



JACF Connections

May 2025

Karen's Corner

Dear Friends of Junior Achievement of Central Florida,

As we reach the heart of spring, it's truly amazing to see how much we have accomplished—and how much more lies ahead. At Junior Achievement of Central Florida, we're not slowing down. In fact, we're gaining momentum and reaching more students across Central Florida than ever before!

Our JA Inspire Orange event, presented by STAPLES, was a huge celebration of opportunity, energy, and partnership. Over three incredible days, we welcomed 15,000 OCPS students, introducing them to the exciting career possibilities that await them right here in their own community. JA Inspire continues to be a transformative experience, empowering students to dream big and make informed, confident choices about their futures. To our partners and volunteers—you are the heart of this success. Your commitment to showing up, sharing your time, and believing in our students' potential is truly building a brighter future for Central Florida.

April was Volunteer Appreciation Month, and we are filled with gratitude for every volunteer, educator, and partner who dedicates their time to JA. You are champions of change. Whether you coached a business team, judged a student project, shared your career story, or supported one of our events, you made a lasting impact. You showed our students that their dreams are valid, and that they have a community standing with them every step of the way.

Meanwhile, our 3DE by Junior Achievement seniors have been shining bright! Their year-long Senior Consultancies are wrapping up with powerful final presentations, and it's inspiring to see their growth, innovation, and confidence on full display. These young leaders are not only prepared for what lies ahead—they are ready to lead the way.

Thanks to your unwavering support, we are helping thousands of students discover their path and pursue their boundless potential. If you're looking to get more involved, we would love to welcome you! Visit jacentralfi.org or reach out to us at info@jacentralfi.org.

Thank you for believing in the power of education, mentorship, and community. Together, we are creating a future filled with hope, opportunity, and success.

With heartfelt appreciation,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K Revels".

Karen Revels
President & CEO
JA of Central Florida

To Donate

We Appreciate You!

The dedication of our JA Volunteers is truly inspiring. Your commitment to shaping your lives and sharing your professional experiences is making a real difference in our community. Your continued support helps prepare students for economic success and creates endless opportunities for the next generation.

Thank you for your impactful work with Junior Achievement of Central Florida.

Together, we're building a stronger foundation for their success in school, work, and life.

JA Around Town



Thank you, Contractors, Closers, & Connections of Orlando, for hosting your April event at JACF.

It was a fantastic evening filled with networking and thoughtful conversation about the impact of 3DE by Junior Achievement in Central Florida.



JA Inspire Orange Presented by Staples impacted over 15,000 Orange County Public School

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION



Students. Students had the opportunity to see a growing and thriving workforce pipeline in Central Florida.



The Importance of Financial Literacy



We were proud to celebrate Financial Literacy in April.

Junior Achievement of Central Florida believes in the importance of financial education and empowering the next generation to make smart, informed decisions. Together, we can equip teens with the knowledge and skills to build a strong foundation for their financial future and accelerate economic opportunity. Whether you're an educator, volunteer, donor, or parent, there's a role for you in shaping confident financial futures.

Universal Orlando Resort
Culminating Event by 3DE by Junior
Achievement students at Ocoee
High School.



The AdventHealth team inspiring and preparing the next generation at JA BizTown Pop Up Presented by AdventHealth.



JA BizTown Pop-Up Presented by AdventHealth

JA BizTown Pop-Up Presented by AdventHealth is preparing and inspiring the next generation.

Since March, JA BizTown Pop-Up presented by AdventHealth has provided Osceola County School District 4th graders with an exciting, hands-on experience that brings the real world to life. Students have taken on roles as business owners, consumers, and active citizens—buying and selling goods and services while learning how a community functions.

Through this immersive program, they've developed essential skills in personal finance, business management, teamwork, and critical decision-making.

A heartfelt thank you to our presenting sponsor, [AdventHealth](#), and our partners, [Addition Financial Credit Union](#), [Wells Fargo](#), and [Osceola County School District](#) for their commitment to empowering the next generation of leaders!

3DE by Junior Achievement Senior Consultancy



We're live from **WESH 2 CW18** Studios with the **Oak Ridge High School 3DE Schools Senior**



Our Oak Ridge High School 3DE by Junior Achievement Seniors had



It's time to take the **Osceola High School Senior Consultancy**

Consultancy Project.

The goal was to develop different engagement tools that **WESH 2 CW18** could implement to increase viewership for individuals ages 18-24.

Over the year, students worked closely with **WESH 2 CW18** business professionals to develop and refine their ideas. For their final presentation, the seniors had the opportunity to visit the **WESH 2 CW18** studio and present their ideas to news executives.

A huge thank you to **WESH 2 CW18** for your invaluable partnership and for investing in the future of our students and the Central Florida community!

We're Junior Achievement of Central Florida, back to you, **WESH 2 CW18**!

an incredibly opportunity to collaborate with **AdventHealth** on their Senior Consultancy Project.

The challenge: to design a robust high school engagement strategy that would strengthen **AdventHealth's** presence within the high school community.

Over the course of the year, students worked closely with **AdventHealth** business professionals to develop and refine their ideas. They even had the chance to visit **AdventHealth's** East Campus, where they conducted hands-on market research to better understand the business challenge.

A huge thank you to **AdventHealth** for your invaluable partnership and for investing in the future of our students in Central Florida.

Project on the road to **Valencia College**!

Our seniors were poised and ready to impress the **Valencia College** Business Professionals during their final presentation. We couldn't be prouder of their hard work and dedication.

A heartfelt thank you to our partner, **Valencia College**, for supporting our students throughout the year on this incredible journey!



JA Inspire Orange Presented By Staples

We welcomed over 15,000 students to JA Inspire Orange Presented by **Staples** and showcased a wide range of industries that are growing and thriving in Central Florida.

Thank you to our sponsors and partners who dedicated their time, talent, and treasure over three days. With your help, we empowered students to make informed decisions about their future and strengthened our local workforce.

Volunteer Spotlight: BNY

We want to express our deepest gratitude to BNY for their invaluable support in making JA Inspire Osceola and JA Inspire Orange Presented by Staples a resounding success.

Between our events in Osceola and Orange County, we had 100 incredible and dedicated BNY Volunteers.

In addition to their time and talent, BNY has generously donated over 850 volunteer hours.

The impact these volunteers have had on our students is immeasurable. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to inspiring the next generation.





We are immensely grateful for active and engaged partners like **Wells Fargo**, who are deeply committed to the Central Florida Community.

Thank you for your unwavering support of Junior Achievement of Central Florida. By investing in the education and development of our youth, you are not only empowering them today, but also paving the way for tomorrow's leaders.

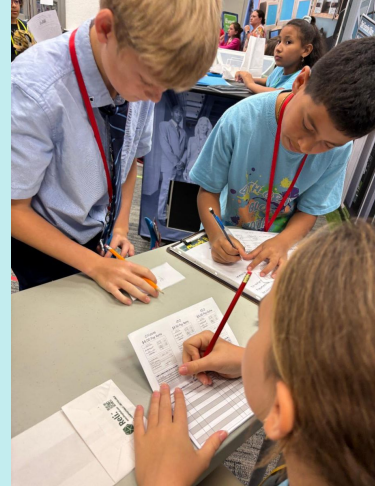
FAIRWINDS Vice President Stresses Importance of Financial Literacy Efforts

We're proud of our board members for their strong support and commitment to Financial Literacy Month. Their dedication helps drive awareness and education

in our community.

"When we invest in financial education - whether through schools, nonprofits, employers, volunteers- we invest in Central Florida's future." - Elisha González, FAIRWINDS Vice President of Community Relations and Government Affairs and Executive Director of FAIRWINDS Foundation.

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Partner Spotlight: Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida

Our 3DE students at East River had an incredible opportunity to visit Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida for their culminating event.

During the visit, students presented their case challenge solutions to Second Harvest executives and received an insightful tour of the facility.

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to our local partner, Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida, for your continued support, time, and dedication. Your unwavering commitment to serving Central Florida makes a

lasting impact on our students and the community.

Join us and Impact
Students

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November 20: Hall of Fame

Your Company's Team Building Bowl-A-Thon
(Email us for more information)

February 3, 2026: JA Inspire Osceola

*must register in advance

Volunteer With Us!



Do you know the facts about Financial
Literacy and Credit? ☐

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State Farm to see if you can get these
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