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## **Columbus Business Executives Will Be Honored for Leadership and Commitment to Columbus**

*Junior Achievement of Central Ohio will induct Jane Grote Abell and Jordan A. Miller, Jr. into the 2018 Business Hall of Fame for their significant and positive impact on the central Ohio community.*

**Columbus, OH, August 29, 2018** – Jane Grote Abell, Chairwoman of the Board, Donatos Pizza, and Jordan A. Miller, Jr., Regional Chairman, Fifth Third Bank, Central Ohio, were selected by their peers to become the newest laureates in Junior Achievement of Central Ohio’s Business Hall of Fame.

For thirty-one years, the Business Hall of Fame has honored central Ohio community leaders who demonstrate business excellence, courageous thinking and action, vision and innovation, inspiring leadership, and community mindedness – Jane and Jordan embody all of these qualities.

### **Today’s Leaders Inspiring Leaders of Tomorrow**

A founding family member of Donatos Pizza, Jane Grote Abell currently holds the title of Chairwoman of the Board. Over the last four decades, Jane has held a variety of positions at both Donatos Pizza and Jane’s Dough Foods, including Chief Executive Officer.

After McDonald’s purchased Donatos in 1999, Jane was a major catalyst behind the decision to purchase Donatos back in 2003. Following the buyback, she led the company through a \$10.5 million turnaround.

In 2012, Jane co-founded the Reeb Avenue Center, a social-services center housing 14 non-profits that focus on education and workforce development which has been recognized as a national social services model.

Jane serves as a member of the Columbus Partnership and the Otterbein Women’s Leadership Advisory Council and sits on the Boards for the Reeb Avenue Center, Action for Children and Experience Columbus among others.

Jane was also featured in CBS’s hit series Undercover Boss where she donned a disguise and went undercover in Donatos restaurants. In 2015, she released her first book THE MISSING PIECE: Doing Business the Donatos Way.

Jordan A. Miller is regional chairman of Fifth Third Bank (Central Ohio). He leads the Bank’s local advisory board and supports efforts to expand business while maintaining a significant commitment to civic leadership and customer interests. Over the past 20 years with Fifth Third, he has served as regional president, president of Fifth Third Securities Inc., and senior vice president and manager of Fifth Third Investment Advisors (Cincinnati). He started his career as a bank examiner with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

Miller served in the Air Force and earned his bachelor’s degree in finance from the University of Maryland in College Park. He was awarded an honorary doctorate of community leadership from Franklin University in Columbus in 2013.

He serves on the board of Columbus Regional Airport Authority, Nationwide Children’s Hospital and Columbus Metropolitan Library. He is chairman of Central Ohio’s 2018-19 United Way campaign.

He is a member of the Columbus Partnership, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland – Columbus Business Advisory Council, Ohio Banking Commission, Columbus Downtown Development Corp. and Columbus City Schools Finance and Appropriations Committee.

### **Event Details**

This year the Central Ohio Business Hall of Fame will take place the evening of Thursday, November 29, 2018 at The Greater Columbus Convention Center, Short North Ballroom. The event will begin at 5:30 PM and end at 8:00 PM. All proceeds from the Hall of Fame will benefit Junior Achievement of Central Ohio and help to create real-world experiences that teach kids in central Ohio financial literacy, ignite an entrepreneurial way of thinking, and build skills for success in careers and in life.

### **About Junior Achievement Central of Ohio**

Junior Achievement of Central Ohio is an affiliate of JA USA – the world’s largest organization dedicated to giving young people the knowledge and skills they need to own their economic success, plan their future, and make smart academic and economic choices. Junior Achievement programs are delivered by corporate and community volunteers, and provide experiential learning that offer kids from kindergarten to high school knowledge and skills in financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and work readiness. Junior Achievement of Central Ohio was founded in 1950 as one of nine affiliates in Ohio, maintaining a long history of leadership in the state’s education community. In the 2017-2018 school year Junior Achievement of Central Ohio delivered programs to 235 local schools and more than 28,000 students across 16 Ohio counties. Visit [www.jacols.org](http://www.jacols.org) for more information.



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