# LAUNCHING THE FUTURE

**Building Tomorrow's Leaders, Together.** 





# **MISSION**

Junior Achievement of Central Florida (JACF) empowers young people to own their economic success.

Our volunteer-delivered K-12 programs foster work-readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy skills, and use experiential learning to inspire kids to dream big and reach their potential.



From the Desk of JACF President & CEO

Dear Friends and Partners,

At Junior Achievement of Central Florida, we believe in the power of possibility. This past year, we've seen that belief come to life in extraordinary ways – through the curiosity of a fifth grader exploring JA BizTown, the determination of a high school student solving real-world challenges in 3DE, and the confidence of a young adult stepping into their future with purpose.

In 2024–2025, we reached more than 57,000 students across Central Florida, delivering over 650,000 instructional contact hours through

programs that connect education to opportunity. These numbers reflect more than participation – they represent transformation. Every student we serve is one step closer to discovering their potential, defining their path, and becoming a leader in their own story.

Our work is grounded in a bold vision: a future where every young person, regardless of background, has the tools, support, and inspiration to thrive. We are not just preparing students for jobs – we are preparing them to shape industries, lead communities, and solve the challenges of tomorrow.

This vision is only possible because of you. Our volunteers, educators, corporate partners, and donors are the heartbeat of this mission. Your commitment fuels innovation, expands access, and ensures that our programs remain relevant, impactful, and inclusive.

As we look ahead, we remain focused on growth, equity, and excellence. We will continue to listen, adapt, and lead – because the future belongs to those who are prepared, and we are preparing them together.

With deep appreciation,

Karen Revels President & CEO

# WHO WE ARE

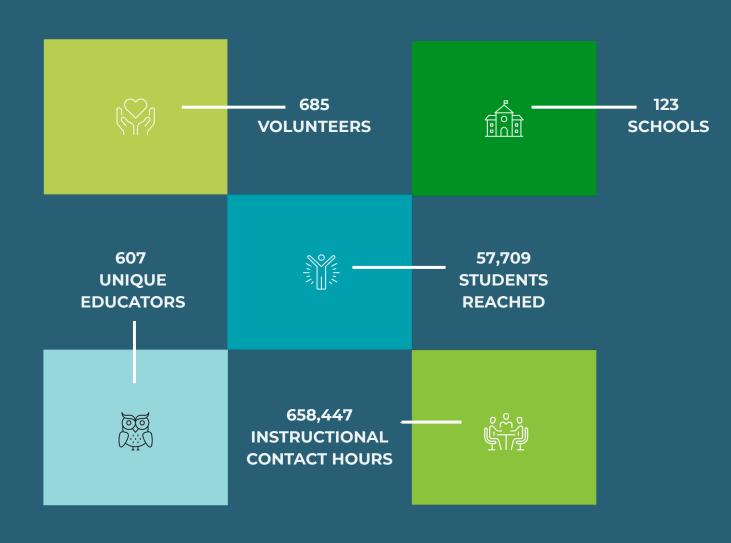
At Junior Achievement (JA) we believe in "possible." Each day, we work to help young people discover what's possible in their lives by helping them connect what they learn in school with life outside the classroom.

JA's curriculum aligns with national and state educational standards and is delivered to thousands of students in Central Florida each year.

It is proven to create a positive impact on the lives of young people.



# By the Numbers





# Programs that make a difference



### 18,518 STUDENTS

participated in a one-of-a-kind career exploration fair.

# IMPACT: INCREASED STUDENT AWARENESS

of career paths and academic relevance.

## FIRST JA INSPIRE -ORANGE

held over the course of three days.

# **Financial Literacy Programs**

# 3,907 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

mastered financial literacy concepts through hands-on and virtual simulations.

66

I learned how to budget for real-life scenarios and feel more prepared for my future.

-Student Quote







## 4,900 **STUDENTS**

gained pratical financial and community infrastructure skills.

## 90% **OF PARTICIPANTS**

felt more confident in their ability to contribute to their community.

66 It was fun helping people deposit their money and showing them how to write in their check registers. -Student Quote





We need more of JA BizTown in our students' educational careers. They learn how to be a good listener, and they learn teamwork and problemsolving.

-Teacher Quote

# Programs that make a difference

# **3DE by Junior Achievement**

3DE by Junior Achievement is an innovative four-year instructional model transforming high school education by embedding real-world case challenges from business partners into core academics. Active in select Orange and Osceola County schools, this "school within a school" approach builds problem-solving, business skills, and academic growth.



#### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Students Reached: 1,288 students

Partnerships: Students tackle real-world challenges presented by national partners such as Home Depot and Arby's, as well as local partners like AdventHealth, Addition Financial and more.

#### **High Student Success Rates:**

#### ATTENDANCE:

Chronic absenteeism trends improve year-over-year.

#### **POST-SECONDARY ENROLLMENT:**

74% at Oak Ridge (Class of 2024) 70.7% at Osceola (Class of 2024)

#### **GRADUATION RATES:**

100% at Oak Ridge HS 98.6% at Osceola HS

#### **OUTCOMES AT A GLANCE**

Academic Growth: 3DE students outpace peers in ELA proficiency by 4.3% (9<sup>th</sup> grade) and 6.3% (10<sup>th</sup> grade).

**Engagement:** Attendance trends surpass non-3DE students, reducing chronic absenteeism.

#### **Post-secondary Readiness:**

Graduates show a 65.9% higher enrollment rate compared to pre-3DE cohorts.





**Keyla Imbert Suarez**, a 2024 graduate of Oak Ridge High School, recently completed her freshman year at Vanderbilt University, where she is majoring in Medicine, Health, and Society. Her journey to Vanderbilt was deeply influenced by her experience in the 3DE program.

After being placed in a 3DE class during her sophomore year, Keyla quickly embraced the program's real-world learning model. She credits 3DE with transforming her academic mindset and helping her develop essential skills like critical thinking, cultural agility, and professionalism.

Through 3DE's partnership with KPMG, Keyla secured a paid summer internship that exposed her to corporate culture and personal branding. At Vanderbilt, she continues to apply the communication and leadership skills gained through 3DE, especially in preprofessional clubs and campus activities.

Motivated by her upbringing in Cuba and a low-income immigrant community in the U.S., Keyla is passionate about improving healthcare access through research and policy.

Her advice to future students: "Do it. 100%. You're going to look back and say 'thank you.'"

## **NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS**

### **ROTARY CLUB OF ORLANDO SCHOLARSHIPS:**

Five 3DE students at Oak Ridge HS were selected by the Rotary Club of Orlando to receive a scholarship.

#### **Arby's National Case** Competition:

Innovation HS students qualified for this prestigious event.

#### Market Expo:

Ocoee HS students hosted their first 3DE Market Expo.

# **Events**

# 47th Mid Florida Business Hall of Fame

Junior Achievement's Hall of Fame showcases leaders who have made exceptional contributions to our region's economic development as a result of their commitment to business excellence. Honorees were celebrated at our most prestigious event of the year on November 13, 2024.



The Honorable Mel Martinez
Former Senator
JPMorgan Chase & Company



Mr. Bill Dymond
Lowndes

#### Laureates

Laureate induction to the Mid-Florida Business Hall of Fame is reserved for prominent Business leaders who have made extraordinary and inspiring contributions to our community over the course of a distinguished career.



**Kay Rawlins**Orlando City SC
Orlando Pride SC

### **Spirit of Achievement**

Honors a local businessperson for their significant contribution to private enterprise.



**Trina Gregory**Se7en Bites

# Entrepreneurial Vanguard

Recognizes a business owner's vision and courage.

# Bowl-a-thon



In FY24, the Bowl-a-Thon brought together **1,666** registered participants in a spirited display of community support and fundraising. To accommodate the enthusiastic turnout, we hosted the event across three bowling alleys: Boardwalk, Altamonte, and Aloma.

This year's event saw outstanding contributions from key partners, with The Walt Disney Company and Disney WDI collectively raising \$143,327.79 and Schwab contributing an additional **\$3,604.00**.

In total, an impressive \$146,931.79 was raised in support of JACF.

# **Driving Dreams Golf Invitational**

The Driving Dreams Golf Invitational was held on December 12, 2024, at the stunning Rosen Shingle Creek. It was a beautiful day filled with camaraderie, competition, and, most importantly, a shared commitment to empowering the future of Central Florida's youth!

This year's event, with a silent auction, raised an impressive \$82,265 in support of Junior Achievement of Central Florida.



# Financial Overview

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Revenue Breakdown

\$2.9M Contributions \$2.0M Program Income

Special Events

\$400K Special Events

### **REVENUE**

 Contributions
 \$ 2,952,118.00

 Program Income
 \$ 2,029,552.00

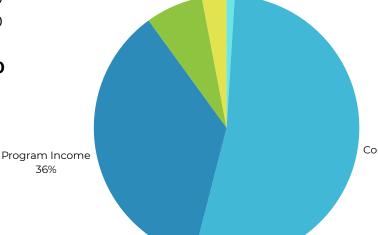
 Special Events
 \$ 339,549.00

 Miscellaneous Income
 \$ 131,518.00

 Investment Income
 \$ 69,443.00

**Total Revenue** 

\$ 5,582,180.00



FY25 Revenue

Misc. Income-3%

Investment Income-1%

## **EXPENSES**

 Program Services
 \$ 2,242,200.00

 Fundraising
 \$ 351,107.00

 Management & General
 \$ 648,610.00

 Special Events
 \$ 204,437.00

Total Expenses \$3,446,354.00

Increase in NET Assets

from Operations \$2,135,826.00



# 1961 Society

\$100,000 +

Mary and Jesse Eisner

\$10,000-\$99,999

Audrey and Patrick J. Knipe Liz and Harry Morehead Jennifer Williams and James Yannucci Terry and Mike Davis

## \$5,000-\$9,999

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The Tompkins Family Foundation Inc.

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## \$100,000+

AdventHealth Dr. Phillips Charities

## \$50,000 - \$99,999

Disnev Bowl-a-Thon VoluntEARS Fairwinds Credit Union **Staples** 

## \$25,000 - \$49,999

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KPMG, LLP

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