



## NEWS RELEASE

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**JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF GREATER ST. LOUIS NAMES  
JIM KAVANAUGH OF WORLD WIDE TECHNOLOGY AND ROB VITALE OF POST HOLDINGS  
AS 2022 JA BUSINESS HALL OF FAME LAUREATES**

*St. Louis Metro, Missouri* — David Farr, Former CEO of Emerson, also serving as the 2022 Junior Achievement Hall of Fame Event Chair, has announced that Jim Kavanaugh, co-founder and CEO of World Wide Technology (WWT) and Rob Vitale, President and CEO of Post Holdings, Inc., will be inducted into the JA Business Hall of Fame. Also during this event, Kelvin Adams, Superintendent of St. Louis Public Schools, will present Shawn Schukar, President of Ameren Transmission Co., with the National Gold Leadership Award.

At JA's Business Hall of Fame event on May 19<sup>th</sup>, Kavanaugh and Vitale will be recognized for their dedication and commitment to the St. Louis community. JA students will be an integral part of the show, which is expected to draw over 400 guests.

Junior Achievement's goal is to inspire and impact lives by preparing youth for their future through varied programs for K-12 grade. Last year, the organization reached more than 124,000 students in Missouri, Illinois and Indiana, this year we are on target to reach over 150,000. Junior Achievement utilizes adult volunteers to serve as role models and teachers for its many programs. In 2020-21, the organization had 1,950 volunteers, these volunteers partner with

classroom educators to deliver Junior Achievement programs that help students develop skills in personal and business finance, business ownership, and career readiness.

Empowering young people to own their own economic success is made possible by the privately funded contributions from individuals, businesses, and foundations. This year's event would not have been possible without our presenting sponsor, the Dennis and Judy Jones Family Foundation and our event sponsors, Ameren, Edward Jones, WWT, Mastercard, and Emerson. This event is a significant fundraiser that will help support thousands of students in JA's programs. For more information visit <https://greaterstlouis.ja.org/events/ja-business-hall-of-fame-2022>.

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**Junior Achievement of Greater St. Louis (JASTL)** was founded in 1943, it is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest JA operation out of 103 in our Nation. Encompassing 143 counties in Missouri, southern Illinois, and parts of Indiana, JASTL served over 124,000 K-12 students during the 2020-2021 school year. JA programs are offered in parochial, private, and public schools and education centers throughout the St. Louis Metropolitan region, with satellite operations in outlying areas. For more information, visit [www.jastl.org](http://www.jastl.org).