



## Georgia Council On Economic Education

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### GCEE Recognizes Rotonya Rhodes as Teacher of the Year Finalist

ATLANTA – May 17, 2010 – The Georgia Council on Economic Education recognized Rotonya Rhodes, an economics teacher at Greene County High School in Greensboro as one of two finalists for its Georgia Economics Teacher of the Year. Ms. Rhodes received her recognition at the Council’s annual meeting held May 13 at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.



Rhodes, who is also the head of the Social Studies Department at the school, uses a number of creative approaches to help her students understand economic principles. “Students need to know that although the subject may be difficult, they are capable of grasping it,” says Rhodes.

To demonstrate their knowledge, Rhodes’ students choose a topic covered in the class and present it in a creative way. Past presentations have included children’s books, commercials and skits, and last year, a rap song describing the business cycle. She also has students pretend they are elected officials campaigning for re-election.

They must create speeches or campaign ads addressing issues – such as national debt – and describe the problem, its causes and effects and possible solutions.

In the four years she’s been teaching at Greene County, she’s brought the school’s pass rate on the economics End-of-Course-Test up from under 30 percent to more than 80 percent passing last year. This current school year, 100 % of her students passed the 2010, Georgia End of Course Test (EOCT) with 59% of the students scoring at the exceeding level.

#### **About GCEE:**

The Georgia Council on Economic Education helps teachers teach economics. With teacher workshops, classroom materials and programs like the Stock Market Game and the award-winning Georgia Economic History Project, GCEE helps prepare students for their economic roles as workers, consumers, citizens and lifelong decision makers. Please visit [www.gcee.org](http://www.gcee.org) for more information about GCEE, including a full listing of trustees.