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JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF DALLAS RECEIVES NATIONAL HONOR FOR TOP PERFORMANCE

DALLAS, TX—Junior Achievement of Dallas has been awarded one of Junior Achievement USA[®]'s (JA USA) highest honors: the Five Star Award. The purpose of the Star Award is to recognize staff and boards of JA Areas that meet Junior Achievement's national standards in operational efficiency and through strong representation of the JA brand. Recipients must demonstrate growth in student impact and superior fiscal performance. Achievement against these criteria is certified through JA USA and audited financial statements.

"These Star Award winners represent the best Junior Achievement has to offer," said Jack E. Kosakowski, president and CEO of Junior Achievement USA. "They set the standard by which Junior Achievement's success is measured at the local level. Their commitment and dedication to young people is reflected in their achieving this honor."

As an organization, Junior Achievement understands that its effectiveness depends on how well JA Areas deliver the organization's financial literacy, work-readiness, and entrepreneurship programs in local communities.

“We are thrilled to receive the Five Star Award,” said Jan Murfield, president of Junior Achievement of Dallas. “We thank our more than 4,576 classroom volunteers and corporate partners who joined with our board of directors and staff to empower 50,783 students in the Dallas area to own their economic success, plan for their future, and make smart academic and economic choices.”

About Junior Achievement of Dallas

Junior Achievement (JA) of Dallas, a nonprofit organization, inspires and prepares young people to succeed in a global economy through volunteer-delivered K-12 curriculum. JA students are introduced to the elements of successful business start-ups, hands-on budgeting simulations, learn need and want differences, plus many more everyday financial skills. Established in Dallas in 1954, JA Dallas has updated curriculum and is more relevant today than ever with roughly 4,500 volunteers impacting nearly 50,000 Dallas area students this year. JA volunteers help students gain the confidence to dream big and reach their potential so that they have the power to be financially wise and career-ready young adults.

About Junior Achievement USA® (JA)

Celebrating its centennial in 2019, Junior Achievement is the world's largest organization dedicated to giving young people the knowledge and skills they need to own their economic success, plan for their future, and make smart academic and economic choices. JA programs are delivered by corporate and community volunteers, and provide relevant, hands-on experiences that give students from kindergarten through high school knowledge and skills in financial literacy, work readiness and entrepreneurship. Today, JA reaches more than 4.8 million students per year in 107 markets across the United States, with an additional 5.2 million students served by operations in 100 other countries worldwide. Junior Achievement USA is a member of JA Worldwide. Visit www.ja.org for more information.

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