Spring 2026 InvestWrite Celebrations!



Alabama



Tucker and his family

Tucker Lee

Spring 2026 National and State Winner
Elementary School Division

National Eighth Place
Alabama State Winner

Fe Burleson Elementary School
Teacher, Stephanie Roden



8th

Awards presented by the SIFMA Foundation and the Alabama Council on Economic Education

Alabama



L-R: Mr. Jon Reynolds-Assistant Principal, Ms. Shelly Huver-Teacher, Dr. Preeti Nichani-Principal, Will Smith-Student Winner, Mrs. Brooklyn Wood-Assistant Principal, Dr. Sonia Drake-Assistant Principal

Will Smith

Spring 2026 Alabama State Winner
Middle School Division

Northridge Middle School
Teacher, Shelly Huver



Arkansas

Economics Arkansas
EDUCATION FOR REAL LIFE

Ava Smith

Spring 2026 Arkansas State Winner
Elementary School Division

Awards presented by:
Economics Arkansas

Fulbright Elementary School
Teacher, Cynthia Khoury *(left)*



Arkansas

Economics Arkansas
EDUCATION FOR REAL LIFE

Sofia Cudvat

Spring 2026 Arkansas State Winner
Middle School Division

Awards presented by:
Economics Arkansas

Cutter-Morning Star High School
Teacher, Deborah Giusti *(left)*



Arizona

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Awards presented by Kathy Pondy *(left)*, ACEE Director of Student Programs & Community Relations



Brooklyn Hill

Spring 2026 Arizona State Winner

Elementary School Division

American Leadership Academy Mesa Pre-K-6
Teacher, Cassidy Smith

Arizona

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Jessica Mardo *(right),* FINRA Program Manager,
Investor Education Community Outreach



Xaenia Thomas

Spring 2026 Arizona State Winner

Middle School Division

St Anthony of Padua Catholic School
Teacher, Mitchell Pinda

Arizona

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Latrell Ezriquez

Spring 2026 Arizona State Winner
High School Division

Valley Vista High School
Teacher, Mitchell Pinda



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Investor Education Community Outreach

Colorado



Ivy and Mrs. Kawamura



Ivy and her dad

Ivy Jakubowski

Spring 2026 Colorado State Winner
Elementary School Division

Pine Lane Elementary School
Teacher, Stephanie Kawamura

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Colorado

Gunnar Garges

Spring 2026 Colorado State Winner
Middle School Division

Pine Lane Elementary School
Teacher, Stephanie Kawamura *(right)*

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Connecticut

Jack Donovan

Spring 2026 Connecticut State Winner
High School Division

Cardinal Kung Academy
Teacher, Geri Galasso



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Illinois

Wyatt Linder

Spring 2026 Illinois State Winner
Middle School Division

Millstadt Consolidated School
Teacher, Renee Nolte

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Illinois



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Mary Frank

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High School Division

Pecatonica High School
Teacher, Elizabeth Fabian *(left)*

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Kentucky

Josephine Frimpong

Teacher, Bradley Scroggin
Frederick Douglass High School

Spring 2026 National and State High School Division

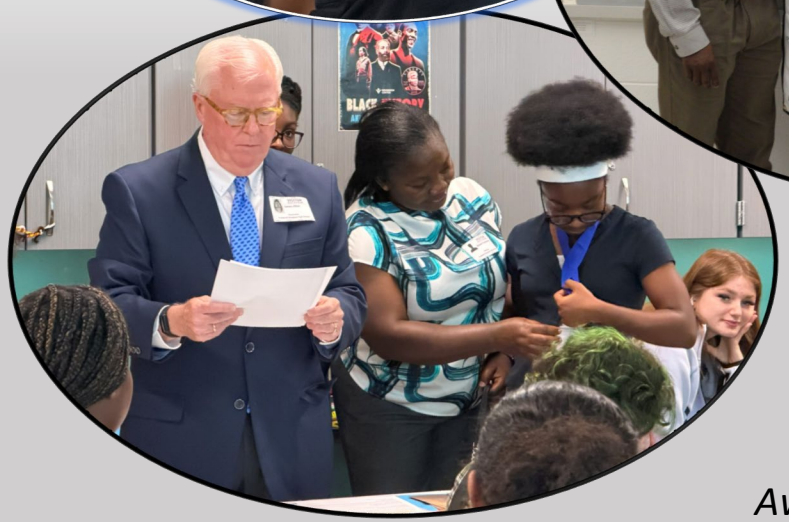
National First Place
Kentucky State Winner

Special Guest Presenters:

- **Jim Allen**, Vice Chairman, Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc.
- **Jamie Hatter**, Baird Branch Administrative Manager
- **Melissa Creditt**, Baird Senior Vice President
- **Kristin Smith,** Associate Branch Manager







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Louisiana

Gage Richards

Spring 2026 Louisiana State Winner
High School Division

Glenbrook School
Teacher, Amber Snider



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Maine



5th

Lillian Foster

Spring 2026 National and State Winner
Elementary School Division

National Fifth Place
Maine State Winner

Elm Street School
Teacher, Laura Dwyer

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Maine

Addison Coen

Spring 2026 National and State Winner
Middle School Division

National Eighth Place
Maine State Winner

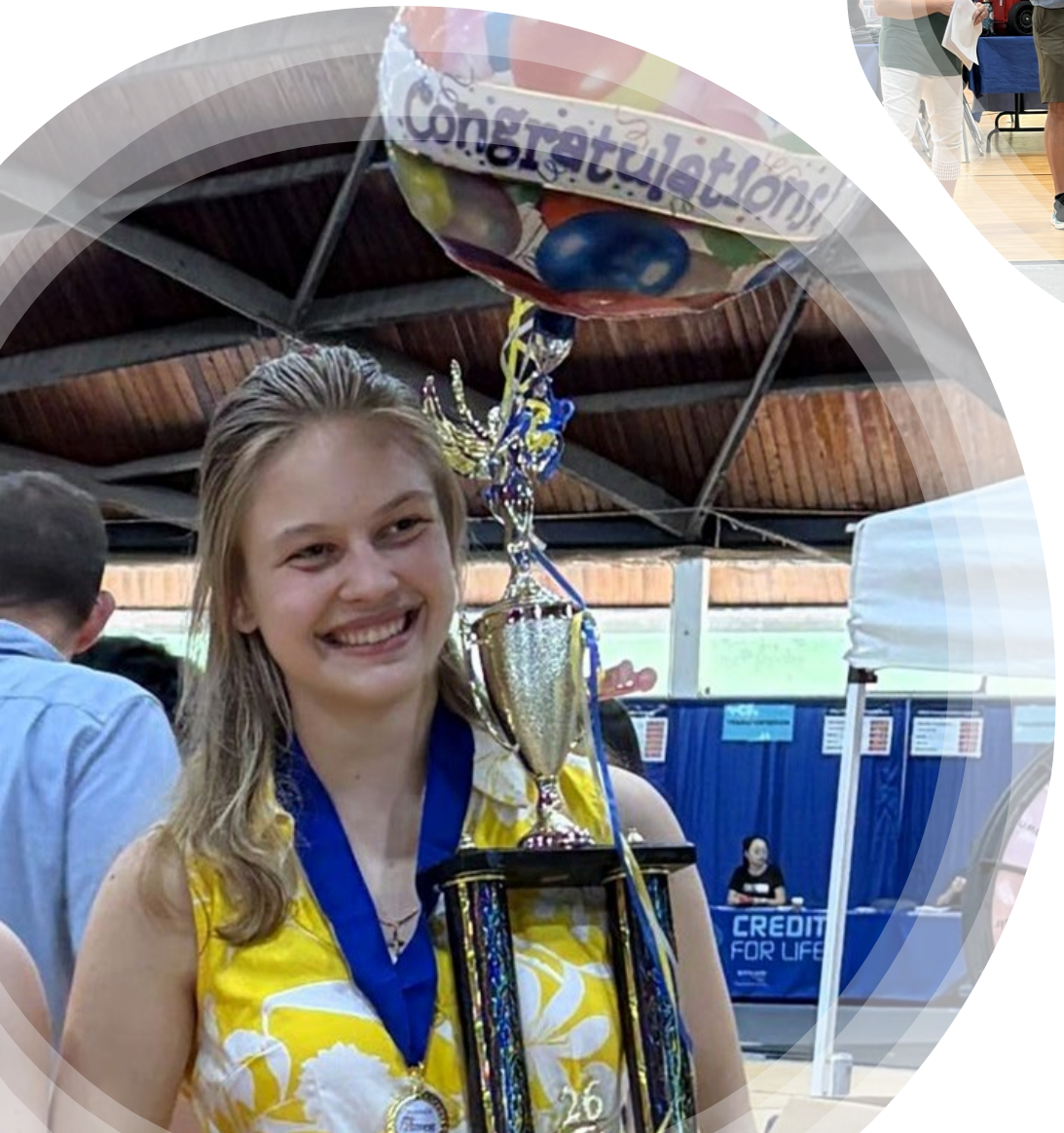
Minot Consolidated School
Teacher, Laura Dwyer





Massachusetts

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Yana Tsibere

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High School Division

National Fourth Place
Massachusetts State Winner



Lexington High School
Teacher, Michael Egbert



Massachusetts

5th

Maya Nogalski

Spring 2026 National Fifth Place
High School Division

Lexington High School
Teacher, Steven Murray

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Michigan

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Vera Porter

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Elementary School Division

Emerson School
Teacher, Ellen Chenier

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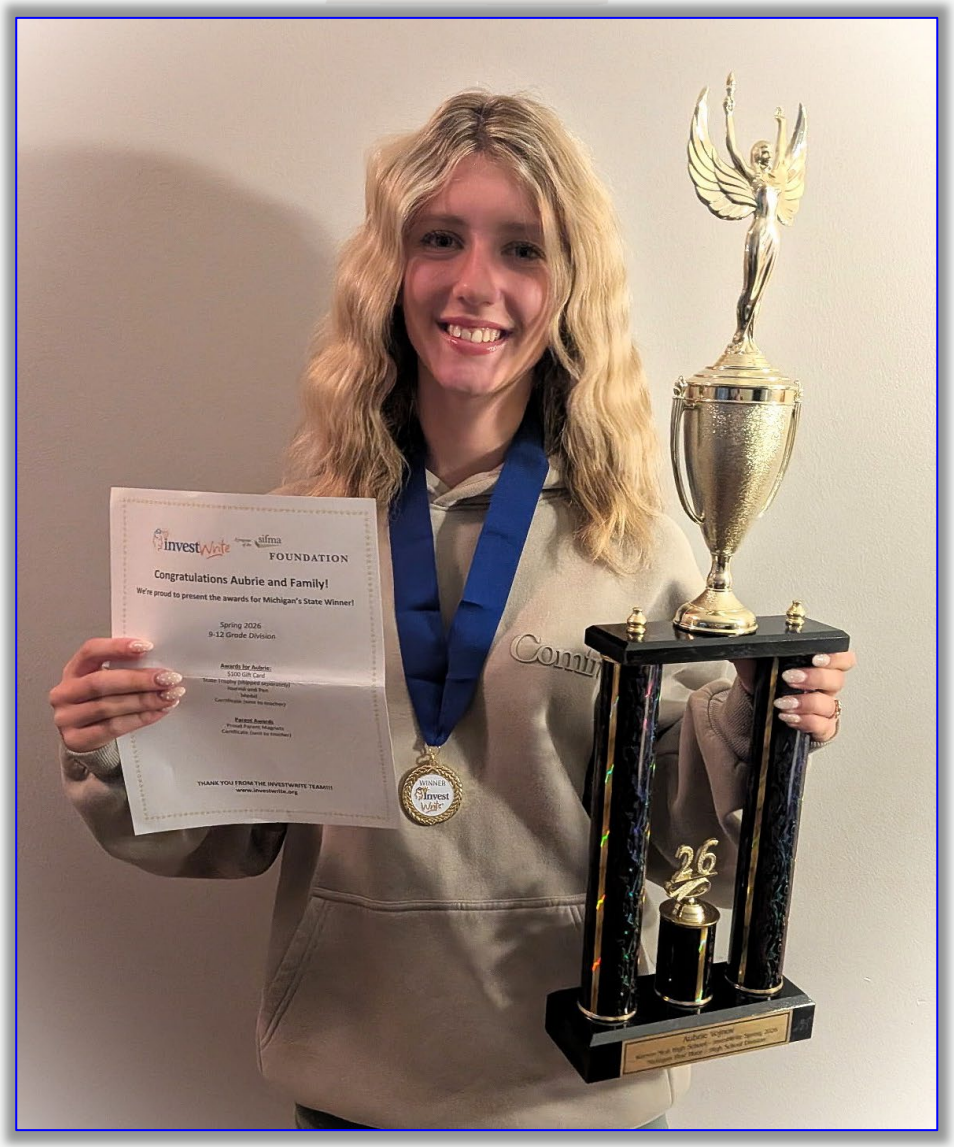
Aubrie Vojnov

Spring 2026 Michigan State Winner
High School Division

Warren Mott High School
Teacher, Tony Wright

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Minnesota

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2nd





Giselle Zempoaltecatl

Spring 2026 National and State Winner
High School Division

National Second Place
Minnesota State Winner

St. Clair Public School
Teacher, Jared Seibert *(not pictured)*
Principal, Troy Guentzel *(left)*







Keller Hoff

Awards presented by:
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Spring 2026 Minnesota State Winner
Middle School Division

Chaska Middle School East
Teacher, Katie Rotunda *(right)*

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Mississippi



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Kailyn Lopez-Alonzo

Spring 2026 Mississippi State Winner
Elementary School Division

Thames/Rowan Elementary School
Teacher, Elvira Deyamport

Mississippi



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Robin Russell

Spring 2026 Mississippi State Winner
High School Division

Mississippi School for the Arts
Teacher, Hannah Shea Smith

New Hampshire

Matthias Olsen





Spring 2026 New Hampshire State Winner
High School Division

Academy For Science And Design Charter
Teacher, Shawn Kraus

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New Jersey: Fall 2025 & Spring 2026

Middle School Division

David E. Owens Middle School
Teacher, Diana Daley

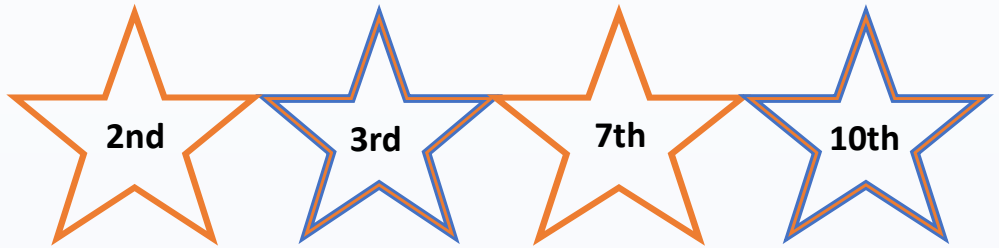
Pictured L- R:

Spring 2026 National 7th Place, Lucas

Fall 2025 National 2nd Place, Elena

Spring 2026 National 3rd Place, Ella

Spring 2026 National 10th Place, Theodora





Pictured L-R:

Elena Parlapanides *(FA25)*
Ella Moy
Lucas Lombardi
Theodora Perides









New Jersey

4th

Christopher Keung

Spring 2026 National Winner
Middle School Division

National Fourth Place

Heritage Middle School
Teacher, Karin Pinto



Christopher and his classmates who wrote essays



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New York

1st

Shira Trilling

Spring 2026 National and State Winner
Elementary School Division

National First Place
New York State Winner

John Philip Sousa Elementary School
Teacher, Jeanne Zeh

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Local News

Port Washington students earn top national rankings in SIFMA Foundation essay competition

By Larissa Fuentes Posted on June 25, 2026 Comments



Shira Trilling won first in NY State and first in the Nation in the 2025-2026 Spring InvestWrite® Competition.

Photo provided by Port Washington Union Free School District

Three elementary school students from Port Washington have earned top national honors in the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association Foundation's Spring 2026 InvestWrite competition, with one student claiming first place in both New York state and the country.

New York

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3rd and 9th

Ryan 9th place *(left)*, **Ethan 3rd place** *(right)*



Ryan and Ethan and their families



Ethan Markowitz

Spring 2026 National Winner

Elementary School Division
National Third Place

John J. Daly Elementary School

Ethan, Ryan, and their teacher, Karen Raichoudhury, were honored by the SIFMA Foundation for their achievements at a ceremony on June 18.

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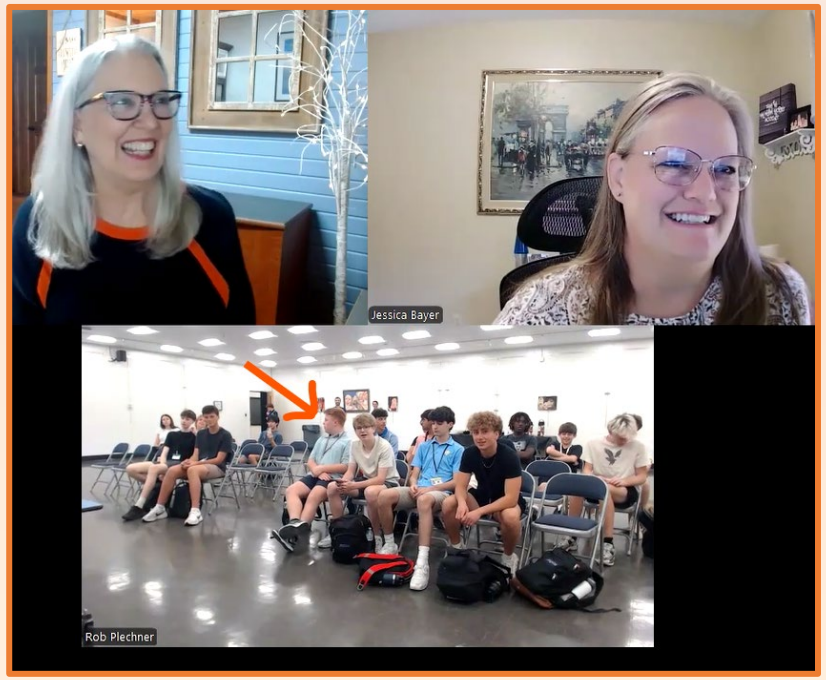
Ryan Grossman

Spring 2026 National Winner

Elementary School Division
National Ninth Place

New York

Luke is not expecting what will happen next!



3rd

Luke Thayer

Spring 2026 National and State Winner
High School Division

National Third Place
New York State Winner

Commack High School
Teacher, Rob Plechner



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New York

10th

Ewan Kim

Spring 2026 National Tenth Place
High School Division

Eduprep/Stellar Research
Teacher, Joanna Kim



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North Carolina







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North Carolina Council on Economic Education

2nd

Guinevere Calvin

Spring 2026 National and State Middle School Division

National Second Place
North Carolina State Winner

Southern Alamance Middle School
Teacher, April Ferguson

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Pennsylvania

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Cameron Monaco

Spring 2026 National and State Elementary School Division

National Second Place Pennsylvania State Winner

2nd

Unionville Elementary School Teacher, Eva Straub

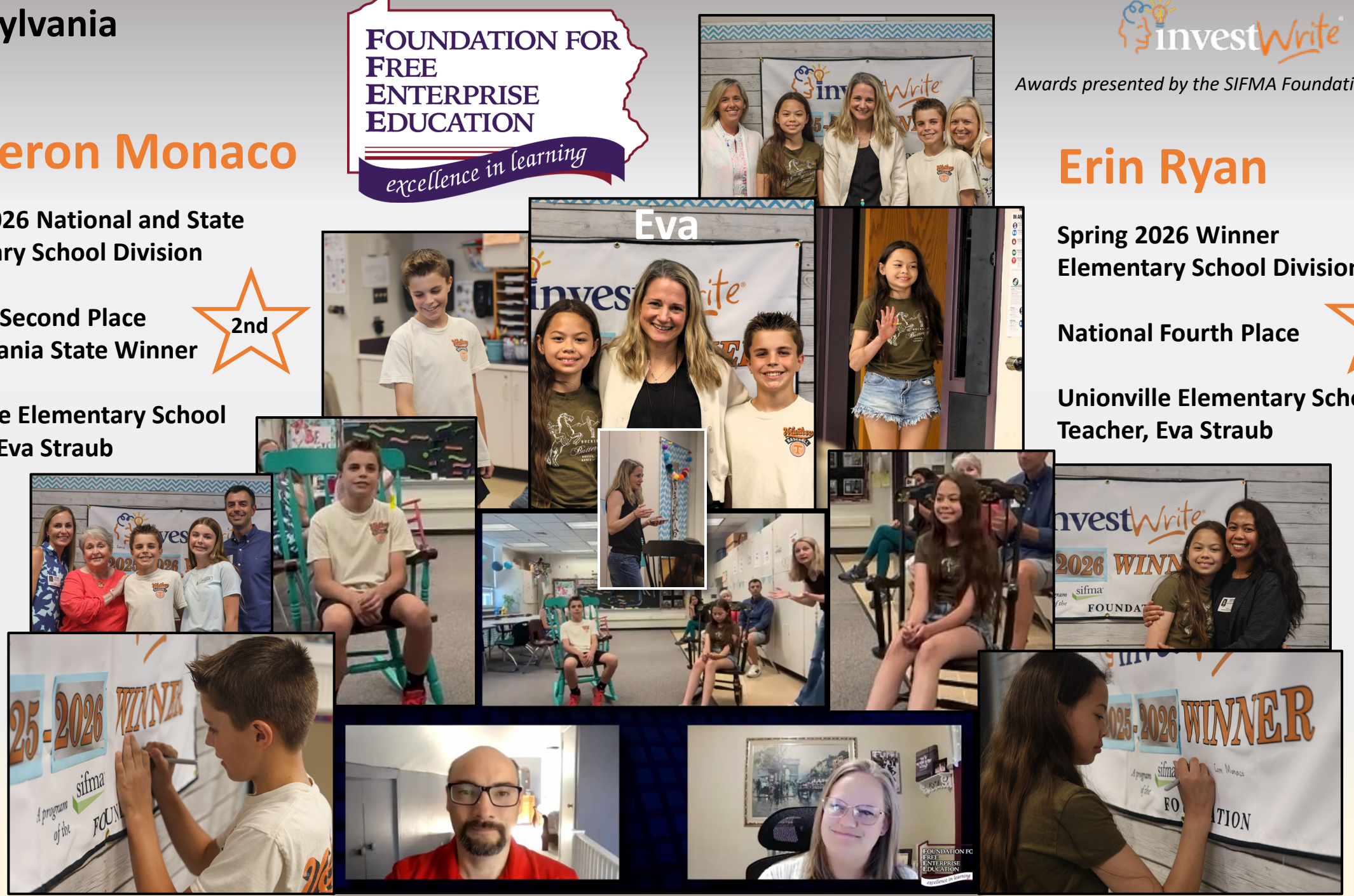
Erin Ryan

Spring 2026 Winner Elementary School Division

National Fourth Place

4th

Unionville Elementary School Teacher, Eva Straub



Pennsylvania

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Caleb Hansen

Spring 2026 National and State
High School Division

National Seventh Place
Pennsylvania State Winner

Hershey High School
Teacher, Mike Gustantino

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Texas

6th

Nikolaos Konstantakos

Spring 2026 National and State Winner
Elementary School Division

National Sixth Place
Texas State Winner

Wyatt Elementary School
Teacher, Keri Leynor

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Texas

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Suri Modjarrad

Spring 2026 National Winner
Elementary School Division

National Seventh Place

Centennial Elementary School
Teacher, Katy White

7th









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Texas







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Hrisha Kothari

Spring 2026 National Winner
Elementary School Division

National Tenth Place

Skaggs Elementary School
Teacher, Kyla Ahnemann









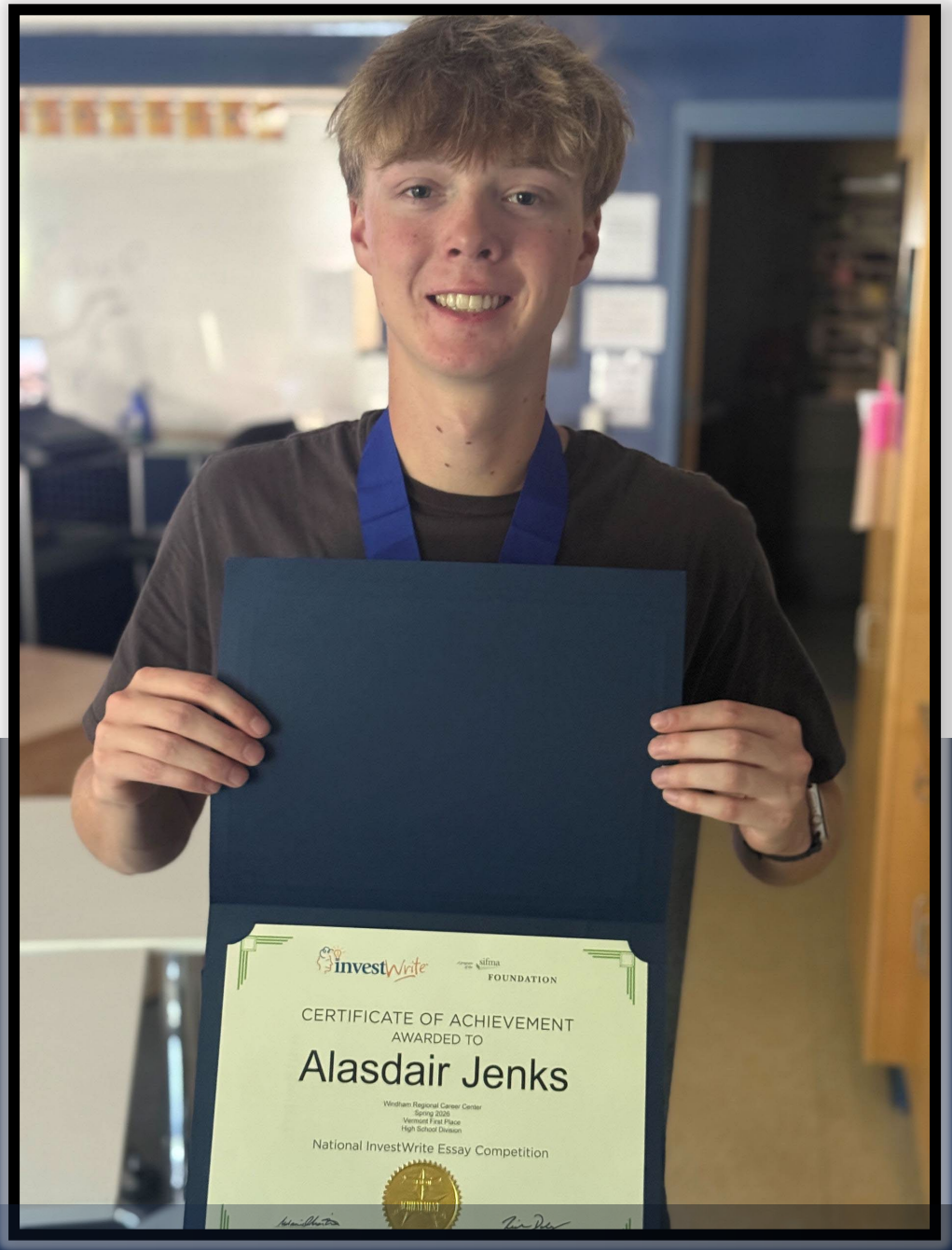
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Vermont

Alasdair Jenks

Spring 2026 Vermont State Winner
DECA Participant
High School Division

Windham Regional Career Center
Teacher, Linda Alvarez



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Washington DC

Sam Homan

Spring 2026 Washington DC State Winner
Elementary School Division

Murch Elementary School
Teacher, Daniel Markus

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Washington DC

Theone Jessup-May

Spring 2026 Washington DC State Winner
Middle School Division

DC Department of Parks and Recreation
Teacher, Ronnie Goodall *(left)*



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Theone and his family



Theone *(center)*

Theone and classmates

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Washington

CEFE Center for Economic and Financial Education | Western Washington University

Ellenore Severance

Spring 2026 Washington State Winner
Capitol Hill Challenge Participant

High School Division

Renton Senior High School
Teacher, Younjin Yang



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CHC Capitol Hill Challenge™

And More Congratulations go to…

Spring 2026 Winners who were not pictured:

Student	Teacher	Rank	State	Grade	School
Samurai Price	Rena Rankin	State	AK	6-8	Kodiak Middle School
Will Smith	Shelly Huver	State	AL	6-8	Northridge Middle School
Maxx Le	Veronica Jarata	State	CA	4-5	St. Bede School
Emily N.	Sue Chung	State	CA	6-8	Curtis School Foundation
Aria Huynh	Laura Jagroop	State	CA	9-12	San Leandro High School
Conor Sullivan	John Smith-Horn	State	CT	4-5	Timothy Edwards School
Kensley Bianchi	Cynthia Kuhlman	State	FL	4-5	Highland City Elementary School
Jada Green	Sally Smollar	State	FL	6-8	Plumosa School Of The Arts
Adrian Alverio-Serrano	Patrick Vickers	State	FL	9-12	Edgewood Jr/Sr High School
Yunah Kim	Lisa Ethridge	State	GA	4-5	Level Creek Elementary School
Aadya Awasthi	Kristin Smith	1st and State	GA	6-8	Dawson County Middle School
JiJi Singleton	Ashley	9th	GA	6-8	North Hall Middle School
Iqra Tabassum	Jay Travis	State	GA	9-12	Fayette County High School
Kaleb Hamic	Samuel Hankins	State	HI	6-8	Prince David Kawananakoa Middle School
Harper Jolley	Erin Brooks	State	ID	4-5	Hawthorne Elementary School
Beowulf Patton	Jaime Mclaughlin	State	IL	4-5	Sutherland Elementary School
Keagan Smith	Wendy Carlton	State	KY	6-8	Crosby Middle School
Eleanor Ruhlman	Broderick Hunter	State	LA	4-5	Airline Park Academy For Advanced Studies
Regina Do	Amy Hayes	State	MA	4-5	Pine Hill Elementary School
James Seo	Amy Cargiulo	State	MD	4-5	Howard County Public School System
Liam Akesse	Marcelina Pascual	State	MD	6-8	Lindale Middle School
Ewan Betz	Kurt Marx	State	MD	9-12	Stephen Decatur High School
Hannah Kreft	Nick Scott	State	ME	9-12	Boothbay Region High School
Clara Larson	Elizabeth Wald	State	MN	4-5	Edinbrook Elementary School
Daphane Douglas	Corie Stevens	State	MO	9-12	Hardin-Central High School
Daniela Trejo-Rodriguez	Allison Stone	6th and State	NC	9-12	Challenger Early College High School
Madonna Chang	Allison Stone	9th	NC	9-12	Challenger Early College High School
Kerrigan Johannes	Shawna Koger	State	NE	6-8	Arlington High School
Destiny Bennett	Jennifer Pritchett	State	NE	9-12	Boyd County School
Knox Reynholds	Aimee Humbert	State	NJ	4-5	Forrestdale School
Lucio Leonardo	Deborah Gadek	State	NJ	9-12	Franklin High School
Branden Rastegari-Kirk	Shawn Graybeal-Sellers	12th and State	NM	9-12	Albuquerque School Of Excellence
Lucas Grzymski	Ana Sanchez	State	NV	4-5	Mount Rose K-8 Academy Of Languages
Chloe Herstam	Karen Hannelius Garner	State	NV	6-8	St. Viator Catholic School
Serena Dai	Yi Lin	State	NV	9-12	Home School
Aaron Chinapen	Patricia Russac	5th and State	NY	6-8	Buckley Country Day School
Ian Rivera	Dennis Barnes	6th	NY	6-8	George Jackson Academy
Elsie Peterson	Jennifer Gerstner	State	OH	4-5	Vermont Avenue Elementary School
Anderson Kramer	Donna Rindler	8th and State	OH	9-12	St. Henry High School
Joclyn Stafford	Ruthie Turner	State	OK	6-8	Wright City Junior High School
Julia LeMay	Rebecca Taylor	State	OR	4-5	Altair School
James LeMay	Rebecca Taylor	State	OR	6-8	Altair School
Alejandra Lomeli Camacho	Chris Hull	State	OR	9-12	Riverside Junior/Senior High School
Emily Mallard	Jamie Davis	State	PA	6-8	Arcola Intermediate School
Cierra Brooks	Nicole Girard	State	SC	9-12	Indian Land High School
Kirsten Santos	Kaylynn Jeanpierre	State	TX	9-12	Westpark High School
Leah Ward	Loren Brinkerhoff	State	UT	6-8	Legacy Junior High School
Maya Marquez-Elmore	Monte Gibbs	State	WA	6-8	Baker Middle School

Congratulations

AND THANK YOU to ALL our winning students, teachers, parents and schools for sharing your celebrations with us!

Teachers, we greatly appreciate your extra effort to provide your students with exciting learning experiences like The Stock Market Game and InvestWrite. Thank you to all the parents who support their children and help them excel.

To our volunteer judges, thank you for your support and dedication! Your service as a volunteer judge is critical to the success of our students excelling in financial literacy. Your commitment is key to making it successful!

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