

HHS EDUCATOR GETS HIGH MARKS

Earns State, Local Nods For Economics Ed

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HARRISONBURG — Teenagers can underestimate the economic impact of their choices, a point Harrisonburg High School teacher Bethany Everidge made in her entry for the 2014 Shenandoah Valley Economic Education Awards.

She took home third place in the local competition but won top honors in the Virginia Council on Economic Education Awards.

The local competition, sponsored by the Harrisonburg Rotary Club and the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Chamber of Commerce, honors area teachers for their efforts to boost economic literacy.

Everidge, a career and technical education teacher, won for her lesson “3 Hot’s and a Cot,” which used economic concepts to show students how to make smarter decisions for the long term.

The tendency of teenagers to “think in the moment,” she said, can have harmful repercussions.

Casual conversations, exchanges with authority figures and social media activity are opportunities for young people to make mistakes that come back to haunt them in the working world, she said.

“They think they’ll just get in trouble, do



Bethany Everidge (seated), a teacher at Harrisonburg High School, helps Madelyn Penrod, 16, during her business law class. Everidge received local and state recognition for excellence in education. (Photos by Amelia Brust)



Bethany Everidge, a career and technical education teacher at Harrisonburg High School, received third place in the 2014 Economic Education Awards sponsored by the Harrisonburg Rotary Club and the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Chamber of Commerce. She also won the top prize in the

community service and get back on track,”
Everidge said.

Virginia Council on Economic Education Awards.

Using ideas like human capital, earning potential and net income, Everidge’s lesson explained that everyday decisions can affect personal finance.

She was encouraged to enter the competition by Lynn Stover, teacher consultant for James Madison University’s Center for Economic Education.

The center facilitated the awards and holds regular workshops for elementary and secondary teachers.

The local competition winners were Dawn Flora and Ann Komara of Ottobine Elementary School in Dayton, who also have won in previous years, while Broadway High School Earth science teacher Russell Kohrs won the prize in his first year entering the competition.

His lesson, “Riding Hubbert’s Curve: Finite resources and their Implications for Society’s Future,” taught students the cost of mineral extraction and how supply and demand affect that cost.

“Science is not just its own little world. It interacts with everything else,” Kohrs said.

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