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**Junior Achievement announces appointments to its Advisory Board of Directors**

The new appointments are:

*Tom Elliott of Postlethwaite & Netterville*  
*Kim Henry of Lee Michael's Fine Jewelry*  
*Haley Norris of Jones Walker, LLP*  
*Tonia Pontiff of Stone Energy*  
*Nic Walts of The Picard Group*

Junior Achievement has, since 1956, served the Acadiana community with its youth development, financial literacy, and work readiness programs. Each year, more than 3,500 Acadiana area public and non-public students are enrolled in Junior Achievement through their educators in the programs.

"Each year I am grateful at the level of expertise and caliber of leadership in our community that Junior Achievement is able to ask to serve as board members," said Kathy G. Arnes, JA Area President. "This dynamic group of community minded leaders are mission focused and excited to bring their talents and experience to their roles."

Trace Robbins, District Manager of Capital One Bank in Lafayette/Acadiana and longtime Junior Achievement volunteer, steps into the demanding role of Advisory Board Chairman in 2016. "Our organization recognizes our capacity to be a solution within the community teaching young people valuable work and personal finance skills, says Trace, "and these Board leaders are a tremendous asset to our mission and our community."

Junior Achievement also recognizes the lasting work and leadership of Robb Landry, outgoing Chairman. "Our organization continued its focus and impact on empowering young people with financial and work

readiness education under Robb's leadership, and we are immensely grateful to him for his long-time service, advocacy and work with JA", said Kathy Arnes. Robb Landry will stay on as Immediate Past Chair in 2016.

JA Acadiana's Advisory Board Members also include: Dee Dee Waldmann, Kim Champagne, Eddy Dupuis, Marla Frederick, Shawn Hubbard, Minnie Landry, Pamela LeBlanc, Julie Menard, Jay Pierret, Jason Tetzlaff, and Robb Landry

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#### About Junior Achievement USA® (JA)

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 provides relevant, hands-on experiences that give students from kindergarten through high school knowledge and skills in financial literacy, work readiness and entrepreneurship. Visit <https://www.juniorachievement.org/web/ja-acadiana> for more information.