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Junior Achievement Media Celebrity Bowling Challenge Winners Announced

(Buffalo, NY) – On January 9 2019, local media talent competed in a five-frame bowling showdown to win the JA Golden Bowling Pin at the Junior Achievement of WNY (JA) Media Celebrity Bowling Challenge.

Winning both bragging rights and the JA Golden Bowling Pin, was Dave Fields from WYRK 106.5 who bowled the impressive score of 93 in just five frames! Kennedy from Alternative Buffalo 107.7|104.7 and Tom Puckett of WBEN News Radio 930 bowled the second and third highest scores of 79 and 74 points, respectively. Top Team score went to WYRK 106.5. Transit Lanes donated a reward to the top team and top individuals received prizes from Tully's Restaurants. In good fun, JA rewarded the lowest bowling score. Rachele Mongiovi from WIVB, Channel 4 was a great sport and accepted the award with enthusiasm!

The JA Media Celebrity Bowling Challenge was held to raise awareness for Junior Achievement and its March JA Bowl-A-Thon events. Now in its 35th year, the JA Bowl-A-Thon presented by Bank of America, is Western New York's longest running and largest bowling fundraiser, and it raises nearly one quarter of JA's total operating budget.

"Last year's event raised over \$164,000," said JA President Laurie Mahoney. "Proceeds from the JA Bowl-A-Thon make it possible for Junior Achievement to reach over 15,700 Western New York students in 161 schools and community centers."

Participating media talent included Alex Haight, Scott Paterson and Breanna Fuss from Spectrum News, Nik Rivers and Kennedy from Alternative Buffalo 107.7|104.7, Tom Puckett with WBEN News Radio 930, Heather Waldman and Ben Read from WGRZ-TV Channel 2, Shannon Smith, Rachele Mongiovi and Jenna Harner with WIVB Channel 4, Dave Fields and Rob Banks from WYRK 106.5, Aaron Mentkowski with WKBW 7 Eyewitness News, Chris Klein and Rich "Bull" Gaenzler from WGRF 97 Rock - Morning Bull, Lou Anne Wenerski and John DiSciullo from WBBZ Me-TV.

JA student, Nick Dalessandro from West Seneca East High School threw the ceremonial first ball to kick-off the event. Laura Dolan, JA classroom volunteer, and Market Manager for Bank of America along with

students from West Seneca East High School presented awards. Visit our facebook page (Junior Achievement of WNY) for more photos from the event!

For more information about Junior Achievement of WNY, please call 716-853-1381. For more information about the JA Bowl-A-Thon, please visit www.jawnybowlathon.org.

Junior Achievement is the world's largest organization dedicated to educating students in kindergarten through 12th grade about financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and career & work readiness through experiential, hands-on programs. In the 2017-2018 school year, Junior Achievement of WNY enriched the lives of 15,751 students in 161 schools and community organizations throughout the eight counties of Western New York. JA's success is due to its many generous supporters and more than 783 classroom volunteers. For more information about Junior Achievement and how you can make a difference in a child's life, visit our Web site at www.jawny.org, follow us on Twitter at [@JAofWNY](https://twitter.com/JAofWNY), or like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/jaofwny.

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Local media talent from WKBW 7 Eyewitness News, WGRZ-TV Channel 2, Alternative Buffalo 107.7|104.7, WIVB Channel 4, Spectrum News, WYRK 106.5, WBEN NewsRadio 930, 97 Rock, and WBBZ-TV participated in the JA Media Celebrity Bowling Challenge.



Dave Fields from WYRK 106.5 bowled the highest score in five frames, winning the JA Golden Bowling Pin; pictured with local JA students from West Seneca East High School.



Kennedy from Alternative 107.7|104.7 bowled the second highest score, pictured with Laura Dolan, JA classroom volunteer and Market Manager with Bank of America, Title Sponsor of the JA Bowl-A-Thon.



Tom Puckett from WBEN News Radio 930 bowled the third highest score, pictured above with Laura Dolan, JA classroom volunteer and Market Manager with Bank of America.



With the highest team score, WYRK 106.5, received a Happy Hour Package for ten from Transit Lanes Kegler's, pictured above are Rob Banks and Dave Fields.