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Junior Achievement to induct three KC families into Business Hall of Fame

Junior Achievement is proud to announce the 2016 Business Hall of Fame honorees; The Berkley Family of Tension Corporation, Commerce Bank's Kemper Family, and the Zimmer Family of Newmark Grubb Zimmer. The induction ceremony and celebration will take place at the Sheraton Crown Center on Thursday, November 10, 2016.

The Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame celebrates the achievements of prominent business leaders who have made outstanding contributions to Kansas City. This year's honorees are three extraordinary families who have displayed exemplary leadership and continue to shape Kansas City as a community of innovation, entrepreneurship, and a valuable place to live and work.

"Junior Achievement plays an important role in our community to help young people become more aware of economics and financial literacy," said Jonathan Kemper, chairman of Commerce Bank – Kansas City. "For us, being a part of Junior Achievement is an investment in our region's future business leaders and entrepreneurs, and that's something Commerce Bank and our family of bankers has done for multiple generations."

As entrepreneurs and operators of a family business that has spanned three generations, the Zimmer's have always felt strongly about giving back to the community through mentoring programs, scholarships, and internship opportunities for the next generation of leaders. "We strongly believe that a solid education is the ticket that stimulates personal development and helps people move out of poverty," said Hugh Zimmer. "We are honored to be recognized by Junior Achievement and will continue to strive to do our part in the development of the future of our community."

Bill Berkley, President & CEO of Tension Corporation, shares a passion for giving back and investing in young people with his fellow Hall of Fame honorees. "Junior Achievement plays a vital role as it inspires and prepares young people to be productive members of our community," said Berkley. "We are honored to receive this award and proud to be working with Junior Achievement."

About Commerce Bank

Commerce provides a full range of financial products to consumer and commercial customers including lending, payment processing, trust, brokerage and capital markets services, serving its customers throughout the Midwest in more than 370 locations. www.commercebank.com

About Newmark Grubb Zimmer

Newmark Grubb Zimmer, a full-service commercial real estate company headquartered in Kansas City, is regularly recognized as one of the top commercial real estate firms in the region. The firm provides brokerage, property management, corporate services, public sector consulting and development services for their clients. www.ngzimmer.com

About Tension Corporation

Tension Corporation is a leader in envelope, packaging and automation solutions, selling directly to businesses and organizations nationwide. Headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, with sales and manufacturing facilities across the country and around the globe, Tension is a family owned and operated business that has been a market leader since it was founded in 1886. The privately held company employs more than 1,100 associates globally. www.tensionenvelope.com

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, Junior Achievement equips Kansas City's next generation with the skills needed for a prosperous future. www.jagkc.org

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