

APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER

WHO ARE WE?

Spring is in full swing, bringing fresh opportunities to inspire and empower students across Hampton Roads! We're grateful to have you as part of the JA family. This newsletter keeps you informed about exciting ways to get involved, upcoming events, and the impact you're helping create.

At Junior Achievement of Greater Hampton Roads, we are committed to preparing K-12 students for success by delivering hands-on programs in financial literacy, career readiness, and entrepreneurship. Our dedicated volunteers bring real-world experiences into classrooms, helping students connect their education to future careers.

Do you know someone who would love to make a difference? Share this newsletter with friends, colleagues, or family members who might want to volunteer! Have feedback or suggestions? Reach out to [Erin Guckin](#)—we'd love to hear from you!



2025 HALL OF FAME LAUREATES
Mr. John Malbon, Mrs. Jennifer Boykin,
Dr. Angela Reddix, and Mr. Tom Frantz





DOT WOOD COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD
2025 JA Volunteer of the Year
Ms. Latisha Brown

VOLUNTEER OPTIONS

Career Fairs & Career Speakers

– Share your career journey with local students! Career speaker sessions are about 45 minutes in a classroom, while career fairs vary between 3-6 hours. Have a friend with an interesting job? Send them our way!

 **JA Days** – Rally your coworkers, friends, or family for a rewarding day of impact! During a JA Day, volunteers take over a school for the day, delivering JA programs in an engaging, fast-paced format. Schools typically need 30-50 volunteers.

 **Classroom Volunteering** – Make a lasting impression by leading JA lessons in local classrooms. Time commitments vary, with options for one-time visits or multi-week sessions (each visit lasting about 45 minutes).

HIGH PRIORITY NEEDS

Career Fair:

April 10th – JA Girls for the Win
Event – VB Advanced
Technology Center – 10AM-
1PM

Career Fair:

April 25th – Coleman Place
Elementary (Norfolk) – 9AM-
3:00PM

Career Fair:

April 25 – Ruffner
Academy Middle (Norfolk)
– 9AM-1:30PM

Career Fair:

May 2nd – Tanners Creek
Elementary (Norfolk) – 9:30AM-
12:30PM

Interested in volunteering? Contact [Erin Guckin](#) or [Jessica Roby](#)

Click [here](#) for a full list of our Spring 2025 Volunteer Opportunities



UPCOMING EVENTS

School Events:



GIRLS FOR THE WIN

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Thursday, April 10, 2025 | 10AM-1PM

📍 Virginia Beach Advanced
Technology Center

This event is for middle school girls from Hampton Roads area schools. Join us for this unique opportunity to connect with successful women within our local business community. Students will hear from women in a variety of non-traditional fields, including STEM, finance, and the trades!

To attend, volunteer, or learn more about this event, contact [Erin Guckin](#).

Fundraisers:

BOWL-A-THON

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April 26, 2025

📍 AMF Chesapeake /
Bowlero

Gather your team for a day of bowling, fun, and fundraising! All proceeds benefit JA programs in local schools. Reach out to [Natalie Ashcraft](#) to book your lanes.



NEW LEADERSHIP



FAREWELL TO PRESIDENT **FRANK HUGHLETT**

Retired Navy Captain, Frank Hughlett, has led Junior Achievement for over 8.5 years, leaving behind a legacy of steadfast leadership and growth. Under his leadership, JA has expanded their reach to over 15,000 students annually, providing critical programs across Hampton Roads schools teaching financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship. Frank's commitment to JA has helped solidify relationships within the business community, securing funding and volunteers. In 2019,

Frank introduced the Junior Achievement Charity Golf Tournament sponsored by Armada Hoffler, which has grown to become the second largest fundraiser annually for Junior Achievement of Greater Hampton Roads.

JAGHR is incredibly thankful for Frank's meaningful contributions and dedicated leadership and wish him fair winds and following seas.



WELCOME PRESIDENT **JEAN GALLIANO**

With over a decade of leadership experience in the commercial banking sector and a deep commitment to community engagement, particularly in underserved areas, Jean is confident in her ability to lead Junior Achievement to new heights. Her leadership philosophy emphasizes collaboration, empowerment, and innovation—qualities that align with Junior Achievement's mission of inspiring and preparing young people for success.

"I am truly honored to join Junior Achievement of Greater Hampton Roads at this exciting time," said Jean. "I've seen firsthand how financial literacy and entrepreneurship can transform lives, and I'm passionate about providing these opportunities to young people in our region. I look forward to working with the talented team at JAGHR to make a lasting impact."

Welcome, Jean! We are excited to see what you bring to JAGHR!

THE IMPACT OF VOLUNTEERING

Your time and dedication are making a real difference! Thanks to our incredible volunteers, Junior Achievement of Greater Hampton Roads provides students with essential financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship programs. With the support of our volunteers from across the business community, we are able to equip over 15,000 students annually with the knowledge and skills they need to build successful futures.

SUPPORT JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT

Your support helps Junior Achievement of Greater Hampton Roads continue providing life-changing financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship programs to students in our community. **Whether through donations, sponsorships, or volunteer referrals, every contribution makes an impact!**

Donate Now – Your donation helps fund classroom materials, student scholarships, and hands-on learning experiences that empower the next generation. Every dollar goes directly toward expanding opportunities for students. Donate [here](#). **OR** donate classroom prizes such as candy, stickers, or stationary supplies! Contact [Jessica Roby](#) to donate supplies.

Volunteer Referral Program – Know someone who would love to get involved? Encourage a friend, coworker, or family member to join our volunteer network and help bring JA programs to even more students!

CONNECT WITH US

Want to stay updated on the latest volunteer opportunities, events, and success stories? Follow us on social media and be part of the JA community!

Follow Us:

Facebook: [Junior Achievement of Greater Hampton Roads](#)

Instagram: [@juniorachievementghr](#)

LinkedIn: [Junior Achievement of Greater Hampton Roads](#)

Website: <https://hamptonroads.ja.org/>

THANK YOU!

Your commitment to inspiring and preparing students is invaluable. Whether you're volunteering in classrooms, speaking at career fairs, or supporting through fundraising events, you're making a lasting impact.

Every hour you volunteer, every dollar you donate, and every connection you make help to strengthen our community. You are the reason students across Hampton Roads have access to the skills and knowledge they need to build successful futures.

Thank you for your passion, dedication, and generosity. We can't wait to see what we'll accomplish together!

With gratitude,
Junior Achievement of Greater Hampton Roads



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