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Junior Achievement launches new technology to engage educators and volunteers

Junior Achievement of Greater Kansas City announces the launch of an online registration portal allowing teachers and volunteers to select student programs digitally. Previously operating under a paper and pen method only available during office hours, JAKC can now streamline the sign up process and quickly connect classrooms with volunteers. The portal opened for teacher registration on August 10th. With 170 classrooms currently open for selection, the portal is now available to the public for volunteer registration. Visit www.jagkc.org and click the green “Teacher & Volunteer Sign Up” button to the left of the page.

The online tool provides user-friendly, 24-hour access for volunteers to register, schedule training, select preferred classrooms, and review program details. The portal also includes a Google map function allowing volunteers to view available classrooms in relation to their home or place of work. The tool gives teachers 24-hour access to register for programs in their classrooms, deliver feedback on impact and challenges, and request preferred volunteers. Teachers can also identify specific classroom needs (i.e. bilingual students, students reading below grade level, etc.) to assist JAKC staff in selecting the best possible volunteer fit.

Junior Achievement received funding for the registration portal in November 2015 from the Kearney Wornall Charitable Trust, UMB Bank, n.a., Trustee. The charitable trust awarded \$75,000 to develop and implement an innovative solution to strengthen program resources and increase student outreach. The registration tool maximizes staff time to ensure program delivery is of the highest quality and efficiency – propelling JAKC to reach a goal of 24,500 students served in the Kansas City metro in the 2016-17 academic year. To find more information about JAKC programs and learn more about becoming a classroom volunteer visit www.jagkc.org. Volunteer opportunities with JAKC are open to all community members striving to connect with students, share their expertise, and increase the value of education in Kansas City utilizing financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and work readiness programs.

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.

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