



Purpose: To inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy.

- Scientifically proven curriculum delivered by trained volunteers from the local business community who become role models and trusted advisors
- Knowledge, tools, skills to make smart academic, economic, and career choices
- Create or develop those behaviors and attitudes proven to drive high school graduation rates

Impact of Junior Achievement nationwide

92% of Junior Achievement alumni are confident in their ability to successfully compete in the business world, compared to only 45% of non-Junior Achievement students.

80% of high school students report that Junior Achievement programs helped reinforce the importance of staying in school.

95% of teachers report that students who have participated in Junior Achievement have a better understanding of how the real world operates.

JA alumni are:

- 30% more likely to have a bachelor's degree
- 67% more likely to have an advanced degree
- 143% more likely to start their own businesses

Impact of Junior Achievement of Upstate SC in 2016-17

9,344 students in 49 schools in Greenville and Spartanburg counties

441 classes taught by 378 volunteers

JA It's My Future program (to be delivered to every middle school in Greenville County by 2018):

[Click here](#) for full details of the *JA It's My Future* curriculum.

In 2016-17: 14 middle schools / 3,270 students

56% of the students completed pre- and post-tests that assess knowledge gain and attitudinal and behavioral changes:

20% increase in knowledge gain

22% increase in # of students who feel in control of how their future will turn out

Results for **agree or strongly agree** with statements beginning, "Because of my participation in JA It's My Future:"

- 91% The things I learned will help me get a good job.
- 95% The things I learned will help me be successful.
- 89% My JA volunteer helped me feel important.
- 88% JA made school more interesting for me.
- 88% The things I learn in JA will help me do better in school.
- 70% My involvement in JA has helped me stay out of trouble in-school.

Additional Information

[Impact of JA in Upstate SC](#) Perspectives of educators, students, volunteers (3:08)

[Why JA? STEM Career Awareness](#) (1:20)

[Student Impact](#) (:45)