

VISION FOR THE FUTURE

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JA Program Spotlight:

JA Finance Park Mobile Unit

JA Finance Park is Junior Achievement's highest impact program, and this year an exciting opportunity to expand its reach has come to our state. The new mobile, technology-driven [JA Finance Park mobile unit](#) is now available for use in NW and Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho. The mobile unit delivers the same hands-on, groundbreaking financial literacy and career readiness programs as our permanent JA World centers in Auburn and Yakima. However, the mobile unit can be transported and deployed in a large space such as a mall, school, or business. Approximately 1,650 Spokane middle school students took part in the *JA Finance Park* mobile experience in 2016. It is scheduled for visits to both Spokane and Burlington in March 2017. Visit the [JA website](#) for more details and to learn how community members can volunteer for this exciting, life-impacting program.

JA Student Spotlight:

Mountain Meadow Students Excel at JA BizTown



Adina and Samantha were among the very first students to work in the Exotic Metals [JA BizTown](#) storefront when it opened this fall, fulfilling the roles of Production and Sales Managers. Here they are demonstrating production of the product offered in their business. They learned the valuable lesson of how teams work together to develop and sell

products, and successfully manage a company. The girls also spoke at a gathering of local top level local executives, at a recent [JA BizTown ribbon cutting ceremony](#). Adina and Samantha represent the very best of Washington state students and are destined for success!

JA Partner Spotlight:

BECU

BECU is Junior Achievement of Washington's official statewide financial literacy partner, supporting programs in every corner of the state. BECU's commitment provides JA programs for literally tens of thousands of students in Washington and Northern Idaho, and includes sponsorships for *JA Finance Park* mobile, multiple JA Special Events, and JA World. Another of their great support programs is "BECU Saves," which provides a \$1,000 donation to JA every time a Seattle Mariners pitcher generates a save at Safeco Field. In 2016 this community program alone provided \$23,000 in donations. Way to go Seattle Mariners pitchers and [BECU](#)! JA is grateful to BECU for their ongoing partnership and support for students in our state. *Thank you BECU!*



JA Volunteer Spotlight:

Chris Smith

Chris Smith, with Intellegation LLC, recently taught JA's 8th Grade program, *It's My Future*, at McLoughlin Middle School in Pasco. The curriculum teaches JA students about soft skills they will need in the workforce, what type of career best fits their interests, and how to keep a job. The students enjoyed having him each week! During their last session Mr. Smith worked with each student to build a small rocket, drawing upon his engineering skills as a teaching tool. Each student was able to launch their rocket for a fun competition to see how far each would go. Chris truly went above and beyond this year, mentoring his students with critical life skills that they will need in high school and beyond. *Thank you Chris* for all you did this year impacting the youth of Pasco!

ACHIEVEMENTS

Nearly 115,000 students served in Washington in 2015/16

This year's goal is 120,000 students

2,550 Students Receive JA

Programs on Wells Fargo JA Day

October 25th was Wells Fargo's third JA Day, educating students in 102 classrooms across Washington State

Generous JA Supporters donate over \$750,000 at JA Events

Dare to Dream, the Sahalee Golf Classic, and Yakima Bowling all exceeded Fall fund-raising goals

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

You're invited!

Celebrate JA Breakfasts

Feb 7th: Bellingham

Feb 15th: Seattle

March 23rd: Walla Walla

May 16th: Yakima

[RSVP now](#) to attend one of our free, inspiring breakfasts.

Late Feb: [JA Bowling Classic](#)

in SE WA and EA WA/NO ID

Register your teams and begin fund-raising early!

March 14—31:

[JA Finance Park Mobile Unit](#)

Visits to Spokane and Burlington.

[Volunteer opportunity!](#)

Enjoy a safe and happy holiday season, from Junior Achievement!



Get involved with JA today!

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