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**JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF GREATER KANSAS CITY PRESIDENT
HONORED WITH PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL AWARD**

Kansas City, MO - Megan Sturges, president of Junior Achievement of Greater Kansas City (JAKC), has been named the 2017 recipient of the Junior Achievement Karl Flemke Pioneer Achievement Award. The award is given to first-time JA presidents who have demonstrated outstanding contributions and achievements to the organization. The award was presented at the Junior Achievement USA Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, on July 20, 2017. Sturges was one of five finalists for this national award.

Under Sturges' leadership, JAKC has increased revenue by 40% since 2014. Student outreach has increased by 50.5% with 25,649 students served in the 2016-17 school year. For the third consecutive year, JAKC received the 5-Star Award, Junior Achievement USA's highest honor. Sturges has successfully worked to garner brand awareness and increase Junior Achievement's impact in the Kansas City area.

"Winning this award is a tremendous honor, but it really represents the hard work of the staff and board of directors of Junior Achievement of Greater Kansas City," said Sturges. "With our passion and dedication, and the help of our volunteers, donors, and educators, I know we can continue to experience significant growth and inspire Kansas City's next generation for success."

Jack E. Kosakowski, president and CEO of Junior Achievement USA, noted, "Megan's accomplishments are a strong example for all new JA executives to follow as the organization expands its ability to empower students to make a connection between what they learn in school and how it can be applied in the real world. We are thrilled to recognize her with this award."

The Karl Flemke Pioneer Achievement Award is named after Karl Flemke, the president of Junior Achievement Inc. from 1982 until his death in 1994.

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. Visit jagkc.org.

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