

Dear Fellow High Schooler,

Without a doubt, as this was my third time participating in a High School Hero event, I would strongly recommend this program to you. The High School Hero experience, otherwise known as Junior Achievement, is an opportunity that you will be sorry you missed out on if you let it pass you by. In this program, students collaborate in order to successfully teach a classroom of children in a range of elementary school grades. It is through this experience that you, as a high school student, will not only be bettering yourself but also improving the lives of your young successors.

Prior to my first experience with Junior Achievement, I had no idea that I would enjoy working with children as much as I did. I come from a family in which I am the youngest and because of that, I previously had very limited experience in interacting with the younger generation. The first time I taught in this program, I was teaching a second grade classroom. I was with two of my peers. We were freshmen at Port Richmond High School. I came into the classroom with a few assumptions, one that the children would be unruly and two that I would not be able to handle them. I was mistaken about both.

To my surprise and delight, the children were very excited to be a part of a classroom in which we were teaching them economics. It was especially thrilling that almost all of the students were eager to volunteer their thoughts and opinions to the class. Their ideas on the topics we taught spanned greater than my expectations and overall affirmed that my peers and I were making a difference. We were giving young students information on how money works within a city and the importance of being economically wise, lessons that the majority of high schoolers hadn't received when they were in their pupil's seats. That is one of the major reasons

why I continuously participate in High School Hero events. Regardless of the games we play with the students and the fun we have, the information and skills we are communicating are actually very useful and practical.

Junior Achievement is more than accredited community service hours, it is a program in which pupils of all ages unite to work towards a common purpose, bettering the future America.