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Junior Achievement of Washington Awarded Grant from Yakima Community Foundation

*Funding will ensure JA program participation for nearly 200 students in
Yakima County*

Yakima, WA—Junior Achievement (JA) of Washington was recently awarded a \$6,000 grant from the Yakima Valley Community Foundation. Funding will ensure the participation of 197 students from the Wapato and Mount Adams School Districts in *JA BizTown* and *JA Finance Park* programs during the 2017/18 school year. Through these dynamic programs, middle and high-school grade students are given the opportunity to see, touch, and live the experience of personal finance in a real-life setting of stores, shops, and financial institutions, by basically becoming "an adult for the day."

Yakima Valley Community Foundation has awarded grants in the Yakima Valley since 2004. The Yakima Valley Community Foundation's mission is to connect people, resources and ideas for thriving people and vibrant places.

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.

About Junior Achievement of Washington (JA)

For 64 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.

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