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2012 Hilda Taba Social Studies Award Given to CCEE Executive Director

Jim Charkins, California Council on Economic Education Executive Director, receives highest award from California Council for the Social Studies.



*Jim Charkins, CCEE
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LOS ANGELES, CA (November 5, 2012) — California Council on Economic Education recently announced that Executive Director Jim Charkins received the Hilda Taba Award, California Council for the Social Studies' highest honor.

Charkins accepted the award at CCSS' annual conference March 3, at the Hyatt Regency Orange County in Garden Grove, CA.

The Taba Award, named for Hilda Taba, is awarded to a California man or woman who has made a significant contribution to social studies education in California. Taba embodied the spirit of learning social studies as a professor at San Francisco State University. She significantly influenced education and is internationally renowned for her work in "concept development" in the social studies.

"I am proud of the Hilda Taba award, but more proud of all the teachers in California who strive in their classrooms daily to help their students use economic reasoning to survive and prosper in this very shaky economy," Charkins said. "Our teachers are the best in the nation and they give themselves unselfishly to the cause. This award belongs to them."

Through Jim's efforts, CCEE leads economic education in California by consulting the State Board of Education in writing the History/Social Sciences Standard; leading the effort to pass SB 1213, requiring that California students pass one semester of high school economics; and developing award-winning programs, such as MoneyWiseTeen.

"We are pleased about this prestigious honor recognizing Jim's contributions," said William Coffin, CCEE Chairman. "His advocacy for comprehensive economics instruction has had a significant impact on California and the goals of CCEE."

In 2011, Charkins, an economics educator for more than 40 years; professor at California State University, San Bernardino; and CCEE Executive Director since 1994, was given the Bessie B. Moore Service Award by the Council for Economic Education. The national honor annually recognizes an individual who has made significant impact in promoting and enhancing economic education.

About California Council on Economic Education

For nearly a half-century, California Council on Economic Education, a nonprofit organization, has been dedicated to advancing the economic reasoning and financial literacy of Californians. CCEE prepares students to participate in the global economy by providing educational programs and materials to K-12 teachers. Information about professional development for teachers, workshops, programs and student contests can be found at www.ccee.org.

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