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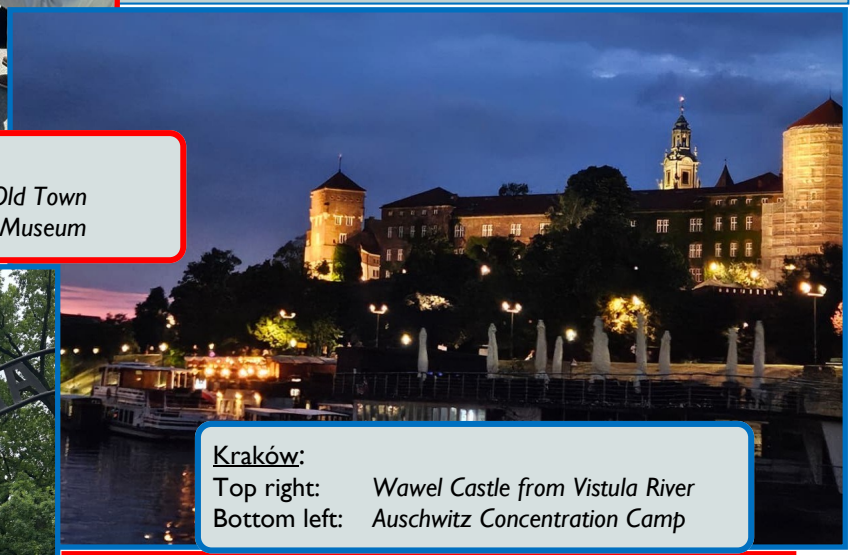
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GEEA Conducts U.S. Educator Study Tour to Poland

From May 23 to June 5 2026, GEEA led fifteen educators from nine states — Arizona, California, Colorado, Georgia, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Jersey, Ohio, and Wisconsin — on a two-week Educator Study Tour through Poland. Our host and partner on the ground was Katarzyna (Kasia) Jaszczuk of the Innovation & Knowledge Foundation in Warsaw, who helped shape an itinerary that took us by high-speed rail from Warsaw to Gdańsk and on to Kraków, with walking tours through each city's Old Town along the way.

Warsaw kicked things off. GEEA faculty delivered economics lectures at the University of Warsaw and the Warsaw School of Economics, after which we fanned out to primary and secondary schools to lead classroom discussions. On our last day in the capital, we sat down with Polish educators at the National Center for Economic Education to trade ideas on building economic literacy across our two countries.

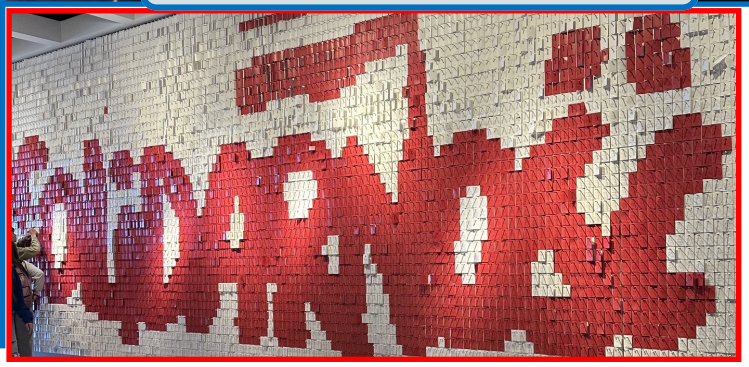




Gdańsk:
Top left: *Walking tour of Old Town*
Bottom right: *Solidarity Center Museum*



Kraków:
Top right: *Wawel Castle from Vistula River*
Bottom left: *Auschwitz Concentration Camp*



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Continuing with Highlights from Poland Study Tour

From Warsaw, we headed north to Gdańsk, birthplace of the Solidarity movement. For the social studies teachers in our group, who've spent years teaching students about Lech Wałęsa and the labor uprising that helped bring down the Soviet bloc, walking through the European Solidarity Center felt like stepping into the lesson plans they'd delivered many times. As one teacher put it: "I've taught this for years, and now I'm standing here."

Then, Kraków. Nothing quite prepares you for Auschwitz-Birkenau. For educators who teach the Holocaust and World War II, standing where history actually happened will change how they teach it forever — no textbook can substitute for that. The bus ride back to the hotel was a quiet one.



Inspiring visit to Children of Ukraine Educational Center

The mood brightened the next day at the Young Learners Resource Center, where we sat in on an economics class and GEEA faculty ran a market trading simulation with Polish students and American teachers working side by side.

Through it all, what struck us as much as Poland's economic transformation was its people. Wherever we went, we were met with warmth and generosity. In just 35 years, Poland has built something extraordinary — and after spending time with the educators, students, and community leaders shaping its future, we came home full of admiration, and full of stories to bring back to our own classrooms.



Study Tour participants joined a conference at the National Center for Economic Education in Warsaw. The conference featured presentations by GEEA and National Center members from throughout Warsaw.





US teachers participate with Polish students in trading activities at the University of Warsaw (left) and at the Young Learners Resource Center in Kraków.

GEEA … Making a World of Difference!

2027 International Exchange Opportunities for U.S. Educators

GEEA Study Tours provide a vehicle for fostering international understanding by promoting education through international exchange. GEEA is presently planning 2027 study tours to Peru and to Uruguay & Argentina. Watch the GEEA website for dates and application information (*www.globaleconed.org*).

GEEA is planning its first Study Tour to Uruguay and Argentina. Partners in Montevideo are already organizing school visits and a teacher workshop at the Central Bank. The trip will include travel to Colonia del Sacramento & Buenos Aires.

Left: *Plaza Independencia in Downtown Montevideo.*

Below: *GEEA returns to Peru in summer 2027. Photo below taken at Machu Picchu with the 2023 Study Tour to Lima, Cusco, and the Amazon Rainforest.*





GEEA — a Global Reach

GEEA's influence spans the globe with past and present activities on four continents — Asia, Africa, South America and Europe. GEEA's work continues in Africa, with a planned 2027 Training of Trainers workshop at *Jifundishe* near Mount Kilimanjaro in northeastern, Tanzania.



Partnership with Jifundishe

In 2020, GEEA connected with *Jifundishe* (JEE-foon-DEE-shay) — Swahili for "teach yourself" — a Tanzanian nonprofit founded in 2004 by two American women. *Jifundishe's* mission is to provide young people and adults with opportunities to teach themselves using technology, books, and programs relevant to their lives. GEEA began planning a financial literacy training program for *Jifundishe* with a fact-finding trip in 2024 (photo right). GEEA faculty conducted Training of Trainers Workshop I in June 2025, and Workshop II with a larger enrollment and more advanced financial literacy material is scheduled for November 2026. GEEA stands ready to offer similar workshops in other parts of Tanzania and in other African countries in the future.



A Word from the GEEA President

GEEA is now in its fourteenth year operating as an independent 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Our mission is to promote high-quality, activity-based economic and financial literacy education worldwide through curriculum development, teacher/trainer education, educator exchange, and assessment Since our inception, we have conducted over two-dozen workshops reaching more than 1,400 teachers and trainers in 14 countries who have then impacted countless numbers of students. In addition, we have conducted sixteen Study Tours with over 120 educator participants from 20 different U.S. states.



Nino Talakhadze

GEEA is very proud that Nino Talakhadze (pictured at left), our partner in the Republic of Georgia, was awarded the 2025 NAEE Patricia Elder International Award for her many contributions to economic education over the last three decades. She did an outstanding job hosting GEEA's Study Tour to Georgia in 2025. Congratulations Nino!

GEEA depends on private and foundation contributions that we then use to encourage matching contributions from our partner country organizations. In this way, we multiply the power of each donated dollar. A very small portion of the donations received to date has been used to support administrative expenses, with almost all donations supporting teacher education programs. Most of GEEA's work is done by volunteers. Thank you for considering a donation to our effort to promote economic and financial literacy education and valuable international educator exchange.

John Brock, GEEA President

GEEA ACTIVITIES in FY 2026:

Teacher Study Tour:

Poland: May 23 - June 5, 2026 in cooperation with the Innovation and Knowledge Foundation, Warsaw.

Cooperative GEEA Activities Ongoing/in Process:

- **GEEA and *Jifundishe*, Tanzania**
  - ◊ Planning advanced financial literacy Training-of-Trainers workshop for nonprofit, *Jifundishe,* November 2026
- **GEEA and University of Zululand, South Africa**
  - ◊ Entrepreneurship after-school program for middle grades
  - ◊ GEEA has turned this program over to the in-country faculty who have been trained by GEEA, using GEEA-created curriculum.
- **GEEA and YMCA in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe**
  - ◊ Entrepreneurship after-school program for middle grades.'
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GEEA 2027 Teacher Study Tours:

- **GEEA, in partnership with the *Peruvian University of Applied Sciences*, Lima, Peru**
  - ◊ U.S. Educator Study Tour to Peru, target mid-June 2027.
- **GEEA, in partnership with the *Asociacion para la Educación Económica Uruguaya,* Montevideo, Uruguay**
  - ◊ U.S. Educator Study Tour to Uruguay/Argentina, target June 2027.

FY2026 GEEA Financial Year-End Report*

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Income	
Program income	$ 40,500.00
Personal Contributions	3,817.37
Total FY26 income	**$44,317.37**
Expenses	
General Expenses	
Postage/printing/accounting	$ 458.02
IRS 990 & IL AG registration	379.00
Bank/PayPal/web fees	554.07
Total General Expenses	**$1,391.09**
Program Expenses	
Jifundishe Workshop I	5,887.29
International Award + Subsidy to Recipient	800.00
Teacher Study Tour scholarships	2,200.00
Study Tour costs	
- partial Georgia; Poland '26	35,469.06
Total Program Expenses	**$44,356.35**
Total FY26 Expenses	**$45,747.44**
Net Income FY26	**($1,430.07)**

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Cash Balance (7/1/2025)	**$46,457.48**
Net Revenue	(1,430.07
Cash Balance (7/1/2026)	**$45,027.41**

Unaudited year-end financials

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