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Casino Night Set for May 9 at The Grand Event Center in Grandview
10th Annual event benefits Junior Achievement of Central Ohio

COLUMBUS, OHIO – April 12 , 2019 The 10th Annual Casino Night, benefiting Junior Achievement of Central Ohio, will be held from 5:30-9:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 9th at The Grand Event Center located at 820 Goodale Blvd, Columbus, Ohio 43212

For ten years, title sponsor Pepper Construction has supported the event alongside more than 50 leading businesses and 250 attendees to raise funds for Junior Achievement (JA) of Central Ohio. This fun-filled Casino Night features heavy hors d'oeuvres, delicious cocktails and thrilling casino games brought to you by Black Diamond Casino Events.

Since its inception, the event has raised funds to support more than 7,500 students benefitting from JA programs. This year's event will increase that number by thousands with additional presenting sponsors like Chemcote, Double Eight Fire Protection, BrightView Landscape, Combs Interior Specialists, WF Bolin Company, Freeland Contracting Co., Kraft Electric and Telecommunications Services, Regal Plumbing and Heating Company, Roehrenbeck Electric Inc. and VMI Group Inc.

Tickets are \$150 per person and can be purchased at <https://www.juniorachievement.org/web/ja-centraloh/ja-casino-night> Additional corporate sponsorship opportunities are also available.

Pepper Ohio is an enthusiastic supporter of Junior Achievement, whose positive results are well documented ([JA Alumni Report](#)):

- JA alumni earn 20% more than their peers
- 88% of alumni are satisfied with their careers
- 90% are confident in their ability to manage money
- They are 143% more likely to be involved in entrepreneurship

Junior Achievement of Central Ohio has seen a 13% average annual growth in number of students served in the last eight years. In the 2017-2018 school year, they taught 28,023 elementary, middle, and high school students across central Ohio about financial literacy, entrepreneurship and career readiness.

Junior Achievement (JA) of Central Ohio

Junior Achievement (JA) 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. JA programs are delivered by corporate and community volunteers. Their programs provide relevant hands-on experiences that give kids from kindergarten to high school knowledge and skills in financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and work readiness.

Pepper Construction of Ohio

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