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Two local professors nominated by Arizona Teachers to receive the prestigious Economic Education Leadership Award

Scottsdale, AZ. June 11, 2018 – Two Arizona professors are recipients of Arizona Council on Economic Education's (ACEE) Economic Education Leadership Awards. Dr. Amy S. Cramer, an economics professor at Pima Community College, and Debbie Henney, an economics professor, and director of both the honors program and Center for Economic Education at Mesa Community College, are being recognized by Arizona teachers for their excellent leadership in economic education. This year's award will make history, marking the first time a professor has received the honor. In the past, nominations have centered around well-known CEOs.

"We feel this year's nomination is a testament to the important work through our partnership with higher education to support K-12 education," said Elena Zee, President & CEO of ACEE. "Both nominees are overwhelmingly recognized and respected by the K-12 teachers in Arizona and have demonstrated outstanding work in economic education to support teachers and their students."

Cramer was nominated for her dedication and mission to creating a community fully-educated about economic issues. Cramer was recognized by teachers for her Voices on The Economy (VOTE) program, which aims to teach economic issues from multiple perspectives in order to inspire full civic engagement of articulate, educated voters. Cramer has spent countless Saturday mornings conducting workshops and professional development for K-12 teachers.

"The College is extremely proud that ACEE is recognizing Dr. Cramer with this well-deserved honor," said Lee Lambert, Chancellor of Pima Community College. "Dr. Cramer's tireless effort to empower voters through education embodies the College's engagement with our community, as well as our faculty's spirit of collaboration with our valued K-12 and university partners throughout the state."

Henney was nominated for her more than a decade-long mentorship and ability to teach economics in a fun and engaging way for both teachers and students. Henney has inspired thousands of teachers in the field of economics, personal finance and entrepreneurship. She writes economic education lessons for the K-12 classroom and regularly presents workshops, in-service trainings and week-long residential programs for schools, teachers and students in Arizona and around the country. Teachers model after Henney and often say "I want to be an educator just like Debbie." Henney helps organize the annual statewide student economic competitions, known as the "Mayors' Challenge."

Chancellor of Maricopa Community Colleges, Dr. Maria Harper-Marinik congratulated Henney. "We are very proud of our outstanding faculty members and appreciate occasions to recognize and celebrate their good work; in this case, the impressive nomination of Debbie Henney for the Economic Education Leadership Award, a well-deserved honor. Professor Henney's passion for education and her long-time commitment to our students and their success is an inspiring



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example of how our faculty work each day in partnership to improve our state and the communities we serve."

Both honorees will be presented with the prestigious Awards at the 2018 annual "Champions in Education" dinner on Wednesday, Nov. 14 at Scottsdale McCormick Ranch.

<http://www.azecon.org/2018-champions-in-education.html>

The Arizona Council on Economic Education (ACEE) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization founded in 1973, dedicated to improving economic and personal financial literacy in Arizona. It is an affiliate of the national Council for Economic Education. Working with many partners, ACEE trains 1,500 teachers reaching more than 200,000 students annually in the State of Arizona.