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Local Area Foundations and Corporations support Junior Achievement Programs in Chautauqua County

(Buffalo, NY) – Delivery of Junior Achievement’s (JA) Financial Literacy, Entrepreneurship and Career and Work Readiness programs is projected to reach over 1,600 Chautauqua County K – 12th grade students this school year. Generous support from the **Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, Holmberg Foundation, The Lenna Foundation, The Ralph C. Sheldon Foundation and the United Way of Southern Chautauqua;** as well as **Cummins Jamestown Engine Plant and Blackstone Advanced Technologies LLC** will provide the cornerstone funding for Chautauqua programs.

The local community will provide the volunteers necessary to support JA’s unique delivery model. Rebecca Johnson, Program Coordinator for JA in Chautauqua County, will recruit and train volunteers to enter local classrooms to deliver JA’s economic education and workforce preparation programs.

In the 2017-18 school year, Junior Achievement programs were delivered by volunteers in Bush Elementary School, Carlyle C. Ring Elementary School, Fenner Elementary School, Robert H. Jackson Elementary, Samuel G. Love Elementary, Sherman Central School, Southwestern Elementary, Temple Primary School, Falconer Jr/Sr. High School, Jamestown High School, Job Shadow programs with students from Brocton Middle/Senior High School, West field Central School, and after school programs through Eastside YMCA TEAM, Erie 2 BOCES, and Jamestown YMCA.

Junior Achievement volunteers come from all walks of life; many are employees of local area businesses and organizations, as well as community members and college students. The following are organizations that supported classroom volunteers in the past year: Blackstone Advanced Technologies LLC, Chautauqua County Education Coalition, Community Volunteers, Courier Capital, Cummins Inc.- Jamestown Engine Plant, Deppas Insurance Agency, Falconer Printing & Design, Gaylene’s, Jamestown Area FCU, Jamestown Business College, Jamestown Community College, Jamestown Public Schools, Jamestown Renaissance Corp., Junior Achievement of WNY, KeyBank, Media One Group, Merrill Lynch, Monofrax, Northwest Savings Bank, NYS Laborers, Phillips Lytle, Prendergast Library, Sodexo, Southern Chautauqua FCU, The Legend Group, The Resource Center, Tim Hortons, Wegmans Food Markets and Weinberg Financial Group.

Laurie Mahoney, President of JA of WNY says, “the mentoring support provided by volunteers is critical to helping students make the connection between what they are learning in school and how it translates into the “real” world of work”.

To join the ranks of Chautauqua County volunteers who are sharing their time and talent to inspire and prepare the next generation, contact Rebecca Johnson at rjohnson@jawny.org. For more information about Junior Achievement, visit us at www.jawny.org. JA provides the materials and training. You provide the time. It’s easy for you, life-changing for them.

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 15,741 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 785 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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