students knowledge of economics and personal finance and their ability to present sound advice in a hypothetical family financial situation.

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Evaluating the finalists' presentations are judges, including, from left, Dr. Nathan Kauffman, Federal Reserve Bank, Kansas City, and Treasurer Stenberg.



The Nebraska team, from Millard Academy of Entrepreneurship at Millard South High School includes, from left, Ryan Nuffeler, Ben Blumenthal, teacher Seth Woodkie, Meghan Schuette, and Ryan Mack.

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Stenberg Calls on Lawmakers, Educators to Make Financial Education Mandatory in Nebraska Schools

Nebraska State Treasurer Don Stenberg has called on state lawmakers and education officials to make financial education a required course for high school graduation in Nebraska.

"Financial literacy knowledge is something every high school graduate needs and will use throughout his or her lifetime," Stenberg said in remarks prepared for delivery May 4 at a news conference, hosted by the Nebraska Bankers Association, at the Embassy Suites in La Vista.

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Treasurer Stenberg with State Sen. Mike Hilgers of Lincoln at a news conference hosted by the Nebraska Bankers Association.



Speakers in addition to Treasurer Stenberg and Senator Hilgers, are, from left, Sydney Kobza, Department of Education; Jennifer Davidson, Nebraska Council on Economic Education; and Richard Baier, Nebraska Bankers Association.

'Over the moon'

An unclaimed property check for \$14,854 for the SCORE Camp in Imperial left the treasurer of the Chase County Schools Education Foundation "over the moon" with excitement and gratitude.

"We are thrilled to be able to have this money back where it belongs. I thank everyone involved," said Sheila Stromberg. The science-focused camp is held every other year in sites around Imperial and draws 300 campers from across the US, some in town for summer visits with grandparents.

Stromberg said she will recommend the unclaimed property money be moved into an interest-bearing CD earmarked for SCORE. She said the Treasurer's Unclaimed Property staff was very helpful throughout the process of gathering and submitting documentation to claim the money.

Search our records to see if we have money for you or a cause close to your heart. *Photos courtesy Science Camps Offer Rewarding Experiences (SCORE)*

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Up and Coming

July 31 - Entries due for Big Dreams \$20K Giveaway in which four randomly selected winners will each receive a \$5,000 NEST contribution. Details at [NEST529.com](#)

August - Child Support Awareness Month. Watch for news from the Nebraska Child Support - Payment Center, a division of the Nebraska State Treasurer's Office.

August 1-5, Sarpy County Fair, Springfield - Unclaimed Property team will be available to help search and file claims.

August 22 - Deadline to sign up for the NEST Summer Read to Win \$529 program in participating Nebraska libraries. Open to children and teens, ages 3 to 18. NEST accounts for winners. Check with your local library or the Nebraska Library Commission.

<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/youth/summerreading/scholarshipdrawing.aspx>

August 24-September 4, Nebraska State Fair, Grand Island - Unclaimed Property, NEST, and Enable teams will be available to answer questions and assist fairgoers.

August 25, Nebraska State Fair, Grand Island - NEST on the Farm Photo Drawing winners honored at the Family Fun Zone, 11 a.m.

September 11-13, Husker Harvest Days, Grand Island - Unclaimed Property, NEST, and Enable teams will be available to answer questions and provide service.

September 22-23, Applejack Festival, Nebraska City - Unclaimed Property team available to help visitors search and file claims.

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