



 <b>22,469</b> students reached 2016-17	 <b>1,184</b> volunteers 2016-2017	 <b>1,102</b> classes 2016-2017
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### JA PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

#### #BizDay

In collaboration with [People's United Bank](#) and [Pullman & Comley](#), Junior Achievement piloted a newly-designed learning experience, #BizDay, a program focusing on providing young women with the tools needed to be successful in pursuing higher education and their future careers. Thirty-three female students from Bridgeport's Central High School attended the half-day program, which began with rotating workshops on Speed Networking, Budgeting, and Mock Interviews held by People's United Bank and Pullman & Comley volunteers. The group also attended a lunchtime panel entitled "Pathways to Success," moderated by Liz Austin, co-chair of Pullman & Comley's Women's Leadership Initiative, and featured Karen Daley, Chief Operating Officer of Optimus Health Care; Madeleine Zuniga, a partner at accounting firm Zuniga, Gallego & Zhunio; and Yvonne Oxley, owner of Komfort Zone, a maker of all natural body and bath products.



"I love that there were many women from different career fields," said student, Ranique. "I loved that I got to know a lot of them and learn that it might not be easy but as long as I try and put my all into it I can do anything I want to."



#### Spring JA Job Shadows

Students throughout Western Connecticut this spring went on-site to visit companies and learn first-hand about various business industries and career paths.

In March, eighteen Derby High School students visited the [Microsoft](#) store in Danbury and shadowed their Service and Product Advisors, Community Development Specialist, and store management. Microsoft also led a LinkedIn workshop, in which students explored ways to develop a professional online brand when seeking career opportunities. The highlight of the day for many students was the opportunity to try out Microsoft's virtual reality equipment. "I enjoyed trying the Virtual Reality and learning about the different jobs people have working at Microsoft," said Brendan, Derby High School.

Thanks to another terrific JA partner, [Tauck](#), twenty-four Kolbe Cathedral High School students had the opportunity to visit Tauck in Wilton to learn about their Finance, Reservations, Human Resources, and Sales departments. Students rotated through the departments, learning about their roles within the company as well as hearing personal career path stories from the Tauck employees. The day concluded with a panel discussion and a Q&A session regarding career tips.

#### Program Spotlight

Thanks to the generous support of [Iroquois Gas](#), Junior Achievement is going into its 10th year of programming at Whisconier Middle School in Brookfield, CT. The program is a huge hit with the educators, students and volunteers alike. With several area businesses including Savings Bank of Danbury, Bank of Montreal, Pitney Bowes, Wells Fargo, General Electric and other community volunteers, students learn about budgeting, risk, and career clusters, and explore how to identify their own skills, beliefs and values in relation to finding a future career. One teacher stated, "Junior Achievement is an amazing program that we are so thankful is funded for us. It teaches our students important life and financial lessons which aren't found in our traditional curriculum. I hope to continue having JA volunteers come to my classroom for this wonderful and enriching program."



### JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT IS TURNING 100!



In 2019, Junior Achievement will celebrate 100 years of serving students throughout the United States and around the world. [Check out](#) what JA has been doing over the past 100 years.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

##### FUNDRAISERS

**Golf Invitational:** Thursday, June 21, 2018 at Greenwich Country Club. Golfers enjoy a round of golf, lunch, dinner, and live and silent auctions. Foursomes and event sponsorships are available. For more information, [visit our website](#) or contact [Rachel Andoh](#) at JA.

##### PROGRAMS

**JA Job Shadow at PerkinElmer:** May 31, 2018 in Shelton. Nineteen AP Chemistry and AP Physics students will attend a Job Shadow at PerkinElmer to learn about their company and the various career paths there.

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