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## **Columbia Fall High School Student Wins State InvestWrite Competition**

Bozeman, MT – The Montana Council for Economic Education (MCEE) is proud to announce that Stimson Dolesh, a student at Columbia Falls High School, has been named the state winner in the 2025 SIFMA Foundation’s InvestWrite essay competition.

This achievement highlights both Stimson’s talent and the dedication of his teacher, Becky Bates, who has guided students in financial literacy and investing education.

InvestWrite is a national competition that complements the SIFMA Foundation’s Stock Market Game, challenging students to apply their classroom learning to practical investment scenarios.

“Stimson’s accomplishment is a testament to his hard work, creativity, and ability to connect economic concepts to real-world applications,” said Dax Schieffer, Executive Director of the Montana Council for Economic Education. “This recognition not only celebrates Stimson, but also underscores the importance of providing Montana students with access to financial literacy education that prepares them for the future.”

Teacher Becky Bates praised Stimson’s achievement, saying, “I am incredibly proud of Stimson and the dedication he has shown throughout this project. His ability to think critically about investing and articulate his ideas so well reflects both his talent and the value of programs like InvestWrite in building lifelong financial skills.”

MCEE partners with teachers across Montana to bring programs like the Stock Market Game and InvestWrite into classrooms. Last year over 3,400 Montana students competed in the Stock Market Game, registration is open now for the fall and Glacier Bancorp and its family of six banking divisions sponsor all team fees to minimize and barriers to participation. This year Glacier Bancorp pledged \$5,000 in cash prizes increasing its educational impact with incentives to participate.

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