





ABOUT JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT

JA is one of the oldest youth-serving organizations to provide a three-pathway focus: entrepreneurship, workforce readiness, and financial literacy learning experiences. JA forms partnerships between the business community, educators, and volunteers; these groups work together to inspire young people to dream big and reach their full potential. Our dynamic program model distinguishes itself from other youth organizations through a unique approach—using community volunteers with business and financial knowledge to deliver programs. JA provides the training, materials, and support necessary to bolster the chances for student success. Classroom volunteers transform key concepts from program units into learning that empowers students to believe in themselves and succeed in a global economy.

Partnerships with school districts and other youth and education-focused organizations that complement JA learning experiences are instrumental to success. These partnerships are rooted in continuous innovation, long-term commitment, and compatibility goals of JA's workforce development, financial literacy, and entrepreneurship education programs. These partnerships believe in JA's powerful purpose, recognize the value of JA's reach, and are committed to nurturing the future economic potential of young people in our community.

Mission

JA's purpose is to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy.

Vision

Our vision is a world in which young people have the skills and mindset to build thriving communities.

Pathways

Financial Literacy

Work and Career Readiness

Entrepreneurship



Core Values

Belief...in the boundless potential of young people

Commitment...to the principles of market-based economics and entrepreneurship

Passion...for what we do and honesty, integrity, and excellence in how we do it

Respect...for the talents, creativity, perspectives, and backgrounds of all individuals

Belief...in the power of partnership and collaboration

Conviction...in the educational and motivational impact of relevant, hands-on learning



JA AT A GLANCE

53,184 Instructional Contact Hours

9,691 Students Served

439 Learning Experiences

352 Volunteers

347 Educators

82 Schools

72 Firms/Partners



JA PATHWAYS APPROACH

Financial Literacy Pathway

Work and Career Readiness Pathway

Entrepreneurship Pathway

JA Pathways Competencies have the following benefits:

Students: Competencies help students work toward individual goals and give them opportunities to develop skills, behaviors, and attitudes required in the workplace, post-secondary education, and in life. Students who learn this way are lifelong learners, as well as adept problem-solvers.

Educators: Competencies help educators by aligning to state standards and helping to ensure that students are progressing to mastery.

Employers: Competencies offer employers performance-based proof that students have acquired the transferable skills and behaviors required for workplace success.



JA's Work and Career Readiness Pathway Competencies

- Collaboration
- · Critical and Analytical Thinking
- Engaging Communications
- · Culture Agility
- Creativity
- Decision-making
- Problem-solving
- Self-Direction
- Interpersonal Skills
- Career Development

JA's Entrepreneurship Pathway Competencies

- Opportunity Identification
- · Decisiveness and Operational Initiative
- Strategic Leadership
- · Adaptability and Resourcefulness
- · Network Building
- Financial Management
- · Assembling and Motivating a Business Team
- Collaboration and Team Orientation
- · Operations Management
- · Marketing and Sales

JA's Financial Literacy Pathway Competencies

- Employment and Income
- Spending and Savings
- Banking and Financial Institutions
- · Credit and Debt
- · Financial Decision-making
- Risk Management and Insurance
- · Identify Fraud and Theft
- Investing
- · The Economy
- Philanthropy



JA INSPIRE

JA of Western New York and JA Central Upstate New York partnered with the region's employers as part of JA Inspire Virtual, a unique career exploration learning experience designed for middle and high school students. Aiming to inform students about careers and jobs at their companies during the virtual event, the career fair takes place in a visually rich virtual environment that mimics the dynamics of a live event. Features include a virtual lobby, exhibit halls with booths, a virtual auditorium, and a learning lounge. Within the virtual experience, students attend webinars and presentations; explore career booths, work readiness tools, and resources; and interact with career speakers and industry experts.









BANK OF AMERICA 🥟

Top 5 Fundraising Companies

National Fuel	\$16,522
Tops Friendly Markets	\$13,252
Independent Health	\$10,582
Bank of America	\$6,871
Northwest Bank	\$6,041

Top New Fundraising Company

BankOnBuffalo \$1,816

Top 3 Fundraising Individuals

Lauren Smith	\$4,405
Alex Lent	\$1,252
Richard Czop	\$1,170

JA BOWL-A-THON

5 Days • 4 Locations • 8 Shifts • 41 Companies 76 Coordinators • 1,049 Bowlers

In spring 2023, we returned to the bowling centers for our signature fundraising event: the 38th Annual Junior Achievement of WNY Bowla-Thon. Over 1,000 corporate supporters and bowlers showed up in full force and raised \$159,000+ for our WNY JA learning experiences. In addition to our customary early March bowling shifts, we introduced a weeknight in May "happy hour style" shift for the first time. The enthusiastic response to bowling showed through our event success.











STOCK MARKET CHALLENGE

High school students from across Western New York participated in two month-long challenges during the 2022–2023 school year. Through participation in the event, students discovered the benefits and challenges of investing in the stock market as part of a broader, long-term investment strategy.

WINNERS

1st place (Fall): Collin Norlander, Falconer HS

1st place (Spring): Greta Nordwall, Jamestown HS

"A series of smart choices married to the luck of the market led me to unbelievably win the challenge altogether. I worked so hard toward the end with micro-adjustments to my portfolio that it was one of, if not the most, satisfying victories of my life."

Greta Nordwall—Jamestown High School



Collin Norlander, holding SMC trophy





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BUFFALO NIAGARA SALES AND MARKETING EXECUTIVES (BNSME) JA PARTNERSHIP

Support comes in many forms, and we greatly appreciate our long-standing partnership with BNSME. Its Annual Golf Outing consistently donates money to JA, and its members frequently volunteer in the classroom and at other JA events. BNSME has graciously donated \$280,000 from its golf outing to benefit Junior Achievement spanning almost three decades.



PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Recognizing schools and organizations participating during the 2022–2023 fiscal year

Chautauqua

Cassadaga Valley Central School District

Cassadaga Valley Middle High

Dunkirk City Schools

Dunkirk Elementary School 7

Falconer Central School District

Falconer Middle Senior High School

Harvey C Fenner Elementary School

Paul B D Temple Elementary School

Fredonia School District

Wheelock Primary School

Frewsburg Central School District

Robert H. Jackson

Jamestown Public Schools

Carlyle C Ring Elementary School Jamestown High School Jefferson Middle School Persell Middle School

Upward Bound at Medaille College WNY United

Akron Central School District

Akron High School

Alden Central School District Alden High School

Amherst Central School District

Amherst Central High School Smallwood Drive Elementary School Windermere Blvd Elementary School

Buffalo Public Schools

BPS 195 City Honors School BPS 198 International Preparatory School BPS 208 Riverside Academy

BPS 212 Leonardo Davinci High School BPS 301 Burgard High School

BPS 302 Emerson School BPS 31 Harriet Ross

Tubman School BPS 45 International School **BPS 53 Community School**

Cheektowaga Central School District

Union East Elementary School

Clarence Central Clarence Senior High School

Depew Union Free School District

Depew High School

Diocese of Buffalo Ed Office

Immaculate Conception School Nativity of Blessed Mary School Saint Andrew's Country Day School

Saint Christopher School Saint Francis High School Saint Mary's High School Saints Peter & Paul School

East Aurora Union Free School District

East Aurora High School

Eden Central School District Eden Middle High School

Grand Island Central School District Grand Island Senior High School

Hamburg Central School District

Hamburg High School Union Pleasant Elementary School

Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda Union Free School District

Benjamin Franklin Elementary School Herbert Hoover Elementary School Kenmore East High School Ken-Ton Big Picture Program Thomas A Edison Elementary School

Lackawanna City School District

Martin Road Elementary School

Maryvale School District

Marvvale Intermediate School Marvvale Primary School

New York State Dept Education

Charter School For Applied Technologies Charter Middle School for Applied Technologies

Orchard Park Central School District

Orchard Park High School

Sweet Home Central School District

Sweet Home Middle School

Tonawanda City School District Tonawanda Middle-High School West Seneca Central

School District Allendale Elementary School Clinton Street Elementary School Northwood Elementary School

Winchester Elementary School Williamsville Central School District

Dodge Elementary School

Genessee

Alexander Central School District

Alexander Middle High School

Batavia City School District

Batavia High School Jackson Primary School John Kennedy Intermediate School

Le Roy Central School District

Le Roy Junior Senior High School Wolcott Street School

Pembroke Central School District

Pembroke Junior Senior High School

Niagara

Niagara County Employment and Training Center

Diocese of Buffalo Ed Office

Catholic Academy of Niagara Falls

Lockport City School District

Emmet Belknap Intermediate School George Southard Elementary School Lockport High School Roy Kelley Elementary School

Niagara Falls City School District

Harry F Abate Elementary School Niagara Falls High School

Royalton Hartland Central School District

Royalton Hartland Middle School

Orleans

Medina Central School District

Clifford Wise Middle Intermediate School

Wyoming

Perry Central School District

Perry Junior Senior High School

Pioneer Central Schools

Pioneer High School

Warsaw Central School District

Warsaw Central Middle High School

Wyoming Central School District

Wyoming Central School

VOLUNTEER COMPANIES

Recognizing volunteer companies during the 2022-2023 fiscal year

AAA Western and Central New York

Bank of America

BankonBuffalo

Batavia Business Improvement

Batavia High School - Intro to Education Students

Bryant & Stratton College

Buffalo First Wealth Management

Chase

Citizens Bank

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Courier Capital LLC

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Western New York FCU

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Wyoming County Business Education Council

Top Organizations by Volunteers



60 28

15

Deloitte & Touche LLP **Ingram Micro Inc.**

> KeyBank, N.A. Batavia High School - Intro

Community Volunteers

14

12

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JA is pleased to recognize those that supported financially during the 2022-2023 fiscal year

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Students who participate in any JA learning experience during their high school career are encouraged to apply for scholarships to support their post high school journey. Congratulations to our 2023 recipients (below).



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OUR LOCALLY AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS

\$500 JA of WNY Board of Directors Scholarship

Greta Nordwall, Jamestown High School

"My time in high school has been filled with successes in my musical career, but they all pale in comparison to this JA Stock Market Challenge, which is based on knowledge and intuition rather than pure skill. I worked so hard on this challenge, but I couldn't have gotten anywhere close to first place without Mr. Melquist."

\$1,000 John Lord Hettrick Sr. Memorial Scholarship

Jason Dorigo, Clarence High School

"In all of my JA based classes, I have learned so much information about the real world. I feel like they have helped prepare me for college, my career, and overall for my life. I have no doubt JA has made a lasting impact on me, and I am extremely grateful for the program and my great teachers. Someday, I hope to be able to give back and participate with the program myself when I am settled in my own profession."

THE UPS STORE PARTNERSHIP

Start Small, Grow Big by The UPS Store is a year-round initiative that educates the next generation of small business owners and entrepreneurs. Every dollar from in-center customer donations goes directly to Junior Achievement programming to inspire and prepare K–12 youth for their futures. With 22 WNY locations, the Start Small, Grow Big program is impacting the lives of hundreds of JA students with an emphasis on entrepreneurship learning experiences. In the first year, this campaign raised \$3,200 for WNY.









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