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You are One in a Million....

This year, we marked a special milestone. Junior Achievement of the Heartland has now had the privilege of serving more than 1 million students! To celebrate, we named Teanna Steward as JA Student # 1,000,000. I encourage you to [read Teanna's story](#) to see how JA has impacted her life.

The board and staff of Junior Achievement of the Heartland are very proud of this accomplishment! However, we know it would not have been possible without the strong partnerships we enjoy with you and thousands of persons throughout our 24 county region. Our JA students are indebted to the many giving hearts who open their classroom doors to JA, allow their employees to step away from work to teach a program, open their checkbook to give a donation, or step up in a leadership role to insure our organization remains strong so future generations can benefit from JA.

Thank you for helping us empower 1,000,000 young people, like Teanna, to own their economic success. You are one in a million!



I'll end by extend a special thank you to retiring board members at the end of this fiscal year. These people have served our organization by devoting countless hours of their time to our mission. We really appreciate their many years of service to JA.

Kerry Azbell, RSM McGladrey - Dubuque
Peter Benson, Lane & Waterman - Quad Cities
Mo Hyder, Isle of Capri Casino - Quad Cities
Jennifer Rowe, Serv-A-Lite Products - Quad Cities

Thank you for sharing in our mission!

Sincerely,



Barbara VenHorst
President

P.S. Read other exciting accomplishments throughout the school year highlighted in this e-newsletter.

A Snapshot of the Year

- JA of the Heartland wins prestigious award for the development of the JA High School Trade Careers Expo. [Click here to read the full press release.](#)
- JA of the Heartland celebrates 25 years in Muscatine and Louisa Counties.
- JA of the Heartland pilots high school advanced manufacturing career expos. [Click here to watch the video.](#)
- Students awarded scholarships to pursue a career in advanced manufacturing. [Click here to read the full press release.](#)
- Burlington and Fort Madison join annual JA Titan Competition, while Muscatine students remain champions in Scholarship Round. [Click here to read the full press release.](#)
- Trinity JA Bowl-A-Thon unites JA supporters in 11 communities. [Click for event results](#)
- Alcoa Foundation and MetLife Foundation provide grants to expand high school programs in area schools.
- Alternative high schools participate in JA Finance Park program. [Click here to see JA Finance Park in action.](#)

- The Amy Helpenstell Foundation makes 3-year commitment to support JA's core programs
- JA enters the home to help parents talk to their children about money management through new downloadable tools. [Click here to view tools.](#)
- JA of the Heartland partners with Destination & Travel Foundation to talk to students about career opportunities and the economic effect the industry has on our communities. [Click here to read the full press release.](#)
- JA Golf Classic numbers increase as 4 communities hit the greens to support programs.
- JA of the Heartland achieves milestone of serving 1 millionth student. [Click here to read the full press release.](#)
- JA of the Heartland continues to serve students during the summer months with Boys & Girls Club, Rock Island Housing Authority and YMCA Two Rivers Moline.

JA Impact

During the 2010 - 2011 school year JA of the Heartland served:

- 56,750 students
- 276 schools and youth organizations
- 2,423 classrooms
- Community partnerships: Achieve Quad Cities, Arrowhead Ranch, Augustana College, Black Hawk Area Education Center, Black Hawk Outreach Center, Boys & Girls Club of the Mississippi Valley, East Locust Street Program - CADS, Family Resources, Inc., Genesis Health System, Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa & Western Illinois, Hammond Henry Hospital, John T. Blong Technology Center, Kimberly Center, Lydia Home Association, Palmer College of Chiropractic, QC Building Trades, Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce, Quad City Career and Technical Education Consortium, Rock Island Housing Authority, Safer Foundation, St. Ambrose University, The Moline Foundation, Trinity Health System, Two Rivers YMCA - Moline, and YouthBuild QC.

MetLife Foundation helps JA students develop financial skills

MetLife Foundation awarded JA of the Heartland with a grant to pilot the new program, JA Exploring Economics® This program helps high school students understand the impact they have on the economy as consumers and taxpayers. They also learn important personal financial lessons around spending, saving, and

investing.

To view the JA Exploring Economics video, [click here](#).



"Because of Junior Achievement, I am more aware of the situation our nation is in. I am more prepared for what I need to do in order to survive in the future economy."

-Scarlett, Senior at United Township High School

A special thank you to the volunteers who taught the program:
Peter Britt- McLaughlin Body Company, Ben Brown- Community Bank, Kristen Cadman- John Deere Dubuque Works, Tad Christenson- Community Volunteer, Nate Conrad- Eland Agency, Luke Hawkins- Community State Bank, Andy Katherman- QCR Holdings, Inc., Tedd Knobloch- Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., Rachel Lampe- Junior Achievement- Dubuque, Kelly McKim- Community Bank, Kevan Mellinger- Breuer Agency, Tim Nimrick- Community State Bank, Lou Oswald- Office Supplies 2U, Susie Peterson- Liberty Bank, John Plus- John Deere Davenport Works, Jade Schipper- Community Volunteer, Don Schmidgall- Hawkeye Pedershaab, Michael Slyter- St. Ambrose University, Judy Wolf- John Deere Dubuque Works, Bob Woodward- Alta Vista Research Group, and Danielle Zimmerman- Deere & Company.

New Course for JA Golf Classic: Thunder Hills Country Club

Thursday, September 1, 2011

Peosta, IA



Join us at a new location and help empower young people to own their economic success.

Hurry to register your team today!

Registration deadline is Friday, August 19.

For more information please [click here](#).

How Can I Help?

Special Request: We want to share your JA story with the community. If you have a story about how JA has impacted your life or why you are involved with JA please share it with us. Email your story to Tawnya Hambly at tawnya.hambly@ja.org.

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