



JACF Connections

March 2025

Karen's Corner

Dear JACF Friends,

Spring is here and JA is full steam ahead in the many different initiatives that we employ at Junior Achievement of Central Florida.

Our team is gearing up for JA Inspire Orange County presented by STAPLES, April 2-4 at the Orange County Convention Center. 15,000 eighth-grade students from OCPS will explore various careers so they have hope for their future and see a pathway in our backyard for their success. It is not too late for your company to join us and start to build your future workforce!

The JACF Leadership Council recently hosted The Citrus Social: Networking with a Mission at the Citrus Club. I am inspired by these young professionals who are passionate about making a lasting change in our community. Their next event is the inaugural Cornhole Fundraiser Tournament on March 13th at Forward/Slash Distillery & Blending House. Grab some friends and join us for a friendly competition for a good cause.

Recently, two of our 3DE Schools, Oak Ridge High School and Osceola High School, hosted their Market Expo. This is where they display their companies they have worked all year on launching. I am particularly inspired by this generation's innovation and ideas. Please let me know if you would like to join me for one of the upcoming Market Expos or a tour of a 3DE School - it is educational transformation at its best!

Another big initiative just launched this week, BizTown Pop-Up presented by AdventHealth in Osceola County. This popular learning experience combines in-class learning with a day-long visit to a simulated town. The students operate banks, manage restaurants, write checks, and vote for mayor. I would love to host you at this pop-up experiential learning center and see it in action.

Together, we can ensure every student in Central Florida has access to the tools, knowledge, and experiences they need to succeed. If you'd like to get involved, please visit jacentralfi.org or email us at info@jacentralfi.org.

Thank you for your continued support!

Warm Regards,



Karen Revels

Karen Revels
President & CEO
JA of Central Florida

To Donate

Volunteer Spotlight: Tiffany Jeffers

Tiffany Jeffers is a passionate leader, motivator, and servant with a heart for empowering others to walk boldly in their purpose. As a wife, mother, and dedicated community member, she's committed to inspiring growth, confidence, and leadership in every space she steps into.

"I've been blessed with the opportunity to pour into the next generation - helping young people gain the tools they need for financial literacy, leadership, and a future full of possibilities."

Why she volunteers?

"I believe in the power of planting seeds today that will blossom into greatness tomorrow. Watching young people realize their potential, step into confidence, and dream bigger than they ever thought possible - that's why I show up. If you're thinking about volunteering, just know: it's not just about giving- it's about being part of something bigger than yourself, making an impact that will outlast you."

JA Around Town



The Home Depot Culminating Event for 10th-grade 3DE by Junior Achievement students at Ocoee High School.





11th-grade 3DE by Junior Achievement Business Coaching with Addition Financial Credit Union at Osceola High School.



Top of Class



SIX 3DE by Junior Achievement Seniors at Oak Ridge High School made the Top 10 list for the Class of 2025!

1. Paola-Valedictorian
2. Rosita-Salutatorian
4. Alyssa
6. Yasin
7. Keilla
8. Leamsi

Congratulations! Thank you to all the business partners that have supported these students.

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3DE Guest Tours

The Arby's Culminating Event for
9th-grade 3DE by Junior
Achievement students at East River
High School.



Community leaders, professionals, and those with a heart for giving back gathered at the Citrus Club for the Citrus Social: Networking with a Mission.

Guests were informed about our mission, ways to engage as a Leadership Council Member, and how to impact students through volunteering.

It was a wonderful night filled with meaningful connection and collaboration all in support of Junior Achievement of Central Florida.

If you're interested in learning more about the Leadership Council, reach out to Tyler Cehelnik at 248-444-9430



FORWARD/SLASH

CORNHOLE FUNDRAISER TOURNAMENT

Join the Junior Achievement Leadership Council for an afternoon of cornhole for a cause!

MARCH 13, 2025 | 5:30PM-8:30PM
FORWARD/SLASH DISTILLERY &
BLENDING HOUSE
650 S Capen Ave
Winter Park, FL 32789

Register today at <http://bit.ly/428qeXP> or scan the QR code!



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Proceeds will support the Junior Achievement of Central Florida's innovative 3DE program.

Join the Junior Achievement of Central Florida Leadership Council for a fun afternoon of cornhole for a cause.

This teambuilding competition will be held on March 13th from 5:30pm-8:30pm. Proceeds will support 3DE by Junior Achievement

**Register to
Play!**



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Junior Achievement USA and Staples have teamed up!

Together, we're empowering young people with essential work and career readiness skills. This national partnership will also include collaboration for teenagers and young adults graduating from the JA program and preparing to take their first career steps.

We are incredibly excited to have Staples as a presenting sponsor at JA Inspire Orange and for hosting our 3DE students for the past two years for an interactive behind the scenes field trip to learn more about careers at Staples!



Calling ALL Orange County Businesses!

JA Inspire Osceola was a whirlwind and inspiring day for ALL 8th-grade students in Osceola County.

Next stop: JA inspire to Orange County presented by STAPLES from April 2nd - 4th.

We are calling on all Orange County Businesses to join us and help us impact over 15,000 students. They will walk away with a better understanding of the opportunities that are here in Central Florida.

Volunteers NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed at the following times:

Wednesday, April 2nd: 8:30 am-1:00 pm



Thursday, April 3rd: 9:00 am-2:00 pm
Friday, April 4th: 9:00 am-2:00 pm

[Help us inspire tomorrow's leaders.](#)

**Impact Students at Inspire
Orange!**

**Volunteer at Inspire
Orange!**



We are proud to
announce **Publix Super
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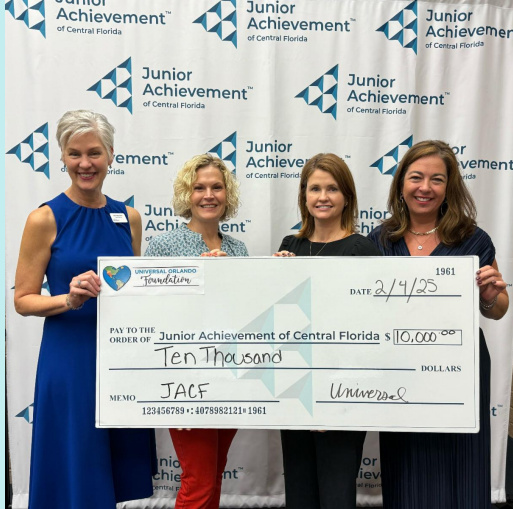
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We are proud to announce **Nemours Children's Health** as a Bronze Sponsor for JA
Inspire Orange!



We are truly thankful for partners like **UNIVERSAL ORLANDO FOUNDATION INC.**, who are dedicated to supporting the students of Central Florida.

Thank you, for your continued support of Junior Achievement of Central Florida. Your investment in today's youth is shaping the leaders of tomorrow.



We are grateful to have **AdventHealth** as a partner, whose unwavering commitment to supporting the students of Central Florida continues to make a lasting impact.

From your involvement in JA Inspire to your support of a 3DE by Junior Achievement Senior Consultancy and as the BizTown Pop-Up Presenting Sponsor, your dedication to nurturing the next generation in our community is truly inspiring.



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Inspiring tomorrow's leaders.

Partner Spotlight: Avant Healthcare Professionals

3DE by Junior Achievement students from Oak Ridge High School learned firsthand, during an educational field trip, about the career opportunities that are available with Avant Healthcare Professionals.

"I want to be a Pediatrician and I learned so much about the healthcare industry today." Jehyna, Student.

Thank you Avant Healthcare Professionals for inspiring our students and your continued support of 3DE by Junior Achievement.

Join us and Impact
Students

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 7: 3DE by Junior Achievement Market Expo (Ocoee High School)*

March 7-9: Disney Bowl-a-Thon

March 10: 3DE by Junior Achievement Tour (Ocoee High School)*

March 13: JACF Leadership Council Cornhole



We're currently seeking enthusiastic volunteers to participate in our Career Speaker Series for the Spring! Your

Tournament.

April 2-4: JA Inspire Orange Presented by STAPLES

April 8: 3DE by Junior Achievement Tour (East River High School)*

April 25: 3DE by Junior Achievement Tour (Innovation High School)*

November 20: Hall of Fame

*must register in advance

Volunteer With Us!

involvement would greatly benefit our mission, and we'd love for you to consider these opportunities and even share them with your colleagues here in Central Florida. We have opportunities in both Orange and Osceola County.

Career Speaker volunteers, share their professional journey with students, inspiring and educating them about different career paths. It's a great way to connect with students and offer them insights into various industries and professions.

Sign up to become a Career Speaker!



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