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## Impact Report

**Recently released!** Click to learn how we positively impact local youth through programs in schools and community centers, powered by dedicated volunteers.

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## What's Next?

That's the question on everyone's mind. Technologies we've never seen before are changing the world in ways we've never known. Jobs people depend on today might not be here tomorrow. Are we ready? If not, how do we get ready?

Learn more: [What's Next](#)

Watch the video:



## Economic Mobility

For generations, economic mobility (the idea that each generation can achieve greater opportunity and financial stability than the last) has been central to the American promise. Yet today, that promise feels increasingly uncertain.

When young people develop financial capability, explore career pathways, and cultivate entrepreneurial thinking, they enter the workforce better prepared to navigate challenges, pursue advancement, and create opportunities.

[Read more](#)

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# THANK YOU

YOUR TIME AND  
MENTORSHIP  
INSPIRE THE NEXT  
GENERATION

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION



**Thank you to our incredible JA volunteers for sharing your time, talent, and real-world experience with students across Western New York. You are truly the heart of Junior Achievement.**

**Volunteer Testimonial:** *"Junior Achievement is one of my favorite events to volunteer for. I've participated twice, and each time I've seen how much the children learn while enjoying the experience with smiles and laughter. It's an incredibly valuable opportunity for both the students and volunteers, fostering community engagement through education."* - Marissa Karp, Citizens Bank

### Volunteer Opportunities This Spring

**Spring is our busiest season! Please consider volunteering in a classroom.**

Volunteers are needed at the following schools. Schedules are determined between volunteer and teacher.

- Amherst: Windemere Elementary School
- Falconer: Fenner Elementary School
- Maryvale: Maryvale Primary
- Sweet Home: Sweet Home Middle School
- West Seneca: Allendale Elementary

To get involved, contact [Kara Hyman](#).

**Educators**

## Scholarships

Applications are now being accepted for our 2026 Scholarships. Three scholarships will be given out to eligible seniors. Any student that has participated in a JA program at any point K-12, is eligible to apply!

Application deadline: May 22, 2026

For more information: <https://westernnewyork.ja.org/scholarship/ja-scholarships>

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## New NYS Personal Finance Learning Objectives

The NYS Education Department recently introduced new **personal finance learning objectives**. Our office, in collaboration with Junior Achievement areas across New York State, can support districts in meeting these requirements in ways that are easy and convenient for teachers and impactful for students.

For more information, contact JAWNY President, [John Crawford](#).

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## JA Company Program®

*Students don't just learn business, they run one!*

We're excited to share that the **JA Company Program®** has officially relaunched in **Western New York**—and it's already making an impact at Health Sciences Charter School. This semester, students launched **Health Sciences Records**, a student-run record label where they created original music, designed branded merchandise, and successfully brought their products (including a song and T-shirt) to market—real-world learning in action.

The JA Company Program pairs students with business mentors and guides them through every step of entrepreneurship—ideation, budgeting, marketing, sales, teamwork, and leadership. Students don't simulate business; they experience it. Along the way, they build confidence, career skills, and a tangible sense of possibility for their futures.

For more information on bringing the *JA Company Program* to your school, reach out to [Tara Jabbaar-Gyambrah](#).

## 40th Anniversary JA Bowl-a-Thon



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## On our way to \$200,000—with your help.

Our annual Bowl-a-Thon fundraiser fuels everything we do. Because of our dedicated bowlers, donors, and sponsors, vital programs and meaningful learning experiences come to life every year. A huge thank you to our March bowlers and donors for kicking off our

anniversary event in a big way! With six bowling shifts completed and two still to come, the momentum is strong and the excitement continues to build.

This is our *only* fundraiser of the year, and there's still time to show your support. Competition is tight across companies, teams, and individual fundraisers with bragging rights, rewards, and prizes all on the line.

Donations are accepted through May 31.

## Annual BNSME/JA Golf Outing



### We've moved to a Thursday!

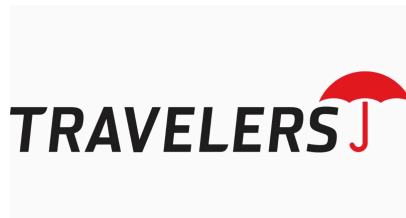
Join us Thursday, June 18, at Diamond Hawk Golf Course.

There are many opportunities to get involved: **sponsor**, **golf**, **volunteer**, or **donate** to our raffles.

[Full Event Details Here](#)

## Partners

### Partner Spotlight: Travelers



Travelers has been a long time supporter of Junior Achievement of Western New York, with employees consistently stepping up as volunteers and fundraisers. Each year, Travelers team members volunteer at Buffalo Public School #45 (International School) and show up in force to support JA on the lanes during our annual Bowl-A-Thon.

We are grateful for Travelers' continued commitment to empowering Western New York students.

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