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JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF WASHINGTON AWARDED \$25,000 BY STARBUCKS FOUNDATION TO BOLSTER HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

Spokane, WA. Junior Achievement of Washington (JA) is pleased to announce it has been selected as a grantee for The Starbucks Foundation's 2019 Opportunity for All grant. The \$25,000 grant provides support for JA programs for high school youth in Spokane and Kootenai County, ID. The funding contributes to providing over 600 students with the opportunity to engage in experiential learning programs and in-school programs, empowering students to graduate high school and achieve their dreams. Ultimately, the JA curriculum teaches students to set a career path and establish personal and professional goals and milestones, leading to successful, self-sufficient adult lives.

“We are thrilled to be selected for The Starbucks Foundation's Opportunity for All grants program,” said Natalie Vega O'Neil, President and CEO of Junior Achievement of Washington. “When we are able to partner with an organization with such wide reach that is also committed to championing leadership education for youth who may have barriers, you know there's a special symbiosis there. This mission we're sharing is one with an enormous upside for our young people, our communities, and our country at large.”

Additionally, Starbucks partners (employees) are engaging and volunteering with grant recipients to help further their impact on the local communities. Since the Opportunity for All grants program launched in 2017, The Starbucks Foundation has provided a total of \$4.1 million in grants.

“In its third year, Opportunity for All grants continue to be an impactful and meaningful way to invest in our local communities,” says Virginia Tenpenny, executive director of The Starbucks Foundation.

“Starbucks partners (employees) get involved and engage with these local non-profits to support relevant programs that strengthen the neighborhoods we serve.”

The Starbucks Foundation has a more than 20-year history of investing in communities across the U.S. and globally. Through Opportunity for All grants, The Starbucks Foundation supports organizations creating pathways to lifelong opportunity. The 2019 Starbucks Foundation Opportunity for All grants will support programs to create job and training opportunities for people who may face barriers. Opportunity for All grants are focused on supporting organizations located in communities in which Starbucks serves and where ongoing Starbucks partner engagement is possible.

About Junior Achievement of Washington (JA)

For 65 years, JA of Washington has engaged with state-wide communities, collaborating with schools and businesses to build strong, viable partnerships that empower young people. Guided by the values of integrity, respect, and excellence, JA of Washington’s purpose is to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy via in-school and immersive programs like BizTown and Finance Park, that focus on financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and work readiness.

Driven by the passionate power of its volunteer citizens, JA programs are taught by educators and community and business mentors – individuals committed to the success and healthy development of young people. Long established as a key component of its successful program dynamic, mentorship is recognized by JA as a successful pathway to sustainable, productive futures for over 40,000 young people in Washington state. For more information, visit jawashington.org.

About Junior Achievement USA® (JA)

Celebrating its centennial in 2019, Junior Achievement is the world's largest organization dedicated to giving young people the knowledge and skills they need to own their economic success, plan for their future, and make smart academic and economic choices. JA programs are delivered by corporate and community volunteers, and provide relevant, hands-on experiences that give students from kindergarten through high school, knowledge and skills in financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship. Today, JA reaches more than 4.8 million students per year in 106 markets across the United States, with an additional 5.2 million students served by operations in 100 other countries worldwide. Junior Achievement USA is a member of JA Worldwide. Visit ja.org for more information.

About The Starbucks Foundation

Established in 1997, The Starbucks Foundation strengthens communities around the world by advancing opportunities for youth, veterans, refugees and coffee, tea and cocoa farmers and their families, supporting communities affected by disaster, and promoting civic engagement. The Starbucks Foundation is a U.S. 501 (c)(3) charitable organization under U.S. law, and receives funding primarily from Starbucks Corporation and private donations. Learn more at <https://www.starbucks.com/responsibility/community/starbucks-foundation>.

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