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Edward Jones Renews Investment in Junior Achievement of Central Florida & the Space Coast to Expand Workforce Readiness Education

Orlando, Fla. – ORLANDO, Fla. – October 6, 2026 – Junior Achievement of Central Florida & the Space Coast (JACFSC) is proud to announce that Edward Jones has renewed its investment as a corporate partner for the 2026-2027 school year. The continued partnership will help expand career readiness, financial literacy, and entrepreneurship education for thousands of students across Florida, preparing young people with the skills and confidence they need to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

The continued support of Edward Jones builds on the success of last year's partnership, which helped JA Area Offices across Florida bring hands-on and relevant learning experiences to more than 333,000 students throughout the state. Through classroom programs, career exploration activities, and volunteer mentorship, students were empowered to view education as a launchpad to a fulfilling life and a thriving career.

Junior Achievement of Central Florida & the Space Coast works alongside educators, business leaders, and community partners to provide experiential learning that empowers students to become confident, capable, and connected today, all while ensuring they have access to opportunity-filled futures tomorrow.

Edward Jones has partnered with Junior Achievement for more than 20 years, supporting financial education and career exploration through volunteerism and philanthropy. In Florida, Edward Jones financial advisors and associates help inspire the next generation by volunteering in JA classrooms and sharing real-world experiences that bring financial concepts and career pathways to life.

"It is steadfast partners like Edward Jones that make everything we do at Junior Achievement possible," says Karen Revels, President and CEO of Junior Achievement of Central Florida & the Space Coast. "Edward Jones and its financial advisors and associates understand that tomorrow's economy will be built by the students we inspire today, and we at Junior Achievement remain forever grateful for the company's commitment to our mission."

"At Edward Jones, we're committed to making a meaningful difference in the communities where we live and serve," said Arif Fareed, Financial Advisor and Central Florida Community Impact Leader for Edward Jones. "Through our continued partnership with Junior Achievement, we help equip young people with the financial knowledge, career readiness skills, and confidence they need to achieve their goals. We are proud to continue this support and invest in programs that empower the next generation."

About Edward Jones

Edward Jones is a leading financial services firm serving clients across North America, with operations in the United States and Canada. It ranked No. 1 for advised investor satisfaction among 23 wealth management firms in the JD Power 2026 U.S. Investor Satisfaction Study*. More than 20,000 financial advisors serve over nine million clients, with \$2.6 trillion in client assets under care as of June 26, 2026. Edward Jones' purpose is to partner for positive impact to improve the lives of its clients and colleagues, and together, better our communities and society. Through the dedication of the firm's approximately 55,000 associates and our branch presence in 68% of U.S. counties and all Canadian provinces, Edward Jones is committed to helping improve the financial fulfillment for tens of millions of long-term investors across North America by providing comprehensive, personalized planning and professional advice. The Edward Jones website is at www.edwardjones.com, and its recruiting website is www.careers.edwardjones.com. Member SIPC.

About Junior Achievement of Central Florida & the Space Coast

Junior Achievement of Central Florida & the Space Coast (JACFSC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to inspiring and preparing young people to succeed in a global economy. Through hands-on programs in financial literacy, work and career readiness, and entrepreneurship, JACFSC partners with schools, businesses, and community volunteers to help students develop the knowledge and skills they need to own their economic success. Each year, JACFSC reaches thousands of students across Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Lake, Volusia, and Brevard counties through classroom learning experiences, career exploration events, and immersive educational programs. For more information, visit CentralFlorida.JA.org.

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