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### **Institute for Financial Literacy announces 2009 Maine Teachers Take FLITE graduates**

**42 Maine K-12 teachers become Certified Educators in Personal Finance®**

**PORTLAND, Maine (December 4, 2009)** – The Institute for Financial Literacy is pleased to announce that 42 Maine teachers have been certified in the 2009 class of Maine Teachers Take FLITE (Financial Literacy Instructional Techniques for Educators), a training program for K-12 teachers.

“The teachers who completed the 2009 session of Maine Teachers Take FLITE worked proactively to gain the knowledge they need to effectively teach financial literacy concepts in their classrooms,” said Leslie Linfield, Executive Director & Founder of the Institute for Financial Literacy. “These teachers have shown remarkable dedication to their communities by working to ensure that their students have a solid foundation for making smart financial decisions throughout their lives.”

The 2009 certified FLITE teachers are:

Raelene Allen, Madison High School

Robert Alley, Jonesport Elementary School

Jean Ambrose, Hall-Dale High School

Linda Anderson, Georges Valley High School & Mid-coast School of Technology

Anne Archambault, Maranacook Community High School

Sandra Bailey-Bowen, Old Town High School

Amanda Boyce, Winthrop High School

Carlo Bufano, Jobs for Maine’s Graduates

Diana Butler, Houlton High School

Laurie Caron, Teague Park Elementary School & Hilltop Elementary School

Ian Craven, Bucksport Middle School

Gordon A. Crosby, Poland Regional High School

Linda Davis, Jay High School

Catherine Demchur-Merry, Poland Regional High School

Cardine Emmerson, Maranacook Community High School  
Kristy Ferran, Gardiner Area High School  
Jim Ford, Oak Hill High School  
Charlotte Gardner, Noble Middle School  
Bob Goddard, Brunswick High School  
Charles Green, Bonny Eagle High School  
Darren Hartley, Lewiston Regional Technical Center  
Janet Hodgins, Sylvio J. Gilbert Elementary  
Andrea Itkin, The Community School, Passages Program  
Tracy Johnson, Gardiner Area High School  
Karen Kantolak, Lafayette Elementary School  
Stephanie Knight, Falmouth Middle School  
Darlene Korhonen, Houlton Junior/Senior High School  
Patricia Morris, Maranacook Community High School  
C. Maria Morris, Morse High School  
Christine Munroe, South Portland High School & Memorial Middle School  
Jessica Norton, Gardiner Area High School  
Kip Plaisted, Penobscot Valley High School  
Cynthia Paradis, Jay High School  
Chad Poland, Piscataquis Community High School  
Debra Primmerman, Cornville Elementary School  
Robin Reinhold, Brown Elementary School  
Leslie Romanow-Jordan, Biddeford Intermediate School  
Marcia Steenstra, Georges Valley High School  
Cynthia Streznewski, Maranacook Community High School  
Glenn Tracey, Greely High School  
Mary Trigge, York High School  
Amanda Walker, Georges Valley High School

A program of the Institute for Financial Literacy, **Maine Teachers Take FLITE** enrolls teachers in the Certified Educator in Personal Finance® program, a professional certification and training program developed to improve the knowledge and expertise of financial literacy educators. FLITE focuses on teachers' professional development and increasing their confidence in their own ability to teach students about personal finance. This approach provides teachers with the tools they need to teach financial literacy effectively in the classroom. The 2009 FLITE class was funded through donations from individuals and grants

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**The Institute for Financial Literacy** is a non-profit financial literacy organization. The Institute's mission is to make effective financial literacy education available for all American adults. The Institute accomplishes its mission by developing financial literacy education materials, publishing the National Standards in Adult Financial Literacy Education, maintaining the Library of Personal Finance and providing professional development and training through the Center for Financial Certifications. For more information about the Institute and its programs, please contact 207-221-3663 or visit [www.FinancialLit.org](http://www.FinancialLit.org).

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