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Junior Achievement of the Michigan Great Lakes

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WHO WE ARE



At Junior Achievement, we believe that education from kindergarten to twelfth grade should be built on a bridge of engagement between classroom and community. Together with our educational partners, we make learning relevant to every student's future by infusing authenticity, business connectivity, and real role models into the everyday learning experience.



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EMPOWER THE FUTURE



Dear Friends of Junior Achievement:

During the 2017-18 fiscal year, Junior Achievement of the Michigan Great Lakes served more students than it has ever served in the history of the organization. Over 63,000 students were impacted with high-quality programs in Kindergarten through 12th grade. Junior Achievement also expanded its widely successful "JA Girls' Dream Fair a STEM Experience" by adding events in Grand Rapids and Lansing, bringing the total number of community events to three. Junior Achievement continued to receive the highest recognition by Guide Star as a Platinum organization, Charity Navigator with a Four-Star rating and the Better Business Bureau Charity wise seal. Junior Achievement prides itself on being a great steward of the resources provided to us by our funders and volunteers; this is culminated with Junior Achievement of the Michigan Great Lakes being awarded the BBB Torch Award for Ethics as one of the most ethnically run not-for-profit organizations in the West Michigan community.

During the fiscal year, Junior Achievement of the Michigan Great Lakes board was approached by Junior Achievement of Southwest Michigan board to discuss their interest in aligning with Junior Achievement of the Michigan Great Lakes. Our process management, fundraising acumen and our strong leadership make Junior Achievement of the Michigan Great Lakes. Our backs one of the most effective and well run Junior Achievement organizations in the country. We are consistently ranked above all JA USA operational metrics. A decision was made by both boards to bring the territory served by JA of Southwest Michigan into the JA of the Michigan Great Lakes family effective July 1, 2018. We are excited for what this expanded organization will be able to do in terms of quality programing, effective fundraising and sustained leadership at both the staff and board level. We will work together to create alignment between JA of Southwest Michigan, a division of JA of the Michigan Great Lakes, and our national organization. We look forward to working with the community leaders to increase donor engagement and provide a higher level of stewardship to the Southwest Michigan community.

The new fiscal year also provides us with an opportunity to continue to advance fundraising to build the JA Free Enterprise Center to house three new experiential learning labs. Fundraising is underway and we look forward to providing you updates on our progress in the future. In addition, we look for greater synergy between all of our district operations with the ultimate goal of sustainably serving more students with greatly enriched curriculum. The 2019 year also kicks off Junior Achievement's centennial anniversary of its founding with all marketing material will be branded with the tagline "100 Years 100% Ready". Please help us celebrate!

We look forward to growing our impact to serve well over 70,000 students in the 18-19 Fiscal Year and continue our pledge to be a financially sound and well-managed non-profit organization in the Michigan community. Working together we can continue to provide more students with life-changing experiences.

Respectfully yours,

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WHO WE SERVE



These charts compare the demographics of students in West Michigan for 2017-2018 and students enrolled in programs through JAMGL. These charts show that Junior Achievement programs can be found all over this diverse state; from rural to urban and suburban, that Junior Achievement is for every student.



K-12 Student Demographics in West Michigan

Source: Racial Census Report by School Districts 2017 - 2018, Michigan Department of Education



IMPACT AT A GLANCE

IN THE CLASSROOM



WHY I VOLUNTEER

"I love interacting with students and witnessing their creativity. My preferred class to teach is fourth grade. In that curriculum, the students get to create businesses based on the resources available in their region. They have to name their business, decide if they sell goods or services, and come up with an advertising plan. Two of the most memorable businesses were a pirate themed restaurant called "RRRRR you hungry?" on the gulf coast where you got a free dessert on your birthday if you walked the plank; and a football-themed concession stand in Denver called Peyton Manning's Touchdown. Everyone got free fries whenever Peyton Manning scored a touchdown." -Brianna Tucker, JA Volunteer, Farmers Insurance "A fourth-grade student invited me to her confirmation celebration. When I walked up to the party, her eyes got wide and she turned to her mom and said, 'He came!' You make quite an impact on them." – Jim Gort, JA Volunteer, Davenport University



I don't think I can overstate how much fun I have volunteering with JA. I figured I would like it, but I did not expect to be near as passionate about it as I am. The enthusiasm that radiates from the kids participating is infectious. I started volunteering to fulfill an expectation while I was in college – I keep volunteering over 15 years later because I can't imagine not seeing 25 to 30 smiling faces each spring. -Chris VanBergen, JA Volunteer, John Ball Zoo

2018 - 2019 GOALS

Area	Students	Classes
Grand Rapids	35,276	1,282
Lakeshore	4,952	206
Greenville	1,320	55
Greater Traverse Cíty	2,350	96
Greater Lansing	10,500	435
Southwest MI	13,000	542
Newaygo	1,148	63
Northern MI	3,250	135
STEAM Events	5,504	
Totals	67,300	2,771

FINANCIALS



Public Support & Revenu	e
Contributions	\$1,093,076
Special Events Net	\$507,412
In-Kind	\$129,704
Subtotal Revenue	\$1,730,192
Investment Income	\$87,721
Unrealized Gain (Loss)	(\$54,690)
Total Public Support & Revenue*	\$1,763,223

Expenses Program Services Program Licenses	\$1,273,572 \$52,487
Total Program	\$1,326,059
General & Administrative Fundraising	\$146,529 \$106,504
Total Expenses*	\$1,579,092

*Capital Campaign revenue & expenses not included in financials







TEACHERS: WHY I BELIEVE IN JA



"I believe JA is important because we need to help set these kids on a career path for the future. We need to give them those basic skills and teach them how to be flexible and learn as much as they can." -Erin M., 6th grade teacher, Greenville Public Schools

JA MAKES VOLUNTEER WANT TO BECOME A TEACHER

Brian Johnson, a high school teacher, has requested JA programming in his classroom for 15 years. Here's why:

Brian worked in retail for many years, and his manager at Best Buy first told him he should volunteer for JA. Brian found himself volunteering several years in a row and loving every minute of it. He left retail for the automotive field and found himself unhappy in his career. Brian thought back on his experiences with teaching JA and how much he had enjoyed being with the kids. That's when he decided to go back to school to be a teacher.

"Teaching JA is what sparked me to go back to school to be a teacher. Having JA volunteers come into my classroom is my way of giving back to the program that inspired me to do what I love. The kids benefit because they are able to interact and network with people from the business world. And in a business class, that is priceless!"

-Brian Johnson, Highschool Teacher and JA Volunteer, Forest Hills Public Schools

WHAT I LEARNED IN JA

Junior Achievement was one of my first experiences in the "business world." I participated in it my Junior year of high school as our Marketing Manager. That is what really made me want to pursue a career in management and planning.

Through college, you can go through phases where it feels like you're in a slump. JA helped me remember why I'm pursing my degree and helped me push myself through that time. Now I'm the Director of Sales and Marketing with Great Shot Golf!



-Natalie V., JA Alumni, Great Shot Golf





"It's fun, I like the board game. We had to circle around and when you landed on something you had to count how much money we had and then say we earned, spent, saved or donated."

-Kelis, 3rd grade, JA Student

"So what I learned is one is invisible currency and one is visible currency. Invisible currency is like debit cards and credit cards and visible currency is cash. I had JA programs last year. What I like about them is that I learn about money, and I think the volunteers are all good. Volunteers are always nice."

-Atticus, 3rd grade, JA Student





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Junior Achievement taught second graders at Oakwood Elementary School the JA Our Community[®] program. As a part of this program, the students created pictures of donuts that would be innovative new ways to increase donut sales. Tom's Food Center generously agreed to make one student's donut from each of the four classes. On December 15, the students were surprised with the chosen donuts for all of the participating students!

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Board meeting in action

"Junior Achievement is important because economic literacy is something that needs to be addressed at an earlier age and taught by people who deal with financial principles as their job. Through this interactive approach, I am able to teach 2nd graders principles that my macro-economics students are learning at WMU, but in a fun way that they can understand."

Michael Ryan - Junior Achievement Volunteer, Economics Professor at Western Michigan University (WMU)

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Alisha Van Horn Michigan One Credit Union Greenville Public Schools and Lakeview Public Schools officials testified that JA programming had a positive impact on fourth grade social studies MSTEP scores.

"If someone had talked to me and told me it mattered what I did in seventh and eighth grade besides making good grades I think my life might have been easier." -Betsy N., Greenville Volunteer, Walmart



Beginning in 2014 with just three classes, JA in Montcalm County has been steadily growing. In 2017-2018 JA volunteers taught programs in 55 classes and is projected to serve roughly 62 classes in 2018-2019.

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"We could not have had a better group of entrepreneurs to launch this program. Each one is doing big things and has a very different story. It's important that students or future entrepreneurs realize that the career pathway to becoming an entrepreneur can be a bit adventurous when compared to other career choices. There are many different ways one can become (an) entrepreneur."

- Matt Berger, District Manager, JA Northern MI



Jason Thelen recalls that in developing his paddle board-building business, "I guess I didn't really have a plan to sell products all over the world, I just started and the world found me."

Jason Thelen, of Little Bay Boards in Petoskey, shared this observation in response to a student's question on Oct. 26 at Petoskey High School. The exchange came during a new program recently launched by Junior Achievement of Northern Michigan and local career/technical teachers called YES! Young Entrepreneurs Speak.

The goal of the program is to get young local entrepreneurs into classrooms to share their experiences and career paths with students. Jason Thelen of Little Bay Boards, Katie Potts of Petoskey Cheese, Cheryl Tallman of Fresh Baby, Emerson Meyer of The Waffle Cabin and Herb Carlson of SCORE were the first entrepreneurs to address the students and answer their questions. More than 300 students attended the first session of the Yes! Program. There will be follow-up visits by the entrepreneurs to classrooms. Junior Achievement is making plans to provide more programming like this in the near future, and Berger said there will be an effort to include other high schools and to deliver personal finance lessons to students using the same format.

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About the Junior Achievement Youth Summit

Junior Achievement of Northwest Michigan is known for creating experiential learning activities that are relevant in the real world. Participating students engaged in real work experiences throughout the day. After forming teams that included an adult mentor, they were presented with a business challenge. They worked on that challenge throughout the day and presented their ideas to a panel of judges at the end of the event.

Student Teams:

- Recognized characteristics and practices of successful entrepreneurs
- Formulated and evaluated an entrepreneurial idea based on product, customer, and competitive advantage criteria
 - Demonstrated business-planning skills of marketing, financing, management, and ethical decision-making
 - Were exposed to and discussed leadership styles within teams
 Presented their ideas and solutions to a panel of judges
 - Celebrated! Awards were presented to the top student team

"The Junior Achievement of Northwest Michigan Annual Youth Summit is one of the best events I have ever been part of. The combination of real-world business concepts, creativity and friendly competition makes this event shine when it's all mixed together in a single-day program like this." -Chris Milliron, Chief Lending Officer, TBA Credit Union

PILOT PROGRAM: JA CODE CAMP



David Williams said of his experience, "I learned everything about business." When asked if they would return next year, David said excitedly, "Yes, I would." He then turned to his mom who was sitting behind him, "I'm doing this next summer," he tells her, "definitely."

JA Code Camp is a two-year pilot program hosted by Junior Achievement of the Michigan Great Lakes in collaboration with the Grand Rapids Public Library. Funded by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the 10-week, summer-long program encourages middle and highschool students to design their own applications and learn the business end of how to market their app. Roughly 40 students from the Greater Grand Rapids area signed up for the program. Kids from Hudsonville, Greenville, Grand Rapids Public Schools and even some homeschooled students participated. At the end of the program, students presented the apps they created as well as their business plan for how to market their apps. Thank you to our volunteers from BDO, CQL and Spectrum who helped make it such a success!

DTE ENERGY PRESENTS JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP DAY AT THE CAPITOL

High school students were invited to the Capitol to learn about the energy sector as well as local politics straight from the source. Elected officials, as well as DTE employees, introduce them to topics they have never considered and challenges them to approach business and government problems from multiple perspectives.

Students begin their day by learning about how government works, as well as the intersection of business and government, by listening to short lectures by government and business officials. They then travel to the Capitol to see a regular day in local government. The students will then have lunch and get to interact one on one with government officials who join them. Activities follow to integrate everything they've learned and help them to put it to use!



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The JA Associate Leadership Board was developed to engage a diverse group of emerging leaders to help broaden the impact of JA in the community. In its first year, the JA Associate Leadership Board helped fulfill over 60 hard to fill classes in the urban area of Grand Rapids, MI. By filling these classes, JA was able to empower 1,400 students from low to moderate income to own their own economic success. Additionally, the board began the process of creating a professional development plan for the JA staff. The board developed a staff survey to discover opportunities for professional growth for the JA associates, provided professional headshots for the staff, and works on team educational events.

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