



**Junior
Achievement™**
of Greater Hampton Roads

MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to Junior Achievement of Greater Hampton Roads' May 2025 Newsletter! The end of the school year is near—but there's still time to make a difference! We are closing in on the final chance to reach more students before summer, and we need your help to finish strong.

Know someone who wants to get involved? Share this newsletter and encourage them to join us. Questions or feedback? Reach out to [Erin Guckin](#)—we'd love to hear from you!

WHO ARE WE?

Junior Achievement of Greater Hampton Roads is a nonprofit dedicated to helping young people own their economic success. Through hands-on learning in financial literacy, career readiness, and entrepreneurship, we equip K–12 students with the skills and confidence they need for a brighter future.

Our incredible volunteers bring real-world experience into classrooms, making learning relevant and exciting.

We also host exciting events like [Bowl-A-Thon](#) and a [Charity Golf Tournament](#) to support our mission.

Together, we're building the foundation for tomorrow's leaders—one classroom at a time.

Together, we are shaping the next generation of leaders, innovators, and entrepreneurs!



VOLUNTEER OPTIONS

Career Fairs/Career Speakers

– spend time sharing what you do for a living with local students! Career speakers are typically done in a classroom setting for 45 minutes. Career fairs vary by school and can last 3–6 hours. Do you know someone with a cool job? Please let us know!

JA Days—Have your employees take over a classroom or a whole school for a day! On JA days, our volunteers stay in class for the whole school day to deliver our program from start to finish (instead of multiple-week sessions). Schools will typically need 30–50 volunteers for these events.

HIGH PRIORITY NEEDS

Career Fair:

May 29th – Oscar Smith Middle School (Chesapeake) – 9:00am–12:00pm

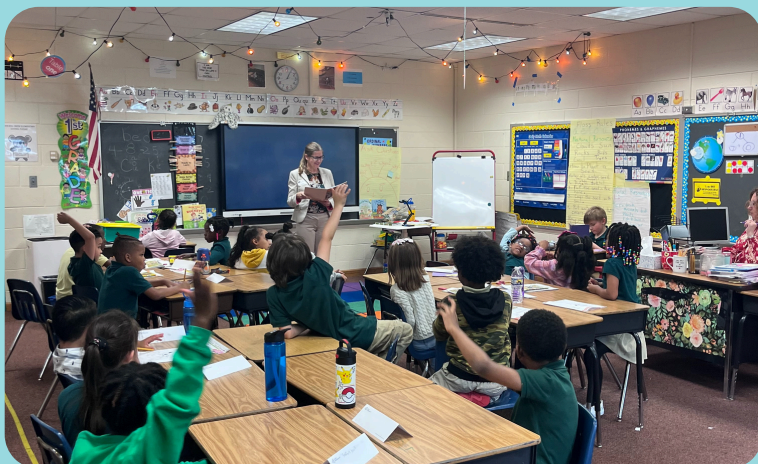
JA DAY:

May 27th & 29th – Chesterfield Academy Elementary (Norfolk) – Grades K–5 – **Two half days instead of one full day – 9am–2pm**

JA DAY:

May 27th – Oceanair Elementary School (Norfolk) – Grades K–5

These are our only remaining volunteer dates for the 2024/25 school year. Don't miss out on the opportunity to give back to the youth of Hampton Roads this school year!



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Donate to JA this Giving Tuesday:



Together we can empower young people to succeed!

GIVING
TUESDAY



We need your support! Please consider donating this week for our annual online giving day, Tuesday, May 6th. Now more than ever we need your help in providing programming across Hampton Roads for area youth k-12 delivering impactful programming in financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship. Click [here](#) to donate now!



Save the Date:

Golf Tournament:
October 2nd, 2025

Bay Creek Resort &
Club

1 Clubhouse Way,
Cape Charles,
Virginia 23310

For event and fundraising information, contact [Natalie Ashcraft](#).

GIRLS FOR THE WIN RECAP

On April 10th, Junior Achievement of Greater Hampton Roads hosted our first-ever Middle School Girls for the Win event—and it was a huge success! While this program is traditionally offered to high school students, we were thrilled to bring this empowering experience to a younger audience for the first time.

Over 150 middle school students from Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Chesapeake, and Portsmouth participated in a full day of career exploration, including breakout sessions and a career fair. Students engaged with professionals across a variety of industries—many of which are typically male-dominated—broadening their perspectives and sparking new interests for the future.

A special thank you to the Virginia Beach Advanced Technology Center for generously hosting the event, and to Clark Nexsen for their sponsorship and continued support. We're also grateful to Dominion Energy and our inspiring keynote speaker, Tonya Byrd, for helping to make the day truly memorable.

This event wouldn't have been possible without the incredible support of our participating companies and volunteers, including: Clark Nexsen, Langley Federal Credit Union, Aubrey Pithwa State Farm, Sentara, Virginia Natural Gas, AECOM, Penguin's SnoBalls, Melanie James: Especially for You, and Dominion Energy.

We're already looking forward to the next Girls for the Win event as we continue to empower young women to take charge of their futures!



Thank you to our KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
Tonya Byrd, Dominion Energy

Thank you to our EVENT SPONSOR:
Clark Nexsen



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](#).

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:

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Instagram: [@juniorachievementtghr](#)

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

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

THANK YOU!

As we approach the end of a remarkable school year, we want to take a moment to thank you for everything you've done. From leading JA lessons to speaking at career events and supporting our fundraisers, your passion and dedication have empowered thousands of students across Hampton Roads. Because of you, students are gaining real-world skills in financial literacy, career readiness, and entrepreneurship—setting them up for long-term success.

But the school year isn't over just yet! There are still a few more chances to make an impact before summer break begins. If you or someone you know would like to get involved, now is the perfect time to give back to the youth of Hampton Roads. We're incredibly grateful to have you as part of the JA family and look forward to ending the year strong—together!

With appreciation,

Junior Achievement of Greater Hampton Roads



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