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### **State Farm awards \$15,000 Grant to Junior Achievement of Greater Kansas City**

*The grant will contribute towards inspiring Kansas City's students towards professional success*

**Kansas City, Missouri (July 2, 2019)** — Junior Achievement of Greater Kansas City (JAKC) was recently awarded a \$15,000 grant from State Farm. The grant will support JAKC's financial literacy, work readiness and entrepreneurship programs for students in grades kindergarten through 12 across the Kansas City Metro. The State Farm grant will support JA programming for approximately 27,500 students during the 2019-2020 academic year.

"JAKC comes to life with the support of our dedicated community partners, and we're thankful to State Farm for their continued generosity," says Megan Sturges Stanfield, President & CEO of Junior Achievement of Greater Kansas City. "This partnership will help us reach more young people across our region to teach them how money, careers, and business ownership work. State Farm has a proud history of community involvement and volunteerism, and we're thankful for their support."

Junior Achievement equips Kansas City's next generation of leaders with the knowledge, skills and capacity to be successful. Volunteer role models guide JA students, casting a vision for the future and showing them what it looks like to thrive as a professional. Because every child deserves to believe in themselves — and to have the tools to do it.

"Without positive professional role models in their lives, it can be challenging for students to dream big and visualize themselves in a professional role someday," says Sturges Stanfield. "But with real role models in their classrooms, students are empowered. They see rewarding career opportunities on the horizon and start to picture themselves in a professional setting as a successful adult. Experiences through JAKC pave the way for Kansas City's kids to believe in their potential."

The success of JAKC hinges on dedicated volunteers and partners, including State Farm. "State Farm is an example of a strong corporate citizen, and we appreciate what the company is doing for young people in our community."

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### **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 State Farm:**

The State Farm mission is to help people manage the risks of everyday life, recover from the unexpected, and realize their dreams. From community involvement to disaster response, State Farm is committed to supporting the neighborhoods it serves and the neighborhoods its associates call home by helping to build safer, stronger and better educated communities.