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STARBUCKS AND MICROSOFT HONORED BY JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT WITH A U.S. PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

Volunteers provided students with critical mentoring and positive role models

Seattle, WA – Junior Achievement USA® (JA) today announced that it will honor Starbucks with a Silver level 2016-2017 U.S. President's Volunteer Service Award for providing at least 10,000 volunteer hours to local Junior Achievement offices during the 2016-2017 school year. Microsoft will be honored at the Bronze level, for providing at least 5,000 volunteer hours during the academic year. The U.S. President's Volunteer Service Award will be presented to 57 organizations at an evening awards ceremony during the JA Volunteer Summit, presented by American Express Foundation, on March 13, 2018 in New York, NY.

In 2003, President George W. Bush established the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation (the Council) to recognize the valuable contributions volunteers make in communities and encourage more people to serve. The Council created the President's Volunteer Service Award program as a way to thank and honor individuals who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service. In 2006, Junior Achievement became an official certifying organization for this award, which recognizes corporations with a U.S. presence that provide volunteers to teach JA programs anywhere in the world.

"Junior Achievement volunteers are important mentors for young people, bringing our programs to life. JA volunteers share their experiences and skills with students while delivering our programs, teaching them how to manage their money, succeed in the workforce, or start a business that creates jobs and grows the economy. JA's volunteers are critical to our organization's success and are a vital part of our mission," said Natalie Vega O'Neil, President & CEO, JA of Washington President.

“Junior Achievement volunteers help build communities by empowering the next generation’s success,” said Steve Hatfield, Wells Fargo Region Bank President, Northern Washington Region, and JA of Washington’s Executive Board Chair . "JA could not exist without the dedication of its volunteers. We are grateful for this opportunity to recognize their invaluable support."

Junior Achievement’s kindergarten through high school programs are delivered across the country by a network of more than 243,000 volunteers, including over 5,000 with JA of Washington. JA programs provide innovative, hands-on work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy education to more than 81,000 students in Washington and Northern Idaho each year.

The complete list of recipients can be found [here](#).

About Junior Achievement of Washington (JA)

For 65 years JA of Washington has been a part of Washington communities - working with schools and businesses - to build strong, viable partnerships that serve young people. Guided by the basic beliefs of integrity, respect and excellence, JA's purpose is to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy. JA fulfills its purpose via educational programs that focus on financial literacy, entrepreneurship and work readiness.

Driven by the passionate power of its volunteer citizens, JA programs are taught by 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, JA recognizes the positive impact of mentorship and its power to build pathways to sustainable, productive futures for young people. For more information visit www.jawashington.org.

About Junior Achievement USA[®] (JA)

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 4.8 million students per year in more than 100 markets across the United States, with an additional 5.6 million students served by operations over 100 other countries worldwide. Visit www.ja.org for more information.

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