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BEHNKE, BURKE, NIELSEN AND RUNSTAD TO BE HONORED AT JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT PUGET SOUND BUSINESS HALL OF FAME

*Four Puget Sound business and civic leaders will be honored for their accomplishments –
shaping our economy and impacting our communities*

Seattle, WA – Four prominent business leaders who will be inducted into the Puget Sound Business Hall of Fame as 2017 laureates have been announced by Junior Achievement of Washington (JA).

JA of Washington in partnership with the Puget Sound Business Journal (PSBJ), will be inducting the new laureates May 4 at a banquet that, since 1987, has been a premier business community event to honor individuals whose business innovations and civic involvement are recognized.

The 2017 Laureates include:

Carl G. Behnke, the former President of ALPAC Corporation – second largest Pepsi franchise in the United States, and co-owner of Sur la Table, which grew from a single Pike Place Market location to over 100 retail locations nationwide.

Artie Buerk, Chairman of the University of Washington Foster School of Business advisory board, and former President of both Shurgard and Northwestern Trust.

Donald P. Nielsen, Co—founder and former President & Chairman of Hazelton Corporation, the world’s largest contract biological and chemical research and testing company.

Judith M. Runstad, former co-managing partner with Foster Pepper, board member for Wells Fargo, Potlatch Corporation, Safeco and Puget Power; and among many other commissions, served as the Chair of Chairs for the Federal Reserve System, working closely with the President’s Council of Economic Advisors.

An evening of recognition and celebration of the accomplishments of these esteemed individuals will be held at the Seattle Marriott Waterfront, on Thursday evening, May 4, 2017. The laureate induction ceremony will include presentations by exceptional local students engaged in Junior Achievement’s empowering financial literacy, work readiness and entrepreneurship programs. Molly Moon Neitzel, Owner of Molly Moon’s Homemade Ice Cream, presides as Chairman for the event. Marni Hughes, News Anchor for Q13 FOX will emcee.

For information, sponsorship opportunities, or to purchase tickets for the Puget Sound Business Hall of Fame please visit jawashington.org/halloffame, call 206.808.5871, or email halloffame@jawashington.org.

About Junior Achievement of Washington (JA)

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, benefiting over 120,000 students annually, focusing 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.

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