

END OF FISCAL YEAR REPORT
Prepared by Junior Achievement of the Roaring Fork Valley
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Our Mission

To inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy.

Our Vision

To be recognized by businesses, educators and policy makers as the thought leader and deliverer of relevant, responsive and innovative programs which build young people's capacity to spur economic development and contribute to Colorado and America's global competitiveness.



PROGRAMS IN OUR COMMUNITIES

During the 2014-15 school year, JA volunteers taught 160 classes throughout the Roaring Fork Valley. These classes were taught both in the traditional method of volunteers teaching 5-6 classes during school hours, and also during several "JA in a Day" events. Completed classes were conducted in local schools as follows:

School	Completed Classes
Aspen High School	5
Aspen Middle School	6
Basalt Elementary	13
*Basalt Middle	8
Cactus Valley Elementary (Silt)	2
Carbondale Community	2
*Carbondale Middle	4
Crystal River Elem (Carbondale)	15
Elk Creek Elem (New Castle)	1
Glenwood Springs Elementary	15
Glenwood Springs Middle	20
Graham Mesa Elementary (Rifle)	7
Grand Valley Middle (Parachute)	4
Highland Elementary (Rifle)	4
Kathryn Senor Elem (New Castle)	4
Rifle Middle	8
Sopris Elementary	18
St. Stephen's School	7
Two Rivers Community School	9
Wamsley Elementary (Rifle)	8
TOTAL:	160

*includes JA in a Day programs

JA Classes Offered:

Kindergarten – Ourselves	5th – Our Nation
1st – Our Families	6th – Economics for Success
2nd – Our Community	7th – Global Marketplace
3rd – Our City	8th – It's My Future
4th – Our Region	High School –Personal Finance, Career Success & Be Entrepreneurial

We are THRILLED to report that we have already received requests for JA classes from more than 60 local teachers for the upcoming 2015-16 school year! Before they left for the summer, they contacted JA to be sure they could secure a program for their students next year.

It is our mission to bring these important, real-world classes to the students of the Roaring Fork Valley, focusing on (1) financial literacy, (2) business, economic and entrepreneurial skills, and (3) workforce readiness. In addition, with the financial literacy mandates from the Colorado Department of Education, we are finding new avenues to help teachers meet their required teaching standards.

FUNDING

Junior Achievement of the Roaring Fork Valley operates separately from its parent organization (Junior Achievement of Southern Colorado) and maintains its own budget and solicits funding from our "Calling for Kids" campaign, and also through grant writing.

The financial support that the community provides to Junior Achievement of the Roaring Fork Valley is critical to our budget each year. There are numerous local businesses, individuals, civic groups and foundations that have been very loyal supporters of Junior Achievement of the Roaring Fork Valley for this 2014-15 school year:

Marianne Ackerman
American Furniture Warehouse
Aspen Ski Co.
Linda Austin-Martin
Bank of Colorado
Basalt Education Foundation
Berthod Motors
Bighorn Toyota
Blizzard Internet Marketing
B.P.O.E. Elks Lodge
Nancy Brown
Carl Ciani Insurance Agency
City of Glenwood Springs
City of New Castle
Dalby, Wendland & Co.
Daniels Fund
Days Inn
Downtown Drug
Edward Madigan Foundation
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FirstBank
Jeff & Ginger Franke
Frontier Paving, Inc.
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Garfield County Board of Commissioners
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Juicy Lucy's Steakhouse
Kaup Engineering

Kroger
Jake Lasko
David Loose
Mabel Hughes Trust
Mountain Pest Control
Mountain Radiology
Mt. Sopris Rotary Club
Neil-Garing Insurance
Dan Niedbalski
OSM Delivery
Erin O'Keefe
Paramount Professionals
Sarah Pember
Pitkin Iron Corp.
Lisa Price
Prima Plant Services
Racing Mule Golf Association
Red Rock Diner
Nancy Reinisch
Ridge Runner Construction
Rifle Community Foundation
Roaring Fork Earthmoving
Rotary Club of Aspen
Yuani Ruiz
Debbie Sanderson
Snowmass Village Rotary
Subway
Tom & Roz Turnbull
Town of Basalt
Two Rivers Community Foundation
Umbrella Roofing
United Way of Garfield County
US Bank
Vanderhoof Family Fund
David Vanderhoof & Pam Ruzicka
Vectra Bank
Viceroy Hotel
Vicki Lee Green Realtors
Pete & Gina Waller
Wal-Mart Facility Giving Program
Wells Fargo Bank

VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT

More local community members than ever have donated their time to teach JA programs during the past school year. They represent the following businesses and organizations in the classroom on behalf of JA:

Alpine Bank
Community Banks of Colorado
Bank of Colorado
WJ Bradley Mortgage Capital, LLC
Dalby Wendland & Co.
Office of Dennis Fox, CPA, P.C.
Colorado Mountain College
Western Slope Electric
Laffoon Legal Services
Fairway Independent Mortgage Co.
Olszewski Massih & Maurer, P.C.
Wealth By Design Financial Life Planning
Paramount Professionals/Mountain Radiology
Law Office of Jennifer M. Smith, P.C.
Balcomb & Green, P.C.
Office of Steven Sand, CPA
EZ-IT Computer Repair, LLC
9th Judicial District Attorney's Office

US Bank
FirstBank
ANB Bank
YouthZone
City of Basalt
Amore Realty
Young Services
The Property Shop
Starbucks
City of Rifle
Ace Hardware
Sopris Liquors
Edward Jones
Umbrella Roofing
SolarGlass
Aspen Snowmass Sotheby's
Cowgirl Insurance Services
InterMountain Waste & Recycling

countless other community leaders, business owners, parents and citizens

VOLUNTEER ADVISORY BOARD

- Jessie Johnson (Board President), Branch Manager/ AVP, US Bank, Glenwood Springs
- Dan Niedbalski, Senior Vice President, Alpine Bank, Rifle
- Susan Blizzard, CEO, Blizzard Internet Marketing, Inc.
- Kevin Hettler, CPA, Dalby Wendland & Co
- Yuani Ruiz, Senior Vice President, Alpine Bank, Basalt
- Sarah Hassell, Owner/Manager, Paramount Professionals
- Jake Lasko, Commercial Relationship Mgr., US Bank, Glenwood Springs
- Erin O'Keefe, President, FirstBank, Glenwood Springs
- Michele Gray, Youth Coach & entrepreneur, Aspen Schools
- Clinton Carroll, Commercial Relationship Banker, Community Banks of Colorado
- Lisa Price, Director of Real Estate Sales, Aspen Snowmass Sotheby's International
- Chris Geiger, Attorney, Balcomb & Green

EDUCATOR FEEDBACK

- "Thanks again for setting us up with amazing volunteers! The material was so relevant to our 8th graders, and everyone had very positive feedback re the instructors and the curriculum." — **Glenwood Springs Middle School.**
- "I appreciate my JA volunteer's willingness to work with our class. The lessons are engaging & I believe the experience will stay with our students. It's not easy to teach to a group of kids when teaching is not one's profession, and I appreciate her willingness to bring the community to our school." – **Glenwood Springs Elementary School.**
- "I love that someone from the community comes in and teaches these lessons to our students. I think it's a great experience for the kids and for the community member(s)." – **Basalt Elementary School.**
- "I am so happy to have Ms. K as our volunteer. She is an amazing teacher and my students look forward to her visit...This is my first time with the Junior Achievement program, but I am very impressed with every session." – **Glenwood Springs Elementary School.**
- "I really like the content of the lessons and it's presented in such an engaging, hands-on way. This is my first experience with JA and I'm really impressed." – **Sopris Elementary School.**
- "Our JA volunteer was fabulous!! She was always on time (actually early), totally prepared, fun, always a smile on her face, great classroom management and knew her stuff!!! I would absolutely love to have her teach this lesson in my class again next year! We all really enjoyed our week! Thank you for allowing this great program to come into our classroom." — **St. Stephen's Catholic School.**

