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JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF THE BLUEGRASS PARTNERS WITH KENTUCKY BAR FOUNDATION TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL LITERACY EDUCATION

October 23, 2024 (Lexington, KY) — Junior Achievement (JA) of the Bluegrass has received a \$2,500 grant from the Kentucky Bar Foundation to provide students enrolled in the “Pre-Law” track at Fayette County High Schools with related career academy programs to experience financial literacy lessons designed to help them understand personal finance. The initial program will begin at the Frederick Douglass High School (FDHS) Academy of Professional Services.

The students will participate in *JA Finance Park®*, a program for personal financial planning and career exploration. This program, comprising a curriculum and a simulation, helps students build a foundation on which they can make intelligent financial decisions that last a lifetime, including decisions related to income, expenses, savings, and credit.

This educator-led classroom curriculum culminates with a visit to *JA Finance Park®* where students engage with volunteers and put into practice what they've learned by developing a personal budget. During the simulation, the students will move through two life stages—young adult and adult—to see the impact of their financial decisions over a period of time. Volunteers from the legal profession will provide support and guidance during the simulation allowing them to network with individuals who will inspire them.

JA of the Bluegrass appreciates this financial support from the Kentucky Bar Foundation. This grant will help further our mission to connect students to role models, resources, and real-world experiences. Youth are inspired to dream big and reach their full potential through our financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship educational programs.

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JA of the Bluegrass is part of 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. We are dedicated to educating students in our area—44 counties throughout Central and Eastern Kentucky—about workforce readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy through experiential, hands-on programs. Since 1963, JA of the Bluegrass has been delivering JA learning experiences that help young people reach their potential by having the skillset and mindset to build thriving communities. To learn more, visit www.jalexington.org.

The Kentucky Bar Foundation is the nonprofit, charitable arm of Kentucky's legal community. Its mission is to further the public's understanding of the judicial system and the legal profession through programs and philanthropic partnerships that help those in need. The Kentucky Bar Foundation has given more than \$5 million since 1988 to agencies promoting justice and law-related education for Kentuckians. For more information, please visit www.kybarfoundation.org or call 502-564-3795