Junior Achievement™
of the Bluegrass

EDUCATION FOR *WHAT'S NEXT™*



ANNUAL REPORT

2026

Junior Achievement™
of the Bluegrass

Junior Achievement BizTown

Junior Achievement FINANCE PARK

Junior Achievement (JA) is empowering Kentucky's youth with the skills and vision to fuel our state's economic success.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING PILLARS:

Financial Literacy

Equipping students with essential money management skills to build a secure and successful future.

Workforce Readiness

Preparing youth with the skills and competencies required for jobs of the future.

Entrepreneurship

Cultivating an entrepreneurial mindset—fostering the skills, vision, and confidence to launch and run their own businesses.

At Junior Achievement of the Bluegrass, we are grateful for the opportunity to prepare young people for what's next. As a leading nonprofit business-integrated education partner, Junior Achievement brings learning to life through experiences that help students build the mindsets, skills, and confidence they need to navigate life and succeed.

During the 2025-2026 school year, we served **more than 24,000 students** with high-impact programs led by more than **800 dedicated corporate and community volunteers**, we help students develop financial literacy, career readiness, and an entrepreneurial mindset—connecting what they learn in school to the world beyond the classroom.

Through in-class programs and immersive experiences such as Junior Achievement BizTown and Junior Achievement Finance Park we worked together to spark meaningful conversations about college and careers, financial decision-making, entrepreneurship, and the many possibilities that lie ahead.

In partnership with educators, volunteers, donors, and community leaders, we equip young people with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to:

- Explore careers and understand pathways into the workforce.
- Build financial literacy through budgeting, saving, credit, and money management.
- Develop essential workplace skills such as communication, teamwork, problem-solving, and goal-setting.
- Discover entrepreneurship and gain an understanding of how businesses and the economy work.
- Connect classroom learning to real-world experiences and see how today's education can shape tomorrow's opportunities.

None of this would be possible without you. We are deeply grateful to the generous donors whose support allows us to provide Junior Achievement programs at little to no cost to educators and schools and the volunteers who gave their time, shared their experiences, and opened students' eyes to new possibilities throughout the region.

Together, we help young people see what's possible and give them the tools, experiences, and confidence to make it happen. Thank you for believing in the next generation and for being a essential part of **Education for What's Next.**

On behalf of our board, staff, educators, and—most importantly—the thousands of young people we serve, thank you. **Your partnership is not only appreciated; it is transformational.**

With gratitude,

Laurel Raimondo Martin, PhD
President, JA of the Bluegrass, Inc.

Who We **Served** 2025-2026

21
COUNTIES
IN THE COMMONWEALTH & WEST VIRGINIA

24,274
STUDENTS
received JA of the Bluegrass programming in 2025-2026

5,098
STUDENTS
participated in Junior Achievement BizTown or Finance Park

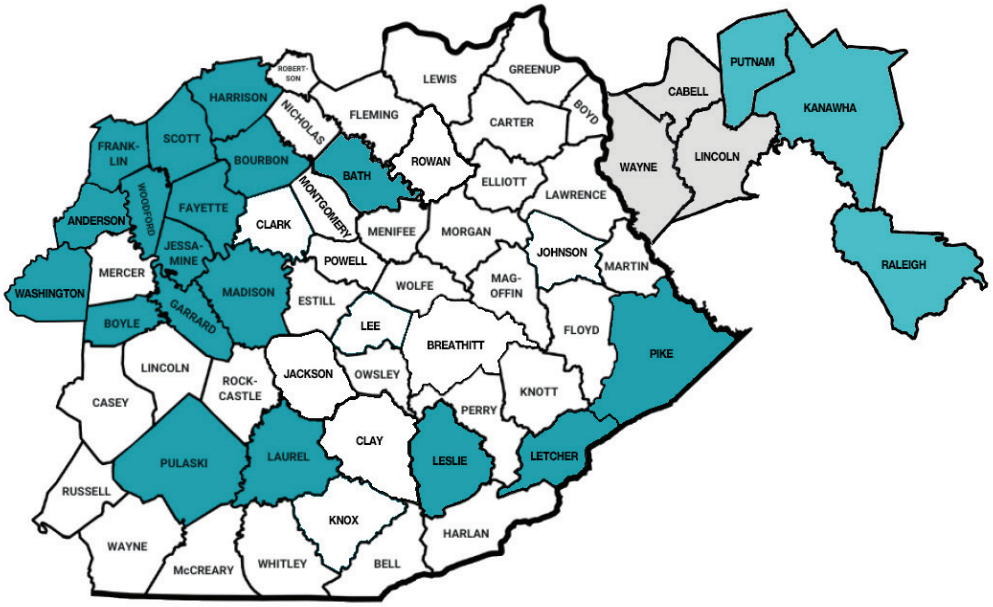
800+
volunteers

110
schools

153,619
instructional hours

Junior Achievement of the Bluegrass
has been serving Central Kentucky since 1963.
Our area encompasses 56 counties in Kentucky as well as six counties in West Virginia.

The **Junior Achievement BizTown/Finance Park** facility is available to students throughout Central and Eastern Kentucky.



THE **IMPACT** OF JA

49% Increase in 10th grade English proficiency

10% Decrease in chronic absenteeism

26% Increase in graduation rate

33% Increase in post-secondary enrollment

Letcher County Schools Launch District-Wide Partnership

Junior Achievement BizTown and Finance Park for all 5th and 8th Grade Students





"One student shared that Junior Achievement BizTown opened his eyes to the wide range of careers connected to robotics and broadened his perspective about many other career opportunities available. At one point, he enthusiastically told a chaperone it was the best day of his life!"

—Jennie Ann Bowling
Letcher Promise Neighborhood, Partners for Rural Impact

Junior Achievement of the Bluegrass and Letcher County Schools have established a dynamic district-wide partnership to provide experiential financial literacy, workforce readiness, and economic education opportunities to students across the county. Through this collaboration, every 5th grade student will participate in Junior Achievement BizTown®, while every 8th grade student will engage with the Junior Achievement Finance Park® curriculum and simulation. Together, these programs provide students with age-appropriate opportunities to connect classroom learning to real-world experiences.

Junior Achievement BizTown is a nationally recognized program that combines classroom learning with a real-world experience designed to introduce 5th grade students to economic concepts, financial literacy, and career readiness. Through the Junior Achievement BizTown curriculum, students explore topics such as business operations, personal finance, taxes, philanthropy, and the importance of voting. They learn about the roles of citizens, workers, and consumers while developing a foundational understanding of how communities and economy's function.

After completing the curriculum, students travel to Junior Achievement BizTown— a fully-interactive mock city—where they apply what they have learned by taking on real-world roles such as CEO, CFO, radio DJ, banker, or healthcare worker. During the simulation, students manage businesses, handle finances, receive paychecks, and make consumer decisions. This immersive experience helps students connect classroom learning with practical application in a memorable and meaningful way.

Letcher County's 8th grade students build on these foundational skills through Junior Achievement Finance Park, a program focused on personal financial planning and real-life decision-making. Students complete the Finance Park curriculum before participating in an interactive simulation where they are assigned a persona and navigate careers, income, budgeting, housing, transportation, insurance, and other financial responsibilities. The experience challenges students to make informed choices while balancing needs, wants, and unexpected expenses.

The district-wide approach taken by Letcher County Schools ensures equitable access to these transformative programs, giving every 5th and 8th grade student the opportunity to develop essential financial literacy, career readiness, and life skills. The partnership with Junior Achievement of the Bluegrass exemplifies a shared commitment to preparing young people for future success and demonstrates how schools and community organizations can work together to provide meaningful, real-world learning experiences.

Kentucky Power and Junior Achievement:

Expanding Opportunity Across Eastern Kentucky

In June 2025, Kentucky Power made a generous investment that allowed Junior Achievement of the Bluegrass to provide educators and students in underserved communities across Eastern Kentucky. This investment brought hands-on learning in financial literacy, career readiness, and entrepreneurship to students in communities that had not previously had access to Junior Achievement at no cost to schools, educators, or students.

During the 2025–2026 school year, JA of the Bluegrass established a presence in three previously unserved counties—Leslie, Letcher, and Pike. By providing both classroom programming as well as the Junior Achievement BizTown curriculum and simulation, this partnership reached:

1,147 STUDENTS

43 CLASSROOMS

9 SCHOOLS

11,452 INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS



The initiative provided students with practical skills in budgeting, career exploration, and entrepreneurship while connecting classroom learning to real-world experiences. Educators reported strong student engagement and lasting value from the curriculum.

For students across these rural communities, Kentucky Power's investment helped open the door to new opportunities, knowledge, and skills that can support success in school, careers, and beyond. The impact is best reflected in the experiences and voices of the students and educators who participated.



"Our students were able to take the information about essential or durable skills that are necessary in the workplace and demonstrate them while performing their jobs in Junior Achievement BizTown as part of our classroom simulation in very meaningful ways that they will retain."

– Katelyn Schram, Principal
Belfry Elementary, Letcher County

District-wide partnerships between school districts and Junior Achievement (JA) provide **invaluable benefits to both teachers and students.** For students, these partnerships ensure equitable access to high-quality, hands-on programming that builds essential skills in financial literacy, career readiness, and entrepreneurship. Programs like Junior Achievement BizTown and Junior Achievement Finance Park connect classroom learning to real-world experiences, helping students understand the relevance of their education and inspiring them to plan for the future.

For teachers, JA programs offer ready-to-use, standards-aligned curriculum that complements core subjects and enriches the overall learning experience. With support from trained JA volunteers and community partners, teachers gain access to additional instructional resources without increasing their workload.

By engaging local businesses and higher education institutions, these partnerships also strengthen the connection between schools and the community, creating a shared investment in student success. **Together, JA and school districts empower students** to dream big and prepare confidently for life beyond the classroom.

Experiential **Learning**

Junior Achievement BizTown®

Junior Achievement FINANCE PARK®



In January 2017, the first students walked through the doors of Junior Achievement BizTown and Finance Park in Fayette County. What they encountered was more than a classroom. They entered a dynamic, hands-on learning laboratory where the lessons of school became connected to the realities of life—where students could experience careers, business, entrepreneurship, personal finance, civic responsibility, teamwork, leadership, and the decisions that shape their futures.

5,098
students
experienced Junior Achievement BizTown and Finance Park in 2025-2026

This remarkable facility exists because a community came together with a shared belief: our students deserve opportunities to learn by doing. Companies sponsored. Foundations gave generously. Individuals stepped forward. Community leaders championed the initiative. **And Fayette County Public Schools invested in this extraordinary vision** by providing the former **Linlee Elementary School** as the home for this one-of-a-kind educational facility.

Together, this community made a $3 million capital campaign possible. Together, we created a place where students don't simply hear about the economy—they participate in it. Where they don't just discuss budgets—they make financial decisions. Where they don't merely read about careers—they experience them. Where they don't just learn about business—they run businesses. And where the generosity of our community becomes a tangible part of a young person's education.



As we approach the tenth anniversary of the first students arriving in January 2017, it is important to pause and recognize what this community has built. **Junior Achievement's BizTown and Finance Park have become an important part of the educational experience for students across Fayette County** and throughout central and eastern Kentucky as we serve more than 5,000 students each year.

Since January 2017, **44,962 students** have received over **761,944 instructional hours** through **Junior Achievement BizTown and Finance Park**.

The facility has brought together educators, business professionals, volunteers, foundations, companies, and community partners around a common purpose: preparing young people for the world beyond the classroom. For nearly a decade, this has been a place where students have been encouraged to ask questions, solve problems, take responsibility, collaborate with others, recover from mistakes, and begin to see themselves as capable participants in their communities and their future economy. **That impact belongs to all of us.**









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JA Alumni **Impact**

In December 2025, a survey of 1,005 Gen Z and Millennial-aged Junior Achievement (JA) Alumni (former students) conducted by Ipsos on behalf of Junior Achievement (JA) found that a large majority of JA alumni report that their experience in Junior Achievement learning experiences helped them become more capable in several areas of life. JA alumni are also overwhelmingly likely to recommend – or already have recommended – participating in the JA program to young people they know.

Impact on Transferable Skills Attainment

A substantial majority of JA Alumni report that their experience positively impacted them in a variety of ways, especially when it comes to attaining transferable or durable skills (those that are "portable" and can be applied across various roles and industries throughout a career journey).

Nine in ten JA alumni say that Junior Achievement showed them how to successfully collaborate with others (91%), motivated them to be a lifelong or continuous learner (91%), and helped them improve their critical thinking skills (90%).

Similarly, 89 percent say participation in Junior Achievement improved their communication skills, 88 percent say it helped them become more confident, and 85 percent say JA helped them find more opportunities in education and work.

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91%

of Gen Y & Z JA Alumni Say JA Motivated Them to Be **LIFELONG LEARNERS.**

Source: Ipsos



JA Alumni **Impact**, continued

Contributors to Economic Mobility

In a 2024 report, the Camber Collective identified several life experiences linked to promoting economic mobility, or the ability of a generation to do as well or better than those that preceded it. These experiences include pursuing education or training past high school, gaining a college degree in a high-demand field, and starting a business.

Ipsos found that more than 87 percent of Gen Y & Z JA alumni say that they continued their education after high school, crediting Junior Achievement. Additionally, 87 percent report they engaged in jobs or skills training during or after high school, and 82 percent say they chose a college degree program in high demand because of their experience with JA.



Three in five JA alumni say they started or owned a business because of their JA experience (59%). Over half of alumni say their career choices (58%) or work ethic (54%) were positively influenced by their JA experience. Nearly half also say their education choices (49%), how they manage money (47%), or interest and participation in their school or education (47%) were positively influenced.

Additionally, a broad majority (92%) agree with the statement, "As technologies like automation and AI change jobs and the economy, students who participate in Junior Achievement are going to be better prepared for the future."

Accounts of Economic Standing

Three in four JA Alumni say they are doing better than average from an economic or financial standpoint (77%). More than four in five say they are able to make ends meet (87%) or are able to save for retirement (82%), while 75 percent say they are a current homeowner. Millennial alumni are much more likely to own a home than Gen Z alumni (80% vs. 63%). Eighty-eight percent of alumni say they are hopeful for the future.



Schools Served in 2025-2026

Junior Achievement of the Bluegrass appreciates every educator that allowed us to be a part of their curriculum plans over the past year. During the past year, we were able to work with teachers from across eighteen counties in central and eastern Kentucky as well as three counties in West Virginia.

KENTUCKY

ANDERSON
Robert B. Turner Elementary School
Saffell Street Elementary School

BATH
Crossroads Elementary School

BOURBON
Bourbon County Middle School
Cane Ridge Elementary School
North Middletown Elementary School

BOYLE
Boyle County Middle School

FAYETTE
Ashland Elementary School
Athens-Chilesburg Elementary School
Beaumont Middle School
Booker T. Washington Elementary School
Breckinridge Elementary School
Bryan Station High School
Bryan Station Middle School
Carter G. Woodson Academy
Cassidy Elementary School
Christ The King School
Christian Home Educators of the Bluegrass
Clays Mill Elementary School
Crawford Middle School
Dixie Magnet Elementary School
Edythe J. Hayes Middle School
Fayette County Public Schools
Frederick Douglass High School
Garden Springs Elementary School
George Washington Carver STEM Academy for Boys
Glendover Elementary School
Henry Clay High School
James Lane Allen Elementary School
Jessie Clark Middle School
Julius Marks Elementary School
KORE Academy
Lansdowne Elementary School
Leestown Middle School
Lexington Christian Academy
Lexington Middle School
Lexington Universal Academy
Liberty Elementary School
Mary E. Britton Middle School
Mary Todd Elementary School
Maxwell Spanish Immersion School
Meadowthorpe Elementary School
Morton Middle School
Northern Elementary School
Paul Laurence Dunbar High School
Picadome Elementary School
Providence Montessori School
Rosa Parks Elementary School
Sandersville Elementary School
SCAPA
Southern Middle School
STEAM Academy
Stonewall Elementary
Tates Creek Elementary School
Tates Creek High School
Tates Creek Middle School
The Lexington School
Veterans Park Elementary School
Virtual Learning Center
Wellington Elementary School
William Wells Brown Elementary School
Wilmore Crossing Academy
Winburn Middle School
Yates Elementary School

FRANKLIN
Elkhorn Middle School
Peaks Mill Elementary School
Second Street School

GARRARD
Camp Dick Robinson Elementary School

HARRISON
Eastside Elementary School
Harrison County ATC
Northside Elementary School

JESSAMINE
Jessamine Career and Technology Center
Nicholasville Elementary School
Wilmore Crossing Academy

LAUREL
North Laurel High School
South Laurel High School

LESLIE
Leslie County High School

LETCHER
Cowan Elementary School
Fleming Neon Middle School
Letcher K-8 School
Martha Jane Potter School
West Whitesburg Elementary School
Whitesburg Middle School

MADISON
Clark-Moores Middle School
Glenn Marshall Elementary School
Kirksville Elementary School
Madison Central High School
Waco Elementary School
White Hall Elementary School

PIKE
Belfry Elementary School
Belfry High School

PULASKI
Somerset Christian School

SCOTT
Garth Elementary School
Great Crossings High School
Scott County High School
Scott County Middle School
Southern Elementary School
Western Elementary School

WASHINGTON
Washington County Elementary School

WOODFORD
Huntertown Elementary School
Northside Elementary School
Simmons Elementary School
Southside Elementary School
Woodford County High School
Woodford County Middle School

WEST VIRGINIA

KANAWHA
Ruffner Elementary

PUTNAM
Buffalo Elementary School

RALEIGH
Bradley Elementary School
Cranberry Prosperity Elementary School
St. Francis De Sales School

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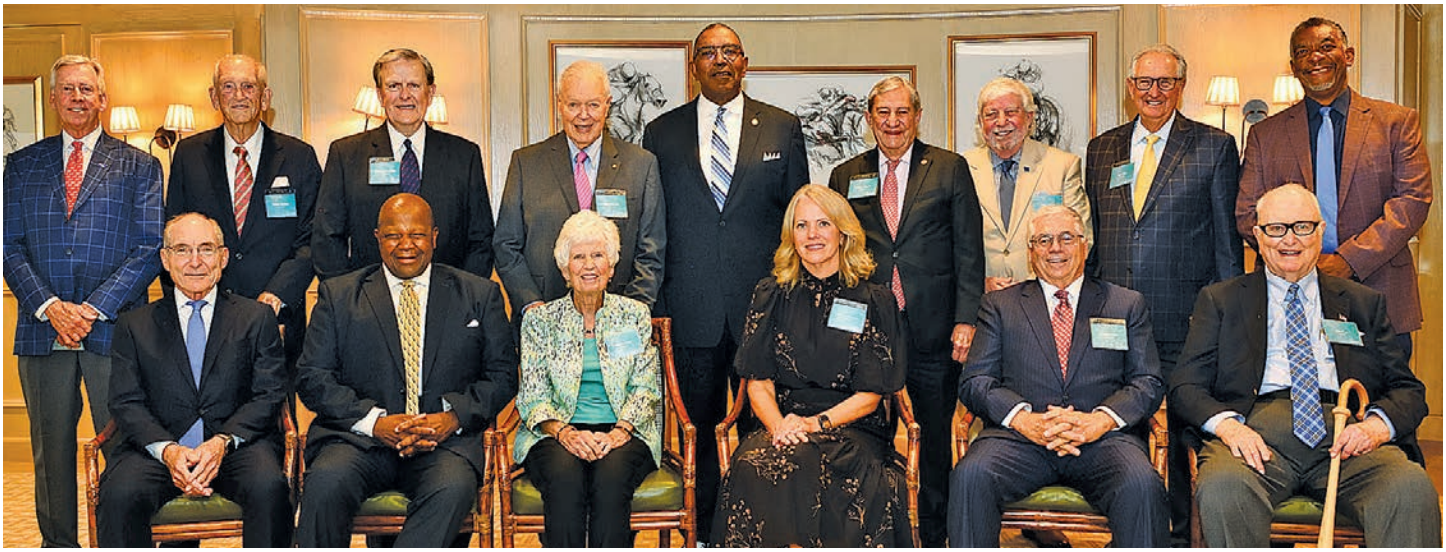
And **thank you** to the 520 **parents, caregivers, teachers**, and **high school heroes** from 66 **schools** whose partnership made JA of the Bluegrass's work possible this year.

BLUEGRASS BUSINESS HALL of FAME

The Bluegrass Business Hall of Fame honors outstanding business individuals whose leadership, vision and innovation have accomplished much for Central Kentucky. The Bluegrass Business Hall of Fame is a business dinner and celebration during which the newest Laureates are recognized.

This year, **Susan Elkington, Lynn Martin** and **Dr. Everett McCorvey** were inducted.

Since 1989, Junior Achievement of the Bluegrass has inducted 127 Laureates into the Bluegrass Business Hall of Fame, and we are proud to recognize their drive, passion, accomplishments, and service to our community. The 2026 event was presented by UK & UK Healthcare.



JA Bluegrass Business Hall of Fame Laureates

1989
Caruthers Coleman
Garvice D. Kincaid
W.T. Young, Sr.

1990
Edward S. Dabney
Sr. Michael Leo Mullaney
Earl D. Wallace

1991
Walter Hillenmeyer, Jr.
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1992
Harry C. Barfield
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1993
J. Douglas Gay
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1994
Mira S. Ball
Robert H. Hillenmeyer
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1995
Hilary J. Boone, Jr.
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1996
Oliver Allen Bakhaus
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1997
Lois H. Gray
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W.B. Terry

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The Dawahare Family
Ralph W. Gabbard
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1999
Norwood Cowgill, Jr.
Bob Slone
Dr. Lee T. Todd

2000
Gerald F. Healy, II
Anita Madden
Donald K. Poole

2001
Tommy Bell
(Posthumously)
John R. Gaines

2002
Don Ball
Thomas P. Dupree, Sr.
Ralph Hacker
P.G. Peeples, Sr.

2003
Richard E. Blanchard, Sr.
Dr. Thomas Clark
Wayne Martin

2004
Luther Deaton, Jr.
Henry L. Jackson
Dr. Charles L. Shearer

2005
Samuel G. Barnes
Gov. Martha Layne Collins
Foster Ockerman, Sr.
Fred B. Wachs
(Posthumously)

2006
Gov. John Y. Brown, Jr.
Dr. John Cronin
Leonard Press

2007
Tubby Smith
C.W. Sulier, Sr.
(Posthumously)
Darby Turner
Laban Jackson

2008
Robert Clay
Laura Freeman
William L. Rouse, Jr.
(Posthumously)
Robert B. Trussell, Jr.

2009
Gary D. Bello
John R. Hall
Dr. Pearse Lyons
Mrs. Deirdre Lyons

2010
Ann Bakhaus
James F. Hardymon
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2011
Dr. Richard W. Furst
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2012
Davis Marksbury
W. Terry McBrayer
Terry Forcht

2013
Coach John Calipari
Nick Nicholson
Elmer Whitaker

2014
Tom Hammond
Bill Lear
Donald W. Webb, Sr.
(Posthumously)
Dudley Webb

2015
Stephen L. Grossman
Wilbert W. (Wil) James, Jr.
Dr. David B. Stevens

2016
William S. Farish
DeWitt T. Hisle
Holly B. Wiedemann

2017
Robert Congleton
(Posthumously)
Carol Martin Gatton
Mike Scanlon
Al Smith

2018
Doug Dean
William R. Embry Jr.
(Posthumously)
Lillian Press
Austin J. Simms

2019
Rufus Friday
Ouita Michel
Ray Rector
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Madonna & Craig Turner

2021
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Debra Hensley
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(Posthumously)
Harry Richart

2023
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Don Jacobs
(Posthumously)
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2024
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(Posthumously)
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2025
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(Posthumously)
Gene and Jean Cravens
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2026
Susan Elkington
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A NIGHT ON WALL STREET



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Get Started With JA

Junior Achievement of the Bluegrass provides several ways that you can get involved whether you're someone looking to volunteer, part of a district or school looking for educational materials, or part of a business looking to help us expand the reach of our mission.

EDUCATORS

Junior Achievement provides activities, guides, thought leadership and lots of additional resources to support learning.

VOLUNTEERS

Whether in-person or virtually, you can volunteer with Junior Achievement and make a profound difference in the youth of our community.

IMPACT PARTNERS

Junior Achievement partners with corporations and individuals to fund the programs that are delivered to our local students.