

Auditor General DeFoor, Harrisburg University Announce Launch of Statewide Student Financial Literacy Competition

By Gary Miller
 HARRISBURG – Auditor General Timothy L. DeFoor and Harrisburg University of Science and Technology President Dr. Eric Darr today announced the launch of a statewide financial literacy competition for students entitled, “What Does Financial Literacy Mean to Me?”

“Our department is excited to partner with Harrisburg University on this year’s competition,” DeFoor said. “Being financially literate means you know how to be smart with your own money; you know where your tax dollars are going; and you can hold government officials accountable for how they spend your money. It’s never too early to start learning how to be smart with your money, and it’s one of the most important lessons a person can learn in order to achieve future financial success.”

Auditor General DeFoor and Dr. Darr were joined by state Treasurer Stacy Garrity, Ryan Unger, President and CEO of the Harrisburg Chamber and CREDC, and Alex Halper from the PA Chamber of Business and Industry.

This is the ninth year that Harrisburg University has organized the competition, but it’s the first year the Department of the Auditor General has partnered on the initiative.

The contest is open to students in Grades 7-12 living across Pennsylvania. Submissions can include a 30-second TikTok video, short essay, or poem about what financial literacy means to them. The submission for deadlines is January 31, 2022. More information on the competition can be found on Harrisburg University’s website.

In addition, the Department of Auditor General is launching its “Be Money Smart” social media campaign. Auditor General DeFoor is challenging Pennsylvania residents and organizations to share their financial literacy tips on social media using the hashtag, #BeMoneySmart. Students posting videos to TikTok as part of the competition are encouraged to do the same.

“Financial literacy has been a passion of mine for many years, so I am looking forward to partnering with local leaders, organizations, higher education institutions, and community members on this initiative,” DeFoor said. “Being money smart gives you the tools to succeed, whether it’s in your education, in your journey to financial independence, or running a business.”

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Greater Valley YMCA to Host Inaugural Virtual Community Gala Saturday, November 13, 2021

By Kristen Fallon
 Lehigh Valley, November 8, 2021 — The Greater Valley YMCA will host its inaugural Community Gala presented by Lehigh Valley Health Network on Saturday, November 13, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. Registration to the event is free. The event will be held virtually to ensure the safety of all attendees. The virtual celebration will acknowledge community leaders’ contributions to the YMCA’s mission throughout the years. The gala fundraiser will also feature a live and online auction. The online auction, featuring items from local shops, restaurants, and craft artisans, will be live from November 1 through 13.

The Greater Valley YMCA is pleased to announce the 2021 Greater Valley YMCA Y Champion Award recipients who have contributed to the betterment of the communities the YMCA serves:

- Pennsylvania State Senator Mario Scavello, Association Advocate supporting the Y’s expansion projects, local families, and youth education programs
 - Borough of Catasauqua for support of the Y’s Summer Enrichment Program in Catasauqua
 - City of Allentown for support of the Y’s Essential Service Programs in Allentown
 - Lehigh Township for support of the Y’s Summer Day Camp Program in Lehigh Township
 - Ms. Kathy Heller for support of the Y through Volunteering and Community Service in Nazareth
 - R.K. Laros Foundation for support of the Y’s Early Childhood Education Program in Bethlehem
 - Tucker Silk Mill for support of the Y’s Free Community Meal Programs in Easton and Phillipsburg
- Funds raised during the Gala will directly benefit the Greater Valley YMCA’s free community programming, financial assistance program, and mission-based work like the Y’s:
- Free Community Meals Program, which served over 120,000 meals in 2020 and over 78,000 meals to date in 2021.
 - Allentown Warming Station for neighbors experiencing homelessness, which supported 229 unique individuals during our 2020-2021 Season.
 - Financial assistance and subsidy programs for children, families, and active older adults in programs like our quality childcare, Silver Sneakers fitness program, and more. The Greater Valley YMCA provided over \$580,000 in financial assistance and subsidy throughout 2020.

Greater Valley YMCA is grateful to all of our generous sponsors without whom this virtual celebration would not be possible.

Register for the Greater Valley YMCA Virtual Community Gala at: www.GVYGALA.givesmart.com. Please contact Greater Valley YMCA at 610-438-6065 or yfeedback@gv-ymca.org to inquire about the event.



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Elections for Dyle E Bray Home Association

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