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JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF GREATER KANSAS CITY RECEIVES NATIONAL HONOR FOR TOP PERFORMANCE

Kansas City, Missouri—Junior Achievement of Greater Kansas City has been awarded Junior Achievement USA®'s (JA USA) highest honor: The 5-Star Award. The purpose of the Star Award is to recognize staff and boards of JA Areas that meet Junior Achievement's national standards in operational efficiency and through strong representation of the JA brand. Recipients must demonstrate growth in student impact and superior fiscal performance. Achievement against these criteria is certified through JA USA and audited financial statements.

"These Star Award winners represent the best Junior Achievement has to offer," said Jack E. Kosakowski, president and CEO of Junior Achievement USA. "They set the standard by which Junior Achievement's success is measured at the local level. Their commitment and dedication to young people is reflected in their achieving this honor."

As an organization, Junior Achievement understands that its effectiveness depends on how well JA Areas deliver the organization's financial literacy, work-readiness, and entrepreneurship programs in local communities.

"We are thrilled to receive the 5-Star Award," said Megan Sturges, President & CEO of Junior Achievement of Greater Kansas City. "We thank our more than 900 classroom volunteers and corporate partners who joined with our board of directors and staff to empower thousands of young people to own their economic success, plan for their future, and make smart academic and economic choices."

[About Junior Achievement of Greater Kansas City](#)

Junior Achievement of Greater Kansas City brings business back to the classroom by providing programs to promote financial literacy, inspire entrepreneurship, and prepare students (K-12) for success in a 21st century workplace. By connecting classrooms with business and community volunteers in a hands-on learning environment, we equip Kansas City's next generation with the skills they need for a prosperous future.

[About Junior Achievement USA® \(JA USA\)](#)

Junior Achievement is the world's largest organization dedicated to giving young people the knowledge and skills they need to own their economic success, plan for their future, and make smart academic and economic choices. JA programs are delivered by corporate and community volunteers, and provide relevant, hands-on experiences that give students from kindergarten through high school knowledge and skills in financial literacy, work readiness and entrepreneurship. Today, JA reaches more than 4.8 million students per year in 109 markets across the United States, with an additional 5.2 million students served by operations in 100 other countries worldwide. Junior Achievement USA is a member of JA Worldwide. Visit www.ja.org for more information.

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