



Junior
Achievement™
of the Bluegrass

ENGAGING

EDUCATION TODAY

Bright Futures
For Tomorrow

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



JA BizTown® | JA 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.

As we reflect on this past year, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for what we have accomplished together. Thanks to your unwavering support, Junior Achievement of the Bluegrass was able to serve more than **20,000 students** across **22 counties**, delivering over **140,000 instructional hours** focused on **financial literacy, work and career readiness, and entrepreneurship**.

These achievements are more than just numbers — they represent young lives being empowered, inspired, and equipped to create brighter futures.

This impact would not have been possible without the extraordinary generosity of our donors, who make it possible for us to provide our programming at little to no cost to educators. Equally invaluable are the more than **900 volunteers** who shared their time and personal experiences with students in classrooms across the region. These caring adults helped bring our lessons to life, connecting what students learn in school to the real world that awaits them.

Our programs offer vibrant, hands-on learning experiences that give students a chance to dream big, plan wisely, and act boldly. Time and time again, when I speak with adults, they share a familiar sentiment: *"I wish I had learned this when I was younger."* With your help, we are changing that narrative — delivering this empowering knowledge sooner, when it can make the greatest difference.

Together, we are helping students see what's possible and giving them the tools to make it happen.

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.



20,145
STUDENTS

received JA of the Bluegrass
programming in 2024-2025



22
★ COUNTIES ★
IN THE COMMONWEALTH
& WEST VIRGINIA



4,963
STUDENTS

participated in JA BizTown
or JA Finance Park



900+
volunteers



427
classes



142,593
instructional
hours

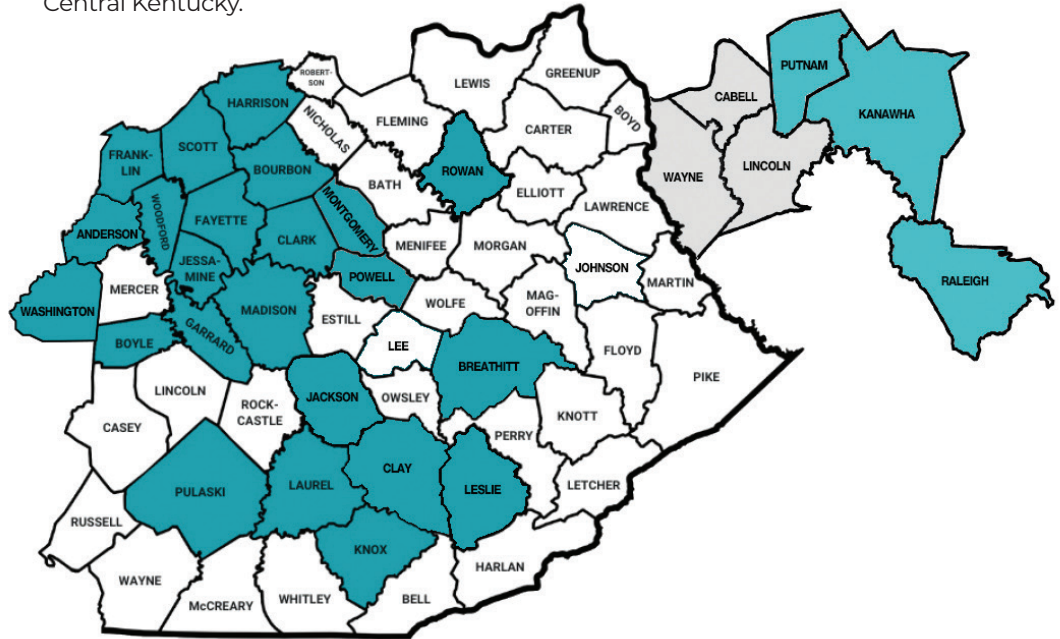


Junior Achievement of the Bluegrass

has been serving Central Kentucky since 1963.

Our area encompasses 56 counties in Kentucky as well as six counties in West Virginia.

The **JA BizTown/JA Finance Park** facility is available to students throughout Central Kentucky.



THE IMPACT OF JA

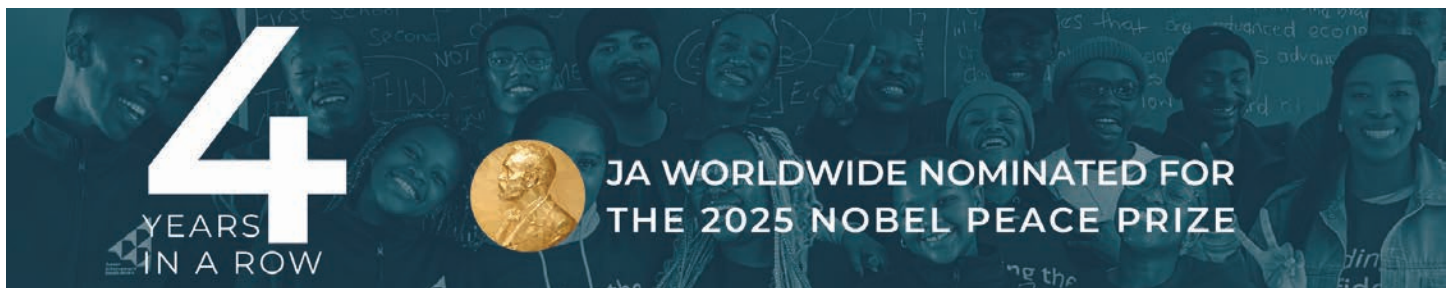
3 out of 4
students have a
greater appreciation
of their future career
opportunities.



93% of students
believe that
budgeting and
financial planning
matters.



85% of students
are more confident
about making smart
personal financial
decisions.



4
YEARS
IN A ROW



JA WORLDWIDE NOMINATED FOR
THE 2025 NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

District-Wide

CURRICULUM PARTNERSHIPS

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 JA BizTown and career exploration events 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.

Confidence With Money

84%

of JA Alumni agreed their experience with JA positively impacted their financial literacy.



Career Exploration

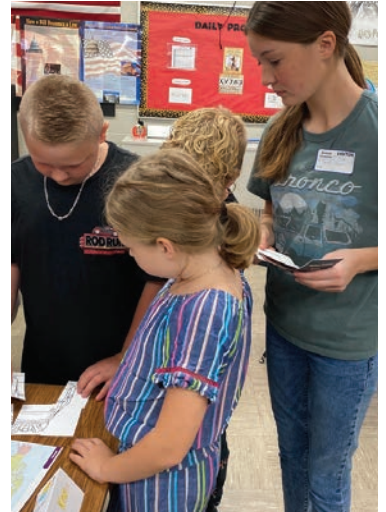


88%

of JA Alumni indicated that JA exposed them to new career possibilities.

Junior Achievement of the Bluegrass Brings “JA in a Day” to All Harrison County Elementary Schools

In a powerful display of collaboration and community spirit, Junior Achievement (JA) of the Bluegrass successfully delivered its “JA in a Day” program to every elementary school student in Harrison County. Over the course of a single day, JA programming reached students at all four elementary schools in the county, equipping them with essential financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship skills.



What made this event even more impactful was the involvement of high school students from Harrison County High School’s Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter. Nearly 40 FBLA members participated, contributing an impressive 4,170 instructional hours to make the event possible. These high school leaders stepped into classrooms as mentors and educators, sharing age-appropriate lessons from JA’s curriculum and creating a unique peer-learning environment that engaged and inspired younger students.

The program not only benefited 834 elementary students but also provided FBLA members with valuable leadership and teaching experience, further aligning with JA’s mission to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy.

This initiative was led by Amber Florence, the dedicated FBLA advisor and a long-time advocate for student development. Her outstanding leadership and commitment were recognized by Junior Achievement of the Bluegrass, who honored her as the 2024 Teacher of the Year. Under her guidance, the FBLA chapter has become a model for student-led service and educational outreach.

This county-wide JA in a Day event stands as a shining example of how cross-grade collaboration and community engagement can enrich educational experiences and foster a culture of empowerment and achievement for students of all ages in Harrison County.

Junior Achievement of the Bluegrass and Woodford County Schools Launch District-Wide JA BizTown Partnership



Junior Achievement of the Bluegrass and Woodford County Schools have established a dynamic district-wide partnership to deliver JA BizTown® to every 5th grade student in the county. This impactful collaboration ensures that all 293 Woodford County 5th graders receive the full 12-lesson JA BizTown curriculum in their classrooms before participating in a hands-on, day-long simulation at the JA of the Bluegrass facility in Lexington.

JA BizTown is a nationally recognized program that combines classroom learning with a real-world experience designed to introduce students to economic concepts, financial literacy, and career readiness. Over the course of the 12 in-class lessons, students learn about topics such as business operations, personal finance, taxes, philanthropy, and the importance of voting. They explore the roles of citizens, workers, and consumers in a community and gain a foundational understanding of how the economy functions.

After completing the curriculum, students travel to JA BizTown—a fully interactive mock city—where they apply what they’ve 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.

The district-wide approach taken by Woodford County Schools ensures equitable access to this transformative program, providing every 5th grader with the opportunity to build essential life skills. The partnership with Junior Achievement of the Bluegrass exemplifies a shared commitment to preparing young people for future success by making financial literacy and career exploration a core part of the elementary experience. This innovative collaboration is a model for how schools and nonprofits can work together to empower the next generation.

Junior Achievement of the Bluegrass and Fayette County Schools Partner for District-Wide Career Exploration Events

Junior Achievement of the Bluegrass has partnered with Fayette County Public Schools (FCPS) to provide all 6th and 9th grade students with powerful, district-wide career exploration experiences designed to broaden their understanding of future career possibilities and the educational paths required to reach them. This unique collaboration brings together students, educators, local employers, and higher education institutions to support early career readiness and informed decision-making.

As part of these large-scale, interactive events, Junior Achievement invited representatives from a wide range of industries and post-secondary institutions to meet with students about their business and the jobs that exist within those companies and educational programs and pathways that are available to students. Participating organizations included UK Healthcare, UPS, Toyota Kentucky, the Lexington Police and Fire Departments, Kentucky State University, and the University of Kentucky. These partners provided engaging, hands-on exhibits and spoke with students about the skills and training necessary for careers in healthcare, logistics, manufacturing, public safety, and higher education.

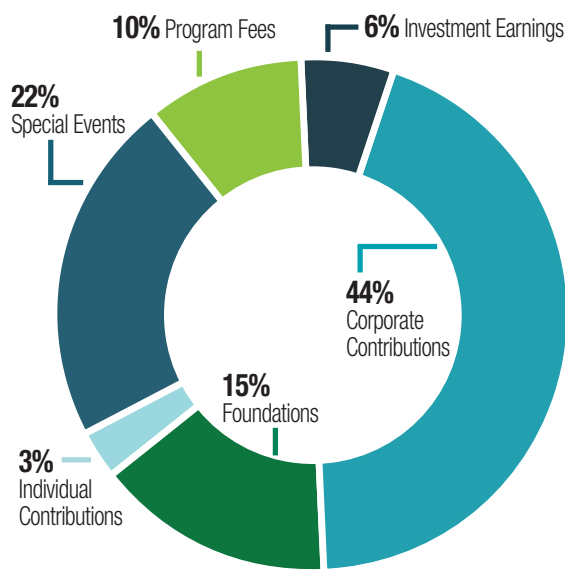


For 6th graders, the focus was on exploration—sparking curiosity and introducing them to the vast array of careers available in their community. For 9th graders, the event helped them begin thinking more intentionally about high school course selections, career pathways, and future education or training options.

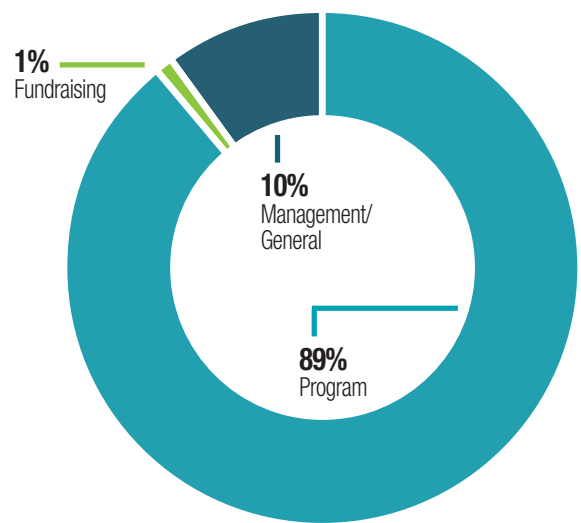
This initiative supports Junior Achievement’s mission to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy and aligns with Fayette County Schools’ commitment to career-connected learning. By reaching thousands of students at a critical point in their educational journey, the program helps ensure that every student is equipped with the knowledge and confidence to envision—and plan for—a successful future.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

2024-2025 REVENUE



2024-2025 EXPENSES



2024-2025 CONTRIBUTORS (\$1000 and above)

\$25,000-\$50,000

Kentucky Power Co.
State Farm Foundation
Taco Bell Foundation
Toyota Motor Mfg. Kentucky
Toyota Motors Mfg.
West Virginia

\$20,000-\$24,999

Friends of Coal Kentucky
The Beaufort Bonnet Company
UK Healthcare

\$10,000-\$19,999

Anonymous
Bakhaus Family Foundation
Ball Homes, Inc.
Chick-fil-A, Inc.
Davis H. Elliot Company, Inc.
Don Jacobs Sr. Charitable Foundation
Fidelity Investments
Forcht Bank
Keeneland Association, Inc.
Kentucky Society of CPAs
Kentucky Utilities
Lexmark International Inc.
Saint Joseph Health
The UPS Store
University of Kentucky

\$5,000-\$9,999

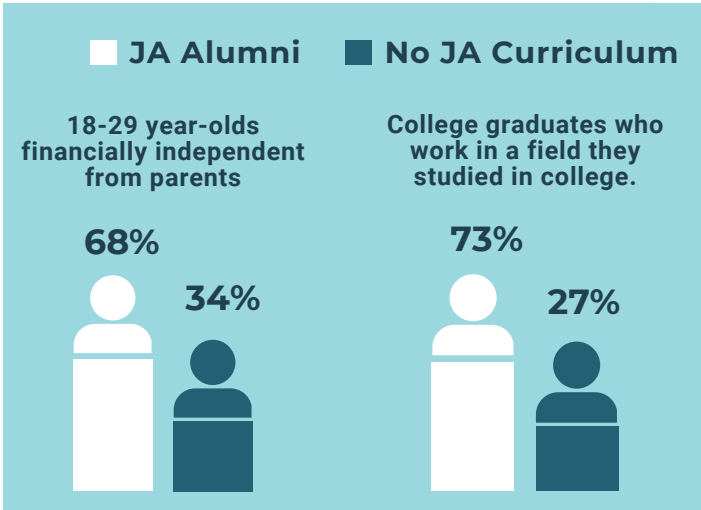
Alex G. Campbell Foundation
Crowe LLP
Gene & Jean Cravens
Kentucky Social Welfare Foundation
LEX 18
OneMain Financial LLC
PNC Bank
Quantrell Auto Group
Republic Bank
Traditional Bank
Valvoline
Whitaker Bank

\$1,000-\$4,999

Atchison Construction
Baird Private Wealth Management
Caller Family Charitable Foundation
Central Bank & Trust
City National Bank
Columbia Gas of KY
Dean Dorton
Eli & Mary Lynne Capilouto
Fayette County Bar Foundation
Fifth Third Bank
Hilary Boone Foundation, Inc.

Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels
JPMorgan Chase & Co.
Lexington Fayette Housing Authority
Marsh & McLennan Agency
Merrill Lynch Wealth Management
Michael L. Fisher
Peoples Bank
Robert F. Stephenson
Rosenthal Family Foundation
Scott Navis

Sheri Evans Depp
Stantec
Stock Yards Bank & Trust
The Brown Biggins Group @ Morgan Stanley
The Family of Michael and Susan Rogers
Tri-State Roofing & Sheet Metal Company
UK Federal Credit Union
UMR
WestBanco



PARTNERS & SPONSORS

Our ability to impact students in meaningful ways is directly tied to support from our partners, which often comes in the shape of financial investments, employee engagement, and leadership on our board of directors. We are so grateful for their support and it inspires us to continue our work in transforming financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship education.

Adopt-A-School Partners

GOLD

Bakhaus Family Foundation (24 years)
Garden Springs Elementary

The Beaufort Bonnet Company (4 years)
Arlington, Booker T. Washington, William Wells
Brown and Mary Todd Elementary Schools

JA Board of Directors (23 years)
Tates Creek Elementary and Tates Creek MS

Toyota Motor Manufacturing KY (22 years)
Scott County Schools

SILVER

Crowe LLP (16 years)
Jessie Clark MS

Davis H. Elliot Company (15 years)
Athens Chilesburg Elementary

Lexmark International (24 years)
Yates Elementary

Kentucky Utilities (20 years)
Liberty Elementary

Quantrell Auto Group (21 years)
Mary Todd Elementary

Republic Bank (3 years)
Lansdowne Elementary

Traditional Bank (16 years)
Leestown MS and Northen Elementary

JA BizTown/JA Finance Park

STOREFRONT PARTNERS

Anonymous
Chick-fil-A
Forch Bank
Friends of Coal
Keeneland
Kentucky Society
of CPAs
Kentucky Utilities
LEX 18

MiddleGround Capital
Saint Joseph
Health
Toyota Motor
Manufacturing KY
UK Healthcare
University of Kentucky
The UPS Store

PAVILION PARTNER

Commercial Property Association of Lexington

FACILITY PARTNER

Fayette County Public Schools

AMENITY PARTNERS

Davis H. Elliot Company
Lexington Legends

LAWN SPONSOR

State Farm Foundation

COMMUNITY ROOM PARTNER

Marksbury Family Foundation

LOBBY PARTNERS

The Family of Michael & Susan Rogers
Fayette Alliance
Fayette County Farm Bureau Federation
Godolphin
Keene Ridge Farm

Financial Literacy & Curriculum Partners

Davis H Elliott Company
Don Jacobs Charitable Foundation
Fayette County Public Schools
Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels
Kentucky Power
PNC Bank
Taco Bell Foundation
Thompson Charitable Foundation
Toyota Motor Manufacturing KY
Toyota Motor Manufacturing WV

JA Bluegrass Business Hall of Fame

UK/UK Healthcare - Presenting Sponsor

JA Stock Market Challenge & Night on Wall Street

JPMorgan Chase & Co. - Presenting Sponsor

JA LLYP

UK Healthcare - Presenting Sponsor

JA Miss Business

UK Federal Credit Union – Presenting Sponsor

Cutting the ribbon on a brighter future!

Every student at JA BizTown takes on a new role for the day—whether as a CFO, bank teller, or customer service representative. In the new **MiddleGround Capital** storefront, students step into leadership as CEO, Director of Automation, Operations Expert, and other key positions that keep the business running. On December 6, 2024, those roles took center stage as Western Elementary students gathered for the ribbon cutting of MiddleGround Capital's brand-new storefront. Their elected mayor, Parker, opened the ceremony by proclaiming it "MiddleGround Capital Day." With classmates cheering, the student CEO proudly cut the ribbon while LEX18's student reporters and camera crew captured the moment for the day's broadcast. It was a celebration of MiddleGround Capital's partnership and a powerful example of students learning to lead, collaborate, and imagine what's possible.



SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Junior of 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 nineteen counties in central and eastern Kentucky as well as two counties in eastern West Virginia.

Schools Served in 2024-2025

BOURBON:

Bourbon County High
Cane Ridge Elementary
North Middletown Elementary
Paris Elementary

CLARK:

George Rogers Clark High

CLAY:

Clay County Middle

FAYETTE:

Ashland Elementary
Athens-Chilesburg Elementary
Beaumont Middle
Booker T. Washington Elementary
Breckinridge Elementary
Bridgeport Elementary
Bryan Station High
Bryan Station Middle
Carter G. Woodson Academy
Cassidy Elementary
Cawford Middle
Christ The King School
Christian Home Educators
of the Bluegrass
Clays Mill Elementary
Collins Lane Elementary
Deep Springs Elementary
Dixie Magnet Elementary
Eastern Elementary
Eastside Elementary
Edythe J. Hayes Middle
Frederick Douglass High
Garden Springs Elementary
Garrett Morgan Elementary
George Washington Carver
STEM Academy for Boys
Glendover Elementary
Henry Clay High
James Lane Allen Elementary
Jessie Clark Middle
Julius Marks Elementary
Lafayette High
Lakeside Christian Academy
Lansdowne Elementary
Leestown Middle
Lemons Mill Elementary
Lexington Catholic High
Lexington Christian Academy
Lexington Homeschool Social
Lexington Traditional Magnet
Lexington Universal Academy
Liberty Elementary
Martin Luther Kind Jr. Academy
of Excellence

Mary Todd Elementary
Maxwell Spanish Immersion
McBrayer Elementary
Meadowthorpe Elementary
Model Laboratory
Morton Middle
Northern Elementary
Paul Laurence Dunbar High
Picadome Elementary
Rise STEM Academy for Girls
Rosa Parks Elementary
Rowan County Senior High
Russell Cave Elementary
Sandersville Elementary
Sayre School
SCAPA at Bluegrass
Scott County High
Southern Elementary
Southern Middle
Sphinx Academy
STEAM Academy
Stonewall Elementary
Success Academy
Tates Creek Elementary
Tates Creek High
Tates Creek Middle
The Learning Center
The Lexington School
The Stables
Veterans Park Elementary
Virtual Learning Center
Wellington Elementary
Westside Elementary
William Wells Brown Elementary
Winburn Middle
Yates Elementary

FRANKLIN:

Franklin County High
Peaks Mill Elementary
Second Street School
Western Hills High

GARRARD:

Camp Dick Robinson Elementary
Paint Lick Elementary

HARRISON:

Northside Elementary
Southside Elementary

JACKSON:

Jackson County Middle

JESSAMINE:

East Jessamine High
Nicholasville Elementary
West Jessamine High

KNOX:

G.R. Hampton Elementary

LAUREL:

McDaniel Learning Center
North Laurel High
South Laurel High

LESLIE:

Leslie County High

MADISON:

Clark-Moores Middle
Glenn Marshall Elementary
Kirksville Elementary
Madison Central High

POWELL:

Clay City Elementary

PULASKI:

Pulaski County High
Somerset Christian School

ROWAN:

Lakeside Christian Academy
McBrayer Elementary
Rowan County Senior High

SCOTT:

Garth Elementary
Great Crossings High
Western Elementary

WASHINGTON:

North Washington Elementary
Washington County Elementary

WOODFORD:

Huntertown Elementary
Simmons Elementary
Woodford County High

West Virginia Counties

KANAWHA

Kenna Elementary

PUTNAM

Buffalo Elementary

RALEIGH

Maxwell Hill Elementary

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Rebekah Gooslin, a 5th grade teacher at Huntertown Elementary in Woodford County, has been teaching for more than 20 years. This year was the first time she incorporated JA BizTown into her curriculum because she was eager to give her students a hands-on opportunity to learn about civic responsibility and financial literacy. Rebekah shared one of the most memorable moments came when her 80 students voted to recognize a peer who displayed outstanding leadership and business skills throughout the day at BizTown. Bringing diverse skills and language abilities to the experience, this student rose above expectations and revealed leadership that might have otherwise gone unnoticed in a traditional classroom.



"For me, the most meaningful part of JA BizTown was watching students who often struggle in the classroom thrive in this real-world environment, building confidence, demonstrating leadership, and applying essential life skills."

JA is excited to have their 5th graders return for this transformative experience again in 2026.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

Junior Achievement volunteers are uniquely involved in the mission of our organization, from being the primary link to children in the classroom to raising awareness, connections and vital operating funding.

Volunteers are what bring our programs to life. Volunteers embody the heart of Junior Achievement. They provide access, exposure, opportunity, and an understanding of what's ahead in the "real world" for students of all ages.

Volunteers are typically business professionals, college students, community members, or parents who want to play an active part in participating in the education of students around them. We are continually striving to work with a pool of volunteers to reflect the diversity of the communities and students that we serve throughout central and eastern Kentucky as well as several counties in West Virginia.

Accounts by the Book
Jenny Schnurr

American Nephrology Nurses Association
Teresa Villaran

American Red Cross
Victoria Huffines

Amplify Horse Racing
Mary-Courtney Combs

Amteck LLC
Jon Dougherty

Appalachian Power
Ronn Robinson

Ashland Elementary School
Amanda Barb
Brittany Fathergill
Carmen Hall
Haley Lawson
Nicole Price Hubert
Amanda Robinson

Atlantic Management Company
Michael Dilly

Baird Private Wealth Management – The McIntosh Group
Jordan Wilson

Ballast
Frank Yozwiak

Bank of the Bluegrass & Trust Co.
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Audrey Law
Rebecca Rilea

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Jennifer Linville

Cane Ridge Elementary School
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Nikki Mullins
Ashley Welsh
Miranda Wyles

Carnegie Center
Jonathan Hall

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Cherry Bekaert LLP
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Erin Holley

Cheryl B. Mitchell
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In December, we hosted a special JA BizTown session for homeschool cohort students! After completing 12 engaging lessons at home, it was rewarding to see their hard work come to life in our facility. **JA Board Member Jordan Wilson** was in attendance with his daughter:

"I've been a board member here for about 15 years and this is the first time I actually get to attend with my daughter! It's been so much fun getting to work through the content with her for the last 2-3 months. Actually, getting to see her enjoy this space really has been such a joy, and I hope everybody's kids get to come to JA at least once."

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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, **Donald Ray Ball, Jr.** (posthumously), **Gene and Jean Cravens**, and **Dr. Aaron Thompson** were inducted.

Since 1989, Junior Achievement of the Bluegrass has proudly inducted 121 Laureates into the Bluegrass Business Hall of Fame, and we are proud to recognize their drive, passion, accomplishments, and service to our community. *The 2025 event was presented by UK & UK Healthcare.*



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