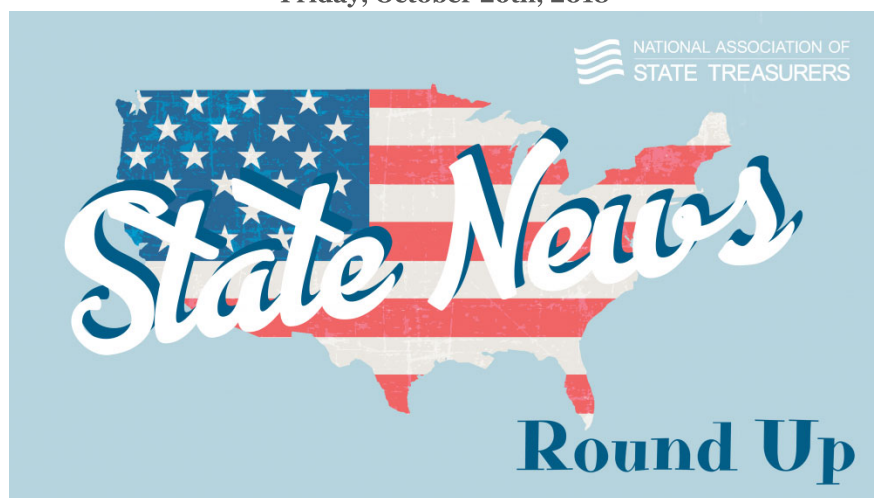




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NAST News

Become a 2019 ABLE Advisor

The ABLE National Resource Center is looking for nine ABLE account owners to participate as an Advisor Group to the Center in 2019. ABLE advisors receive a \$500 contribution to their ABLE account at the end of the year, based on full participation in the Advisor program. Applications are due on October 30th. [To learn more and apply click here.](#)

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Featured Article

Blockchain And Climate Change

There's a lot of buzz about how big data and now blockchain can change the world. Many scientists say that the possibilities of blockchain use are unlimited. Now scientists are wondering if blockchain can be used to mitigate climate change. — [National Public Radio](#)

State News Roundup

Alabama

Maxwell-Gunter volunteers teach local youth the importance of financial literacy

Forty-one volunteers from the Maxwell-Gunter community have spent the last several weeks helping children from Thelma S. Morris elementary school in Montgomery learn basic financial skills through the Junior Achievement program. The Junior Achievement program is designed to teach kids of different ages the basics of saving money, starting a business, paying taxes and becoming overall more financially literate through a series of hands-on, engaging activities. As the first school in the Montgomery school district to implement this program, T.S. Morris served as a model, and leadership said they hope others will soon follow. — [Maxwell Air Force Base](#)

Connecticut

State Adds Thousands of Names to Unclaimed Property List

The State of Connecticut may have money for you and you don't even know it. Nearly 53,000 new names have been added to the state's list of unclaimed property, according to State Treasurer Denise Nappier. "We have millions of dollars waiting to be returned to owners," Nappier said in a release. [The CTBigList](#), as it's called, was created to alert people who have unclaimed funds that for one reason or another have been turned over to the state. — [NBC Connecticut](#)

Idaho

Here are 50 southern Idahoans who have unclaimed property — and it's worth more than \$100

Angela A Lara of Twin Falls and Conrad Casser of Hailey have unclaimed property. It's money in some form, and the state wants to give it back. The Idaho Treasurer's Office provided this sampling of people with unclaimed property valued at more than \$100 whose last known addresses are in southern Idaho. To check for your name, visit yourmoney.idaho.gov or call [877-388-2942](tel:877-388-2942) or [208-332-2942](tel:208-332-2942). — [Times-News](#)

Illinois

Procurement Opportunities

The Illinois State Treasurer's office has posted two new Procurement Opportunities on their website. [To learn more click here.](#)

Indiana

Education and treasurer's office team on financial video for students

Superintendent of Public Instruction Jennifer McCormick is partnering with state Treasurer Kelly Mitchell on a video aimed at helping Hoosier teachers and families increase students' financial awareness. Through a partnership among the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority, CollegeChoice 529 Savings Plan and the Indiana Treasurer of State's office, "Right on the Money" was produced to provide a financial education opportunity for young Hoosiers. This video explains the path of Indiana tax dollars in providing services to residents. — TheStatehouseFile.com

Iowa

Dubuque School District works to create financial literacy graduation requirement per new state law

new state law requires high school students across Iowa to take a financial literacy course in order to graduate, and it's causing the Dubuque Community School District to speed up its own plan to establish that same requirement. Last November, the school board approved the financial literacy graduation requirement. Board president Tami Ryan said it's something the district has wanted to do for years. The district's plan was to introduce mandatory financial literacy for the class of 2022, this year's freshmen class. However, the state law says this literacy graduation requirement must start with this year's junior class, or the class of 2020. — [KCRG-TV](#)

College Savings Iowa celebrates 20 years with its biggest giveaway

State Treasurer Michael L. Fitzgerald wants to remind Iowans there are only a few weeks left of College Savings Iowa's 20 year celebration giveaway. Iowans can visit Iowa529Contest.com to register to win one of four \$5,000 College Savings Iowa giveaway accounts or one of five \$529 accounts. The giveaway concludes on Oct. 31 and is open to all Iowans with a child or grandchild under the age of 18. "College Savings Iowa has been an important resource in thousands of lives for 20 years," Fitzgerald said. "This 20 year giveaway is a celebration of all our past, present and future families who have saved with College Savings Iowa." [Newton Daily News](#)

Maine

Maine Law student coauthors financial guide for veterans

When Harpswell native Mike Adams returned to Maine after military service in Afghanistan to finish his studies at the University of Southern Maine, he found there was little information available on financial resources available to veterans. So last summer while interning at the Maine Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection, Adams suggested that the bureau produce an easy-to-use practical guide. — [Maine Business News](#)

Maryland

RFP: State Treasurer's Office Seeks Merchant Services

The Maryland State Treasurer's Office is soliciting qualified offerors to provide all services necessary to process merchant card payments, to include credit cards, PIN-based debit, signature debit and electronic checks. Proposals are due by 2:00 p.m. Local Time on November 16, 2018. [To learn more click here.](#)

Maryland529 Seeks Chief Executive Officer

The Maryland State Treasurer's Office is also seeking a Chief Executive Officer for Maryland 529. Applications are due November 25, 2018. The Chief Executive Officer is the head of the independent State Agency that is responsible for administering three IRC Section 529 Savings Plans; the Maryland Prepaid College Trust, the Maryland College Investment Plan, and the Maryland Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE). [To learn more click here.](#)

Nevada

Bank of Nevada is Helping to Prepare Students for a Solid Financial Future

More than 50 students at Desert Pines High School were recognized for their successful completion of the Bank of Nevada Financial Cents Program, an effort to provide students in Southern Nevada with the smart money skills they need to be better-informed consumers. During a brief ceremony, Bank of Nevada volunteers and Desert Pines High School educators congratulated students on becoming better-informed consumers and also presented each student with a certificate showing they completed the Financial Cents program. — [Nevada Business Magazine](#)

New Hampshire

Owners staking claim to property

The first day after the state published its annual list of unclaimed property, more than 260 people came forward to stake their claims. About \$110,000 in cash and 1,110 stocks are now in the process of being returned to their rightful owners, said Tom McAnespie, director of the state's Abandoned Property Division. The list of unclaimed property, first published Thursday, contained 23,727 names. It is running again as an insert in today's New Hampshire Sunday News. "It was a very busy day yesterday," McAnespie said on Friday. "The staff's working great. We have a great staff, so we're very lucky." — [Union Leader](#)

New York

Manning stresses importance of financial literacy for kids

Eli Manning recognizes that the numbers in a playbook aren't the only important statistics. Manning wants children, including his three daughters, to have a strong set of financial skills. "I think it's so important for kids to understand what it means to save, to have a budget, to be smart about spending money," the Giants' 15th-year quarterback says. "I think the more you can introduce financial literacy to students at an early age, the more it'll prevent them from making mistakes when they're a young adult." Manning and Giants rookie Saquon Barkley spoke to more than 100 local high school students about the importance of managing their finances before facing off in a head-to-head competition playing the latest version of Financial Football, a free video game designed to educate users on smart money decisions. — [Star Tribune](#)

Oregon

Oregon State Treasurer's Office Seeking Deputy Debt Director

Oregon State Treasury is recruiting for the position of Deputy Director, Debt Management. This position will be located in Salem, Oregon. The office will be accepting applications until November 2nd. [To learn more about the position click here.](#)

Pennsylvania

Veteran's lost medals returned by PA Treasury

Thanks to a new initiative by the Pennsylvania State Treasury Department, dozens of veterans and their families are being reunited with military medals they thought they'd never see again. One of those vets is John Altomose, who joined the military in 1983 at age 17, just two weeks after graduating high school. He went through training, and shortly after was hand-picked to go to Berlin at a time when most of his fellow soldiers were going to Korea or Japan. — [Harrisburg News](#)

Virginia

Treasurer's office, state government find success in unclaimed-funds effort

The Arlington treasurer's office plans to invite state-government officials back in 2019 to help local residents hunt for unclaimed financial booty. Personnel from the Virginia Department of the Treasury were on hand Oct. 4-5 to interact with the roughly 2,000 local residents who headed to the Ellen M. Bozman Government Center to pay their real-estate and personal-property taxes before the deadline. "Our visitors [from the state government] were a big hit," Treasurer Carla de la Pava said. "There were 350 people who stopped to see if they had any funds with Virginia that they didn't know about, and more than 50 percent of them did." — [Inside Nova](#)

Wisconsin

Bucks, BMO Harris Bank to fund expansion of SecureFutures financial literacy program

The Milwaukee Bucks and BMO Harris Bank announced today they will support the expansion of SecureFutures' financial literacy program to 11 more Milwaukee locations. The organizations are giving a total of \$25,000 for the program expansion and will provide volunteers to mentor students at the new locations. — [Milwaukee Business News](#)

TOP TWEET: As seen on the cover of [@USATODAY](#): the average amount saved in 529 [@College Savings](#) plans have reached a record high! #snapshot — [@StateTreasurers](#)

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