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SIGN UP: Registration for the 2019 Legislative Conference is NOW OPEN, Early Bird Rate Available!

We are pleased to announce that registration for NAST's 2019 Legislative Conference is now open! The conference will be held at the historic Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C. The conference will begin on Sunday, February 10th and run through February 12th. For the first time ever, NAST will be offering early bird registration rates which will be available until January 7th. Additionally, NAST will be

offering a Live Stream of the three sessions on Monday morning. [Please go here](#) to learn more and register for NAST's 2019 Legislative Conference!

2019 Conference Sponsorship Opportunity

For the first time, NAST is offering conference sponsorship opportunities through their new database and they can be purchased online. You can add more than one sponsorship into your shopping cart if you are interested in purchasing sponsorships for each conference opportunity. To learn more click [here](#). If you have any question please contact [Emma Heydlauff](#).

Featured Article

2018 Election Results

The National Association of State Treasurers has been monitoring the elections this week to make sure you had a comprehensive roundup on the Treasurer races from around the country. Please see below for the state by state results* from this week's election. NAST congratulates our members who were re-elected and welcomes our newly elected members!

Re-Elected Treasurers:

- Dennis Milligan (R), Arkansas
- Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis (R), Florida
- Michael Frerichs (D), Illinois
- Kelly Mitchell (R), Indiana
- Michael Fitzgerald (D), Iowa
- Jacob LaTurner (R), Kansas
- Deborah Goldberg (D), Massachusetts
- Tim Eichenberg (D), New Mexico
- Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli (D), New York
- Seth Magaziner (D), Rhode Island
- Curtis M. Loftis, Jr. (R), South Carolina
- Comptroller Glenn Hegar (R), Texas
- Beth Pearce (D), Vermont

Newly Elected Treasurers:

- John McMillan (R), Alabama
- Kimberly Yee (R), Arizona
- Fiona Ma (D), California
- Dave Young (D), Colorado
- Shawn Wooden (D), Connecticut
- Colleen Davis (D), Delaware
- Julie Ellsworth (R), Idaho
- John Murante (R), Nebraska
- Zach Conine (D), Nevada
- Robert Sprague (R), Ohio
- Randy McDaniel (R), Oklahoma
- Josh Haeder (R), South Dakota
- Sarah Godlewski (D), Wisconsin
- Curt Meier (R), Wyoming

***Please note:** These results are based on projections from the most recent returns and are unofficial until approved by the state election authority.

State News Roundup

Alabama

Alabama in Top 10 and it's Not Football!

Alabamians have grown accustomed to seeing a top ten ranking when it comes to the College Football Playoff poll. Now Alabama is top ranked in another poll. Morningstar recently released its Morningstar Analyst Ratings for the best 529 college savings plans for 2018. Alabama received a "Silver" ranking, making it one of the Top 8 college savings plans in the country. — [Alabama Local News](#)

California

Financial literacy curriculum introduced at school district

At the September 2018 Valley Center-Pauma Unified School District (VCPUSD) board meeting, Valley Center High School (VCHS) principal Mark Hailwood gave an update on the new high school financial literacy curriculum. A year before board member Mike Adams brought the subject of financial literacy training for students to the full board for discussion and consideration. Adams had taught the Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University program for almost a decade with very positive results. The Ramsey program features financial training on the topics of personal saving and budgeting, issues about credit card and school loan debt, understanding insurance and investing, and being wise consumers. Starting this 2018-19 school year, 231 VCHS seniors are learning the principles of financial literacy in their economics classes with teacher instruction and using the "Foundations of Personal Finance" as an online program supplemental. — [Valley Center](#)

Georgia

Georgia Southern makes personal finance curriculum available to Georgia students

Georgia Southern University is sponsoring Ramsey Solutions' Foundations in Personal Finance curriculum in five high schools in Georgia. Foundations in Personal Finance is the premier curriculum for teaching financial literacy to students. "We are excited to partner with a company like Ramsey Solutions, who has a mission to support young adults in their personal growth and leadership," said Amy Smith, associate vice president in the Division of Enrollment Management at Georgia Southern. — [Georgia Southern University](#)

Illinois

Procurement Opportunities

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

Louisiana

Treasury simplifies reclaiming property

The Louisiana Department of the Treasury is making it easier for citizens to get their unclaimed property. Last month it began mailing out 85,000 unclaimed property checks to those who are owed up to \$1,500 each. Sometimes individuals' addresses are incorrect and that is why the property becomes unclaimed, Treasurer John Schroder said in a news release. The unclaimed property comes from old savings and checking accounts, payroll checks, stocks and dividends, insurance proceeds, oil royalty payments and utility deposits that aren't immediately claimed by the rightful owners. — [American Press](#)

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.](#)

Massachusetts

Align Credit Union Creates Children's Book About Financial Literacy

It's never too early to teach your kids how to be responsible with their money--according to Align Credit Union.

The Merrimack Valley-area agency developed a new children's book to help teach the basics of financial literacy to children ages three to five years old. The book, titled "A Savings Account Saves the Day," follows James and Pearl on their adventures to keep their money safe after James' piggy bank breaks. The book was written by Align's #NextGen group and illustrated by Robert E. Bradley, a Framingham State University senior pursuing an art degree. — [WHAU](#)

Mississippi

Columbia High Launches Student-Run Credit Union

Some students at Columbia High School through their school's partnership with Ferguson Credit Union are getting the opportunity to learn how to manage money at an early age. The students that operate the Credit Union at Columbia High School open bank accounts, saving accounts, manage loans, among other things. Lynell James, The President of the Credit Union's Board of Directors said, the credit union want to be proactive about equipping students with financial literacy in management early on. —

[WDAM-TV](#)

Treasurer Fitch and Mayor Morris invite local residents to find their unclaimed property at Florence Day

On Saturday, November 10, staff from State Treasurer Lynn Fitch's office will be available at Florence Day to help area residents search the State's unclaimed property list and file claims for their funds.

"Since I took office as Treasurer in January 2012, my office has distributed over \$90 million in unclaimed property," said Treasurer Fitch. "This represents 56% of all the funds distributed through the State unclaimed property program since it began in 1982." — [WLBT](#)

Missouri

Missouri's MOST 529 Savings Plan for college maintains status as one of the best in the nation

A top investment research firm has once again recognized Missouri's MOST 529 Savings Plan as one of the best programs in the nation. Morningstar Investment Research analyzes and assigns ratings to college savings plans across the nation every year based on cost, performance, tax benefits and more.

This week, Morningstar confirmed the MOST 529 Plan has earned and maintained its prestigious Silver Medal status yet again. — [Hannibal Courier](#)

Nebraska

Chadron State helps teach high school students financial literacy

Chadron State College partners with Ramsey Solutions' Foundation to offer personal finance curriculum to 19 high schools in three states including Nebraska. Scottsbluff, Ogallala, Mullen and Chadron High schools are just a few that will receive the easy to use turn-key school curriculum that will teach students the value of saving, spending and giving. Over four million students have already taken advantage of the program in the country. — [KSNB Local4](#)

Nevada

State of Nevada hosting holiday auction of fine jewelry

Nevada's Unclaimed Property Division is opening the vault for a special holiday auction of fine jewelry.

The auction, held through TNT Auction, will open Monday, Nov. 5, at 9 a.m. and closes Wednesday,

Nov. 14, at 1 p.m. Items can be previewed online [here](#) between now and the auctions opening. — [KTNV-](#)

[TV](#)**North Carolina****Hospice receives check from state treasury**

On Thursday, Dale Folwell, the North Carolina state treasurer, paid a visit to Hospice of Davidson County to personally hand officials a check for \$4,811 owed to them from the department's unclaimed property database. The funds come from the department's N.C. Cash program. Folwell said the department has more records of unclaimed property belonging to people — over 11 million records — than the population of North Carolina. There's almost \$700 million worth of funds in the unclaimed property division. — [The Dispatch](#)

Pennsylvania**Pa. Treasurer Torsella seeking owners of abandoned military decorations**

With Veterans Day coming Sunday, Pennsylvania's treasurer is trying return military decorations collected by his department after helping 85 owners reclaim theirs. "With each return, we've seen how service medals can embody so much more than an act of military merit," Treasurer Joe Torsella said in a statement Thursday. "These decorations are a physical connection to a veteran's proudest moments and cherished memories, and this Veterans Day they belong with our military members and their families."

— [The Times](#)

Washington**Cary Anderson Team of Keller Williams donates curriculum**

The Cary Anderson Team of Keller Williams is donating Ramsey Solutions' Foundations in Personal Finance curriculum to Oak Harbor High School. Foundations in Personal Finance is the premier curriculum for teaching financial literacy to students. "Personal finance expert Dave Ramsey created Foundations in Personal Finance, an easy to use, turn-key school curriculum that teaches students the value of saving, spending and giving to guide them down the path of financial literacy," a press release states. — [Whidbey News-Times'](#)

West Virginia**Financial literacy classes held twice this month in Weston**

Adults can become stressed about their finances during the holiday season, but Central West Virginia Community Action is ready to help as soon as this week. To help local residents track their spending habits and plan for the future, AmeriCorps LifeBridge member Mindy Robinson will teach a financial literacy class Thursday and Nov. 28 at the Community Action location on Brown Avenue, across from Garton Plaza in Weston. — [WVNews](#)

Wisconsin**West Salem students test their financial literacy with mock careers**

West Salem High School students tested their real-life skills Wednesday, especially when it came to their ability to make good financial decisions. The school's Financial Literacy event gives each student a checkbook and a career and had to make it through their mock expenses. Each station represented different parts of an adult's life that would require money like taxes, child care, housing and emergencies. — [WKBT-DT](#)

TOP TWEET: Treasurer Folwell had the honor of presenting the Hospice of Davidson County with nearly \$5,000 from our agency's unclaimed property fund today! You too could have unclaimed money owed to you. Visit [NCCash.com](#) today to search our database. [#ncpol](#) — [@NCTreasurer](#)

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