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Governor honors recipients of Financial Literacy Award, issues Money Smart Week proclamation

MADISON – Governor Scott Walker hosted a ceremony at the Capitol on Thursday, Feb. 2, to honor the 17 winners of the 2011 Wisconsin Financial Literacy Award. As part of the ceremony, Governor Walker also issued a proclamation declaring April 21-28 as Money Smart Week in Wisconsin. Money Smart Week is a statewide collaborative effort that includes hundreds of business and civic partners and touches the lives of thousands of Wisconsin citizens. Thirteen members of the Governor’s Council on Financial Literacy attended the awards ceremony.



Joining the Governor for the proclamation were, first row from left to right: Rita O'Brien, Career and Technical Education Program Leader, Appleton Area School District; Wendy Baumann, President, Wisconsin Women’s Business Initiative Corp.; Commissioner Ted Nickel, Office of the Commissioner of Insurance and Co-Vice Chair, Governor’s Council on Financial Literacy; Governor Walker; Sheila Briggs, Assistant State Superintendent, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction; Georgia Maxwell, Executive Assistant, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development; Mary Ann McCoshen, Executive Assitant, Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority; Jennifer Block, Community Relations Manager, Royal Credit Union, Eau Claire.

Second row, left to right: Amy Kerwin, Chief Guaranty Officer, Great Lakes Higher Education Guaranty Corp.; Dr. Scott Niederjohn, Director, Lakeland College Center on Economic Education, Economics *Wisconsin*; Jaimes Johnson, Director of Community and Campus Relations, UW Credit Union; Rep. Jason Fields, Wisconsin Assembly; David Mancl, Executive Director, Governor’s Council on Financial Literacy and Director of the Office of Financial Literacy; Peter Bildsten, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions and Co-Vice Chair of the Governor’s Council on Financial Literacy.

To learn more about the 2011 winners of the Wisconsin Financial Literacy Award, visit www.walker.wi.gov and click on the “What’s Happening” link, then go to “Press Releases” (posted 12/21/11)