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Dear Friends of Junior Achievement,

Welcome to the 2024 Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame event! We are delighted you have joined us to honor the life and achievements of our 2024 JA Business Hall of Fame Laureate, Penny Pennington. She embodies the spirit of this award and is a role model for our future generations. Through your amazing support, Junior Achievement of Greater St. Louis has grown to reach over 170,000 students this year. Role-model volunteers presenting Junior Achievement programs to students has a lasting impact. It is a pleasure to have you here to honor our 2024 Laureate Penny Pennington, and our national Gold Leadership recipient Mike Deniszczuk.

Enjoy the evening and thank you for helping make JA even better!



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Penny Pennington



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Penny Pennington is the managing partner of Edward Jones, a leading financial services company dedicated to helping its 8 million clients turn their life plans into financial strategies. Under her leadership, the firm delivers on its purpose to partner for positive impact, to improve the lives of its clients and colleagues, and together, better its communities and society.

As Edward Jones begins its second century, Pennington, as the firm's sixth managing partner, is guiding Edward Jones through a cultural renewal and strategic transformation that is purpose-driven, leader-led and team-based. With more branch offices in more communities than any other financial services company, Pennington is seeking to lift more people up through three areas of focus: partnering for lasting financial strength, promoting healthier futures, and advancing inclusive growth. One way Edward Jones brings these priorities to life is by promoting financial wellness; through its Financial Fitness program, the firm is committed to educating 1 million learners by the end of 2025.

Pennington began her career with Edward Jones as a financial advisor in 2000 after a 14-year career in banking and was named a principal in 2006. She held various leadership roles in the firm's St. Louis home office before being named managing partner in 2019. She has a bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia and an MBA from Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University, and she was named No. 69 on the Fortune Most Powerful Women* list.

In 2022, Pennington was elected to serve a three-year term as a large-firm governor of the FINRA Board of Governors, which oversees management in the administration of FINRA's affairs and the promotion of FINRA's welfare, objectives and purposes. She is an active member of the St. Louis community, serving on the boards of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center and the Washington University in St. Louis Board of Trustees.

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JA USA Gold Leadership Award

The Gold Leadership Award honors volunteer excellence and is presented in recognition of inspired leadership in supporting and expanding JA's student impact, resources, and community-mindedness.

Congratulations to our 2024 JA USA Gold Leadership Award Recipient

Mike Deniszczuk

Partner (retired)

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Classroom Programs

Junior Achievement offers over 60 positive and impactful programs for students in pre-kindergarten through high school. JA's hands-on curriculum is delivered through various platforms by educators and our dedicated volunteers. This school year, we will reach over 170,000 students throughout Missouri, Illinois, and Indiana. Participating in Junior Achievement helps students learn the importance of staying in school, money management, how to be prepared for the workforce, and skills needed to start their own businesses. We are helping young people turn their dreams into plans for their future success.

Elementary School Programs



Junior Achievement's Elementary School Programs are the foundation of our K-12 curricula. Six sequential themes, each with five hands-on sessions, as well as an after-school and capstone experience, work to change students' lives by helping them understand business and economics. Volunteer consultants from the local community lead students in engaging activities. The volunteers serve as role models and enrich the activities with their own life experiences.

Middle School Programs

Junior Achievement's Middle Grade
Programs build on concepts the students
learned in our Elementary School Programs.
These programs are designed to help
students make difficult decisions about how
to best prepare for their educational and
professional future. They supplement
standard social studies curricula and
develop communication skills that are
essential to success in the business world.
Each week, for 6 weeks, business volunteers
serve as role models, lead discussion and
guide students through engaging activities.
They enrich the program with their own
experiences and business knowledge.



High School Programs



Junior Achievement's High School
Programs include economic and business
curricula, an after-school student-led
enterprise, and a capstone experience. The
dynamic interaction between JA volunteers
and students promotes active learning and
brings theory to life. The volunteers bring
real-life business experience and guidance
into the classroom at a time that represents
an essential crossroads for young people.

For more information about our programs please visit our website at JASTL.org

Capstone Programs

JA BizTown® encompasses financial literacy, work and career readiness, and entrepreneurship. The curriculum provides students in grades five and six with a solid foundation of business, economics, and free enterprise education.

JA BizTown







The JA BizTown® learning experience combines curriculum with an interactive simulation that gives students a glimpse of what it means to work in the real world. The program has twelve teacher-led or student self-guided lessons followed by an on-site or virtual simulation.

JA BizTown® on-site simulation is a mini-city where students become "citizens" for the day. They work in one of 17 businesses including retail shops, a bank, professional offices, a TV and radio station, a restaurant and city hall. JA BizTown® Adventures (virtual simulation) helps students gain an understanding of various aspects of running a business as they take on the roles of CEO, CFO, marketing director, sales manager, and consumer.

JA Finance Park*

JA Finance Park® is an economic education program for 7th-12th grade students, which introduces concepts centered around personal finance, decision making, and career exploration. There are two levels: Entry (for middle schools) and Advanced (for high schools). The program consists of teacher-led classroom lessons and activities, student self-guided curriculum or a blended model of both, followed by an interactive simulation.





On-site, JA Finance Park® is designed as a collaborative marketplace representative of the local business community, including financial services, education, insurance, entertainment, utilities, communications, and more. In this tablet-based program, students explore and learn about different budget categories, create a budget, make purchasing decisions, and pay for their expenses.

The JA Finance Park® Virtual simulation is a hands-on budgeting program. It is an eye-opening experience where students are assigned life-like scenarios that challenge them to make difficult financial choices while maintaining a budget. Students build a foundation upon which they can make intelligent economic decisions that last a lifetime, including those related to employment, education, income, expenses, savings, credit, risk management and more!



Achievement Investor Sponsors

Participants in Junior Achievement are more likely to stay in school, graduate high school and earn a post-secondary degree than the general population. Additionally, adult alumni of JA are much more confident in their ability to manage their personal finances, and satisfied with their career. According to a recent local Impact Study, these trends hold true regardless of the individual's gender, race or household income.

We rely on financial investment from individuals and organizations to ensure we can continue to provide our programs to all students of all backgrounds. Each of the following have provided funding for 1,000-2,000 students to participate in JA.



Volunteer Opportunities



A want versus a need. How to manage finances. Do you wish that someone had taught you those things as you were growing up? Now there is someone. YOU. All we need is your enthusiasm, life experience, and a willingness to teach children about how you took chances and shot for the stars. Junior Achievement of Greater St. Louis provides the training, curriculum, and a classroom ready to meet you!

Make a difference in your community

By being a JA volunteer and sharing your personal and professional experiences and skills with students from your community, you help them make the connection between what they are learning in school and what they will need to succeed in work and life.

Ways to volunteer

- Traditional In-Classroom
- JA Career Fair
- JA Company Program
- JA Job Shadow
- JA Finance Park® or JA BizTown®
- JA Speaker Series

It's not too late to volunteer for this school year!

Please contact us at:

www.jastl.org/volunteer

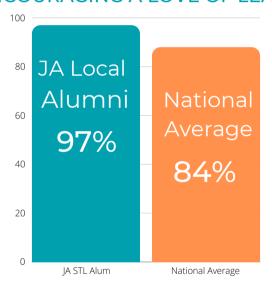


Long Lasting Impact of JA

A team at Washington University conducted an independent study of Junior Achievement of Greater St. Louis (JA STL) Alumni to better understand the impact JA STL has on the lives of people who have gone through JA programs since the organization's founding in 1943.

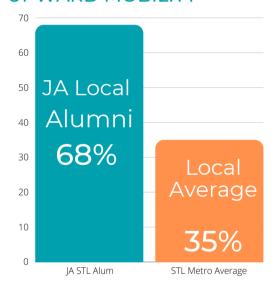
The responses demonstrate the long term impact of JA's programs.

ENCOURAGING A LOVE OF LEARNING



Graduated high school/GED or higher

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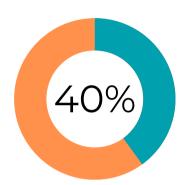


Have a 4-year bachelor's degree or higher

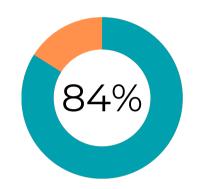
"I was in the company program at the JA center in Florissant in the early 1970s. I was the treasurer for our JA company and later became a successful CPA and partner in an international public accounting firm."

> Mike Deniszczuk, JA Board Chair, JA Alumnus, & former student in the Hazelwood School District

LIGHTING THE ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT INSPIRING CAREER CHOICES



Percentage of local JA Alumni involved in business ownership.



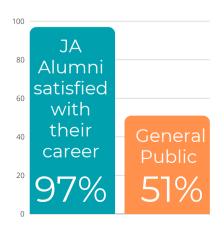
Percentage of local JA Alumni who credit JA with helping them understand how business works.



1 in 3 JA Alumni work in the same field/job as their JA volunteer.

JA gave me a new outlook on business that I was not getting from home and school. Being hands-on made a huge perspective difference.

SUPPORTING HEALTHY LIVES



-Martin, JA Alumnus

Career satisfaction is a critical factor for life satisfaction and wellbeing. Almost twice as many JA Alumni reported being satisfied with their careers as the national average.



2022-2023 School Year Highlights



1,085,120 **Impact Hours**



159,679 Students 4,937 Volunteers



144 Counties served in MO, IL, IN 4th largest of 102 JA Areas in the nation







60+ Programs for Pre-K-12 students

person can make a difference!

Junior Achievement of Greater St. Louis receives its support from individuals, foundations, and the business community, who view their involvement as an investment in free enterprise education and in the future workforce. Our goal is to make the world and our community a better place by inspiring and preparing young people to succeed and to own their economic success.

Powering a New Era

Graybar believes in powering a new era and investing in the next generation. For many years, Graybar has supported Junior Achievement of Greater St. Louis through volunteering, board representation and financial sponsorship.

Graybar is now a proud sponsor of JA Trades, a new program that will educate middle and high school students about skilled trades careers.



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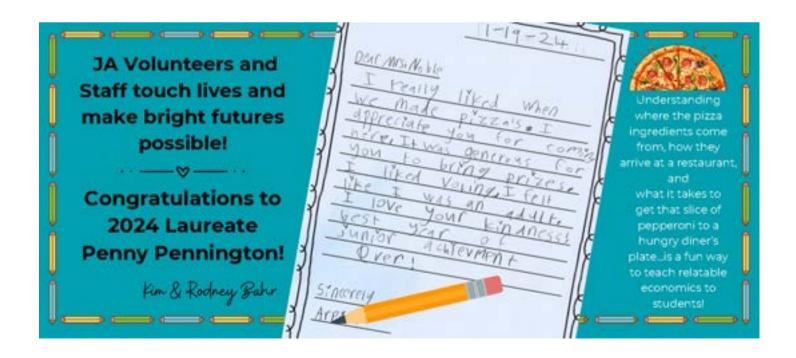
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You can unlock the boundless potential of young people in our communities.
\$50 donation supports one student/year for education programs in financial literacy, career readiness, and entrepreneurship.



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Emerson proudly supports *Junior Achievement of Greater St. Louis'* mission of preparing young people for future economic success.







At Parkside Financial Bank & Trust, we're dedicated to empowering future generations to reach their fullest potential. Join us in supporting Junior Achievement's vision of creating a world where every young person has the opportunity to thrive and succeed.

Together, let's inspire the leaders of tomorrow and build a stronger, more vibrant community for all.



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Creating possibility

PwC is proud to support Junior Achievement of Greater St. Louis as part of our commitment to making a meaningful difference in the world and helping others thrive.

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At RSM, we're committed to giving back to the local communities where we live and work. Today, we're proud to support **Junior Achievement of Greater St. Louis**. They're helping develop the business leaders of tomorrow. And that's a tremendous value to our community.

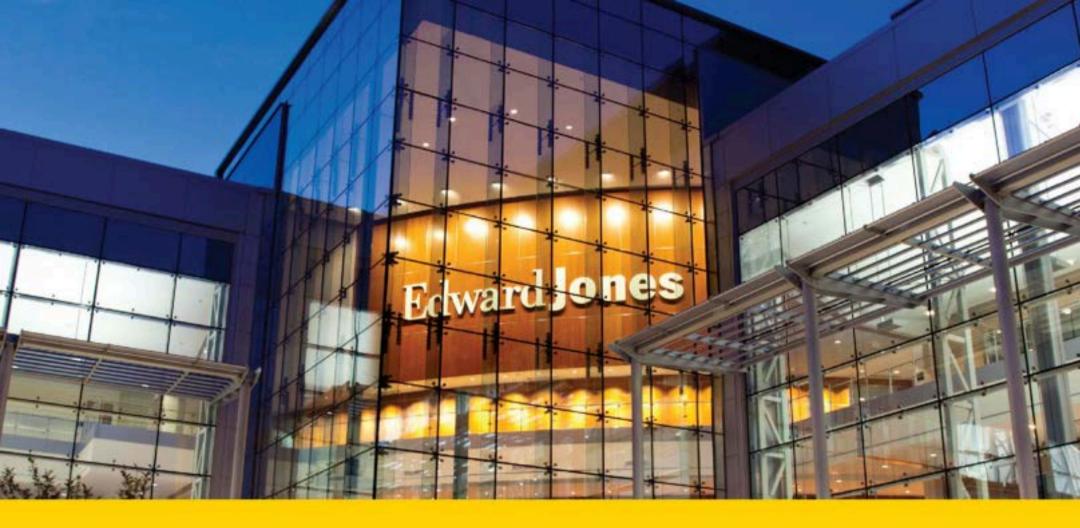
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Students will view a line worker

making repairs at the top of a



HVAC. Construction Plumbing, & Mechanical stations are in development.





Junior

Our goal is to increase awareness of careers in skilled trades



Students will learn about many skilled trades careers used in a community





Students participating in our recent pilots using a skid steer simulator and bringing electricity from the power plant to a home.

Thank you for joining us this evening



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