

JA Worldwide is one of the largest global NGOs dedicated to addressing fundamental social and economic challenges of young people by educating and empowering them to transform their future and own their economic success. Through the delivery of cutting-edge, experiential learning in financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship, we effectively broaden the canvas of possibility for young people and enrich their ability to both engage in their own economic development and contribute to the strength of their families, communities, and economies. With more than 100 member countries, the JA Worldwide network is powered by over 450,000 volunteers and mentors from all sectors of society, reaching more than 10 million young people around the world every year.

Junior Achievement USA reaches more than 4.8 million students per year in 209,651 classrooms and after-school locations. JA programs are taught by over 238,000 volunteers from all walks of life in inner cities, suburbs, and rural areas throughout the United States, by 109 Area Offices in all 50 states.

Locally, Junior Achievement of Greater Washington serves more than 65,000 students youth each year through more than 714,000 instructional hours and 5,375 volunteers. Since its founding in 1965, JA in Greater Washington has served over 880,000 District, Maryland, and Virginia youth.

A HISTORY

Junior Achievement was founded in 1919 by Theodore Vail, president of American Telephone & Telegraph; Horace Moses, president of Strathmore Paper Co.; and Senator Murray Crane of Massachusetts. Its first program, *JA Company Program*®, was offered to high school students on an after-school basis. In 1975, the organization entered the classroom with the introduction of Project Business for the middle grades. Over the last 39 years, Junior Achievement has expanded its activities and broadened its scope to include in-school and after-school students.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

JA Worldwide is headquartered in Boston, Massachusetts, in the United States, and is responsible for six regional operating centers (ROCs); JA Africa, JA Americas, JA Asia Pacific, JA Europe, INJAZ Al-Arab in the Middle East and North Africa region, and Junior Achievement USA. Within the United States, the ROCs foster the global network,



Financial Literacy

Financial independence, home ownership, and retirement are increasingly out of reach.

— *JA answers* —
with hands-on, real-world training in budgeting, spending, responsible use of credit, and investing.



Workforce Readiness

High youth unemployment puts the financial future of an entire generation at risk.

— *JA answers* —
with cutting-edge skill-building that enables young people to find meaningful, productive careers.



Entrepreneurship

Globally, 600 million young people (1 out of every 2) are underemployed or unemployed.

— *JA answers* —
with programs that teach the skills required to run a viable startup and spark the entrepreneurial spirit.

facilitate the sharing of best practices among the country operations, and ensure greater impact for the more than 10 million youth served annually.

Junior Achievement USA is headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and provides strategic direction, leadership, and support to approximately 1,600 employees throughout the United States. Local volunteer boards of directors comprised of business, education, and civic leaders set the policy and direction for each local office.

PROGRAM REACH

JA is the largest youth services organization in the world, with over 100 million living alumni of our programs on six continents. Our reach is our strength. JA has built trusted relationships with public sector partners and schools in over 100 countries, enabling us to gain access to valuable time during the school day. JA is also one of the largest volunteer organizations in the world, with over 450,000 volunteers mobilized each year to deliver our educational programs at schools, in after-school programs, and in settings that enable us to serve out-of-school, vulnerable youth.

PARTNERSHIPS

JA's global impact is the result of supportive partnerships with businesses and individuals around the world. These collaborations encourage innovation and long-term commitment. Our partners provide funding for educational programs, join regional and local boards, and volunteer directly with students. All our diverse partnerships and sponsorships enhance and grow existing programs, enable the development and launch of new JA locations, and provide backing for innovation. The effects of each contribution—through funding, collaborations, and volunteering—flow through the entire organization and empower us to further our mission effectively.