

2023 Spring Report

Department of Economics and Finance

This is a partial list of activities and accomplishments in the department for since March 2023 till date.

- **Jill Caviglia-Harris** (Economics and Environmental Studies) recently received word that she will be awarded a \$213,997 grant from the National Science Foundation Division of Undergraduate Education. Her "Diversifying Economics Education through Plug and Play Video Modules with Diverse Role Models, Relevant Research, and Active Learning" project aims to develop easily implementable modules featuring diverse role models and compelling topics. These modules, grounded in evidence-based active learning principles, will be evaluated for their impact on student belonging, diversity, and retention.
- The department hosted seven public school teachers from six different schools from five counties in the Eastern Shore. Dr. Shine Lei led a training on investment for the teachers to help them with the Stock Market Challenge game in their respective schools.
- The department hosted the Department of Economics and Finance Advisory Council in May 2023. At the meeting, students from the Practicum in Portfolio Management class (FINA 449) presented an overview of the Sea Gull Fund portfolio to advisory council members. The fund is currently valued at nearly \$1.8 million.
- We successfully renewed the CFP Board registration of our Financial Planning track.
- We continue our status as an Affiliated University with the CFA Institute (through our Investments track).

List of intellectual contributions

Economics	
Refereed journal articles published	3
Refereed journal articles (revise & resubmit)	1
Refereed journal articles (submitted)	1
Presentations in conferences	1
Newspaper/media contributions	1
Finance	
Refereed journal articles published	5
Refereed journal articles (revise & resubmit)	2
Refereed journal articles (submitted)	0
Presentations in conferences	1
Newspaper/media contributions	1