



Junior Achievement™

of Angelina County

2021-2022



WHY JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT?



We **PREPARE** students for the real working world by connecting them with professional role-models.



We **DEVELOP** financially independent students to empower our future generations.



We **TEACH** young people valuable life skills using fun, interactive and hands-on programs.

OUR PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS



FINANCIAL LITERACY

Students who participate in JA are more confident in their ability to manage their finances and make sound choices



ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Students who participate in JA learn to think entrepreneurially in business and in life



WORK READINESS

Students who participate in JA are better prepared to enter the workforce and understand what it takes to succeed in their chosen career



WHAT IS JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT?

Junior Achievement is a 501c3 youth development organization dedicated to inspiring and preparing young people to be successful.

Our volunteer-delivered, kindergarten-12th grade programs foster work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy skills, and use experiential learning to inspire students to dream big and to reach their potential.

JA's Elementary programs lay the foundation for financial literacy education and meet many of the requirements of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) that school districts must provide. For Middle and High School students, JA provides programs that identify the students' interests and skills and provides tremendous career options and budgeting information. JA programs meet the requirements seen in Texas House Bill 5, including financial literacy education, career options and workforce readiness skills.

We are excited to share our new logo and vision statement that will guide us into the future.



We envision a world where young people have the skillset and mindset to build thriving communities.

TESTIMONIALS



Sergio Diaz | Hudson Class of 2020 | UBank

As a student, I never really knew what my calling was...

My junior year, I was invited to participate in 'the Stock Market Challenge' that sparked an interest in me. It was absolutely incredible. That same year, Junior Achievement invited me to attend a day-long tour and seminar at a bank. It was my third JA event with Mr. Rothhauser as my volunteer that I knew my calling and niche was in the banking industry.

Fast forward two years later, I am now working at UBank alongside the same individual who inspired me to pursue a career in banking.

TESTIMONIALS



Emily Fleniken | Board Member

Every time I teach a classroom, I'm reminded how wonderful and important Junior Achievement is to our students. Today's topic was called "JA Our City" and I taught kids about the choices they have with money: to earn, save, spend or donate.

In session 1, all the kids thought the "right" answer was to SAVE money all the time. While saving money is important, we need a balance in our finances between earning, saving, spending AND donating. It's crucial for the lifeblood of our city, its people and its businesses for us to utilize all 4 choices. It was inspiring to watch all the lightbulbs "go off" as we walked thru the lessons and the kids learned how money moves in our city.

In one activity, they had to be an entrepreneur and develop a business plan with the 5 P's: people, product, place, price and promotion. They had to think beyond "well that just sounds fun" and consider all the elements to opening a new business. I wish all adults had this training...

PROGRAM REACH

Junior Achievement's unique delivery system provides the training, materials, and support necessary to bolster the chances for student success. After our virtual 2020-2021 school year, we are excited to be back in the classroom this year and happy to report that we've reached...



By design, JA programs are presented by volunteers, who mentor students and help them understand how to manage their money, how to get and keep a job and how to start their own businesses.

As a volunteer, you have the power to change a student's life. All you need is a commitment, a small amount of time, and your willingness to share what you have learned and experienced in life, to help a young person. JA provides the training, curriculum and classroom ready to meet you!



SPECIAL EVENTS

Adults Take Hijinx

Junior Achievement of Angelina County held the 3rd annual Adults Take HiJinx Dodgeball Tournament on November 16 at HiJinx Trampoline Park. Proceeds from this event allow JA to continue providing life-changing programs to students in our community. JA does not charge schools that participate in JA programs. Therefore, JA relies on donations and corporate sponsorships to maintain programming.

JA Inspire Virtual Career Fair

Research has shown that students with visions of what they want to do after high school are better primed for success. How do they develop those visions? From enriching in-classroom and extracurricular activities, designed to build self-awareness and expose them to the world of business.

JA Inspire Virtual brought together the business community and local schools, and was designed to help launch middle school and high school students into their future high school, college and careers beyond. The program consists of three segments: (1) pre-event curriculum that will be completed by students using the self-guided curriculum; (2) virtual career expo experience; and (3) post-event debrief.

4th Annual Stock Market Challenge

Junior Achievement of Angelina County held the 4th annual Stock Market Challenge on February 1st at the Pitser Garrison Convention Center where local high school students experience the thrill of the Wall Street trading floor! We held a daytime Stock Market Challenge event for junior and senior students, plus an evening event – A Night on Wall Street – for corporate teams.

The JA Stock Market Challenge and JA Take Stock in Your Future program introduces high school students to the fundamentals of stocks, the impact of world events on the stocks, long-term investing and how investors make investing decisions and diversify their portfolios. Students then put their learning into practice at the Stock Market Challenge, a hands-on and high-tech immersive simulation. This friendly competition was a high-energy, invaluable learning experience.





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