

2016 Financial Literacy Awards Ceremony.



State Treasurer Beth Pearce congratulates Washington Village School for winning a Vermont Teddy Bear for their library. Student William Collins and School Librarian Lis Zwick accept the bear. Schools in the Reading is an Investment program who had one-third of their student body complete the personal reading challenge were entered into a drawing for a library bear.

On April 7, 2016, the State Treasurer's Office held its annual Financial Literacy Awards Ceremony in Montpelier. State Treasurer Beth Pearce recognized student accomplishments in the Reading is an Investment program and the Be Money Wise financial literacy poster contest. Both statewide programs are directed by the Treasurer's office. The Vermont JumpStart Coalition received a Gubernatorial proclamation declaring April as Financial Literacy month and were recognized for their commitment to financial literacy. Enjoy these photos from the ceremony!

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Be Money Wi\$e Poster Contest: Vermont Bankers Association



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Be Money Wise Poster Contest!

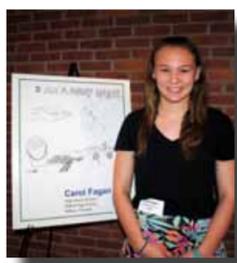
There were 139 posters entered in the 2016 Be Money Wise contest. Students designed around the theme of "I Am a Money Maker!" Division winners each received a \$100 prize from the VBA.



Elementary Division
1st Place
Marin Hemmett
Williston Central School



Middle School Division
1st Place
Hailey Chase
Williston Central



High School Division
1st Place
Carol Fagan
Milton High School



Financial Literacy Champion

The Vermont JumpStart Coalition--a non-profit, all volunteer organization--works to promote youth financial literacy. At the ceremony, they honored their 2016 Financial Literacy Champion. Art Woolf, an Associate Professor of Economics at the University of Vermont, was honored for his more than 15 years work in Vermont to promote economic education. Below, JumpStart President Judy Ribolini congratulates Art Woolf.

The students placing in the 2016 poster contest were each recognized individually. There were also 15 honorable mention poster artists. All posters were on display at the State House. Above, Treasurer Pearce joins the students placing in the competition. Below, honorable mention poster artists are honored. For a full list of recognized artists, visit the poster contest web page on this web site.



The schools of division poster winners received a \$100 cash prize for their support of financial literacy. (Above) Milton High School teacher Courtney Reckord accepts the award from VBA President Chris D'Elia and Treasurer Pearce.

Reading is an Investment Winners!

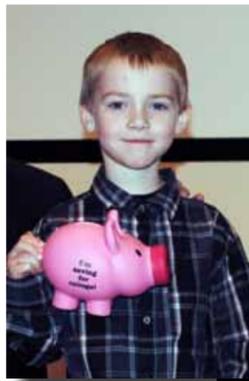
Students were recognized for their work in the Reading is an Investment program. The elementary school program promotes both financial literacy and reading literacy through classroom and library instruction and a personal reading challenge. The program was used in 138 Vermont elementary schools during the 2015-2016 school term. There were more than 5,600 students who completed the reading challenge this term and had their names entered in a random drawing to win one of twenty \$250 college savings accounts provided by VSAC. Below, Treasurer Pearce, TD Vermont Bank President Phil Daniels, and VHEIP Manager Deborah Unica congratulate the winning students.

Thanks to our volunteer photographer Scott Baker!



Students winning college savings accounts:

- Lea Krause, Addison Central School
- Eliana Dolloff, Albany Community School
- Ryu Wright, Bennington Elementary
- Steven Collette, Bennington Elementary
- Aden Moore, Bradford Elementary
- Ashton Taylor, Bradford Elementary
- Carson Hooks, Chamberlin Elementary
- Maxwell Campbell, Chamberlin Elementary
- Jazmine Curley, Chester-Andover Elementary
- Tenley Whitehouse, Ferrisburg Central
- Libby Bowley, Lakeview Union School
- Makiah Richardson, Lunenburg Elementary
- Parker Eidsheim, Mallets Bay School
- Taylor Lacoste, Manchester Elementary
- Ainsley Meyer, NewBrook Elementary
- Archer Henderson, St. Albans Town Ed. Center
- Gabrielle Spaulding, Sheldon Elementary
- Cade Tessier, Swanton Central School
- Rebecca Butler, Underhill ID Elementary
- William Collins, Washington Village School



(At left) Bradford Elementary School student Aden Moore proudly holds the VSAC piggybank he received along with his \$250 college savings account award. (Below) Manchester Elementary School Librarian Georgianne Bonifanti accepts a Vermont Teddy Bear on behalf of her school.



Thank You to All Who Attended Our Awards Ceremony!

