

WHAT IS JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT?

Junior Achievement (JA) is the nation'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's in-school programs are offered at no cost to the school and community organizations. JA of Washington is funded by over 3,600 corporate and private contributors and special events.

PROGRAM REACH

In 2015-16 Junior Achievement of Washington reached 114,785 students in 4,278 classrooms and after-school locations. JA programs are taught by volunteers in inner cities, suburbs, and rural areas throughout Washington State and Northern Idaho. In addition, JA of Washington operates two JA World education facilities, located in Yakima and Auburn, providing JA's high impact experiential programs *JA BizTown* and *JA Finance Park*. Mobile *JA Finance Park* experiences are now operational in Eastern and Northwestern Washington.

VOLUNTEERS

Junior Achievement of Washington's 5,500 volunteers come from all walks of life, including business people, college students, parents and retirees. These dedicated individuals serve as mentors, job shadow hosts, classroom and JA World volunteers, and are the backbone of our organization.

PROVEN SUCCESS

Junior Achievement is one of a few nonprofits to use independent, third-party evaluators to gauge the impact of its programs. Since 1993, independent evaluators have conducted studies on the effectiveness of Junior Achievement's programs. Findings prove that JA programs have a positive impact in a number of critical areas. Summaries of the findings are also published in the JA Programs section at www.jawashington.org/programs.

ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW

Strategic leadership and direction for Junior Achievement of Washington is provided by a local volunteer Board of Directors in each of its seven regional areas. Each board is comprised of business, education, and civic leaders, representing a wide range of businesses and academic institutions across Washington State. These boards set the policy and direction for each region. Mark Gibson, KPMG Office Managing Partner, is chairman of Junior Achievement of Washington's Executive Board of Directors. David G. Moore is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Junior Achievement of Washington.



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A BRIEF HISTORY

Junior Achievement of Washington was founded in 1953, and nationally in 1919. Its first program, *JA Company Program*[®], was offered to high school students on an after-school basis.

In 1975, Junior Achievement entered the classroom with the introduction of *Project Business* for the middle grades. Since then, JA has greatly expanded its programs and broadened its scope to include in-school and after-school K-12 students.

OUR VALUES

Belief in the boundless potential of young people

Commitment to the principles of market based economics and entrepreneurship

Passion for what we do, and honesty, integrity, and excellence in how we do it

Respect for the talents, creativity, perspectives, and backgrounds of all individuals

Belief in the power of partnership and collaboration

Conviction in the educational and motivational impact of relevant, hands-on learning