PERSONAL FINANCE INSTITUTE TO BE HELD AT WAYNE STATE COLLEGE

July 24-25-26, 2012

Do you teach Personal Finance? Are you interested in revising an existing Personal Finance course to add more rigor? Would you like to earn financial education industry certification? If so, consider attending Nebraska's Personal Finance Institute, to be held at Wayne State College July 24, 25, and 26, 2012. Accepted participants are also required to enroll for graduate credit from either Wayne State College or the University of NE-Lincoln.

Dr. Patricia Arneson of Wayne State College and Dr. Tammie Fischer of UNL will serve as instructors/facilitators; and guest presenters will be Sherry Roberts, Middle Tennessee State University, and Mike Casey, University of Central Arkansas.

You must do two things to guarantee participation in the Personal Finance Institute:

1. **By April 15, 2012**, you must **complete the online Personal Finance Institute application** to indicate your intention to participate in the Institute. Apply online at www.nebraskacouncil.org This information is needed before textbooks and resources can be ordered from the publisher(s). The information about whether you will be commuting, residing on campus in the dorm (at your own expense—must indicate housing when you register for the WSC class), or residing off-campus (at your own expense) helps with the pre-planning of the Institute.

2. **Register for one of the following on or before June 1** (no one will be allowed to participate in the institute on a non-credit basis.

   a. **WSC - ECO 600 Seminar in Economic Education: Personal Finance Institute** (3 credits) for the July session through Wayne State College. No prerequisites in economics are required. Summer registration begins **March 1, 2012**. To enroll, call the Continuing Education office at Wayne State College (1-800-228-9972 Ext. 7215) and ask for Lisa Reynolds.

   b. **UNL - Economics 851 (Special Topics in Economics): Economics and Personal Finance course (1 credit and 3 credit options)** through the University of NE-Lincoln. After submitting your application at www.nebraskacouncil.org by April 15, 2012, applicants will be contacted for the official UNL course registration by the UNL Center for Economic Education, Dr. Tammie Fischer (tfischer1@unl.edu). No prerequisites in economics required.

3. **Guffey Scholarship through the Nebraska Council on Economic Education Scholarships are limited to the first 19 Nebraska teachers registering at each institution;** 3-credit option through Wayne State College; and the 1- or 3-credit options through the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The first 19 teachers to register at each institution will receive a $200 scholarship. Complete the application at www.nebraskacouncil.org

The **Personal Finance Institute** will be offered as a 1- or 3-hour graduate credit on-campus course from July 24-26, 2012 with all course requirements due on or before July 31. The required project involves creating a syllabus as well as a lesson plan for Personal Finance course in your school that incorporates subject matter content, materials and activities acquired in the Institute. The syllabus may be the implementation of a new course or involve the revision of an existing course, and the lesson plan may address any financial education topic covered during the PFI.

Any middle school, secondary and/or community college educator who intends to implement personal finance into their curriculum will be eligible for the Personal Finance Institute and must meet the same requirements. Those participating in the Institute should understand that they are responsible for paying their tuition and registration fees and on-campus lodging prior to the Institute. **Meals, one round-trip mileage, W!SE Financial Literacy Certification exam and curriculum teacher resources will be funded by the Institute partners**. Non-commuting participants will be required to pay for their own lodging, either at area motels or at discounted dormitory rates in the newly-renovated suites in Pile Hall.

At the end of the training, teachers will take the W!SE financial literacy certification exam. Passing or failing this literacy certification exam will not affect the course grade. However, **being able to add an industry certification to your teaching resume is a valuable aspect of professional development!**

Participants are required to attend the entire on-campus training sessions for the 3 days of the Institute, plus take the literacy certification exam. The PFI will run approximately from 8:00 am each day and conclude around 8 pm on Tuesday and Wednesday, mid-afternoon on Thursday. In addition, participants will be required to develop and/or modify a course syllabus as well as create a lesson plan dealing with personal finance education, incorporating the components acquired during the workshop. These projects must be submitted prior to the July 31 deadline. Participants may wish to bring laptop computers and begin working on these projects during PFI free time.

Visit www.nebraskacouncil.org to view the tentative agenda and complete the **Personal Finance Institute online application, which is due by April 15**. Deadline application reminders will be sent through future BMIT listserve announcements.