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### **JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT IN THE WABASH VALLEY NAMES BRETT TAYLOR NEW DISTRICT MANAGER**

*Terre Haute, Indiana* — James Twitchell, Employer Relations Specialist at Union Hospital and Board Chairman of Junior Achievement in the Wabash Valley, announced that Brett Taylor has been named the District Manager for Junior Achievement in the Wabash Valley.

Brett Taylor comes to Junior Achievement from Indiana State University where he served as an Employer Relations Coordinator in the University's Career Center working to recruit employers from the Technology, Engineering, Aerospace, and Construction industries. Brett is a 2014 Graduate of the ISU Scott College of Business with a degree in Management, and currently serves on the Advisory Board for the Vigo County YMCA as Impact Committee Chairman. Brett said of the opportunity with Junior Achievement: "This is an exciting time for me and for this organization to grow together and make a meaningful impact in the Terre Haute Community. The mission of Junior Achievement is exactly what the Wabash Valley needs to keep growing and the programs are outstanding investment opportunities in our students."

On July 1, 2016 Junior Achievement of the Wabash Valley officially became a district of Junior Achievement of Greater St. Louis. The decision was voted on and approved by both the Board and members of the corporation. Since 1943, Junior Achievement of Greater St. Louis, Inc. has been dedicated to educating students about entrepreneurship, work readiness, and financial literacy through experiential, hands-on programs. These activities supplement and reinforce the regular classroom curriculum. With the addition of Junior Achievement in the Wabash Valley they now oversee the operations of districts in Missouri, Illinois and Indiana impacting lives of over 153,000 students in over 800 schools.

“This move will allow Brett and our Board of Directors to be more focused on the things that are going to allow us to expand our footprint in the Wabash Valley and ultimately impact more students,” Twitchell said. “From a day-to-day operations standpoint nothing has changed. We are fortunate to have a lot of great volunteers and business partnerships that allow us fulfill our mission to educate youth in the areas of work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy”. If you are interested in learning more about how to become classroom volunteer contact Junior Achievement in the Wabash Valley by calling 812-232-6230 or e-mail Brett at [btaylor@jastl.org](mailto:btaylor@jastl.org).

**About Junior Achievement in the Wabash Valley** – Junior Achievement in the Wabash Valley joined with Junior Achievement of Greater St. Louis on July 1, 2016 after serving West Central Indiana and East Central Illinois for 52 years. Under JA of Greater St. Louis, JA in the Wabash Valley will encompass 10 counties in Indiana and Illinois. The partnership presents many exciting opportunities for growth in the Wabash Valley, and many new opportunities for its students. For more information, visit [www.juniorachievement.org/web/ja-gstlouis/wabash-valley](http://www.juniorachievement.org/web/ja-gstlouis/wabash-valley).

**About Junior Achievement of Greater St. Louis** - Junior Achievement of Greater St. Louis (JASTL) was founded in 1943. Encompassing 78 counties in Missouri, southern Illinois, and Indiana. JASTL served over 153,000 K-12 students over 800 schools during the 2015-16 school year. JA programs are offered in parochial, private, and public schools and education centers throughout the St. Louis Metropolitan region, with satellite operations in outlying areas. For more information, visit [www.jastl.org](http://www.jastl.org).