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District Director's Message: Reaching Rural Students Requires Innovative Partnerships

I'm a product of rural America (and a proud one at that). I grew up in the Nebraska panhandle in a small town not far from my grandparents' farm. Rural communities feed America through farming and ranching and supply most of the country's energy. I hold a passionate view that rural America matters. I also recognize that these communities can suffer from a variety of challenges. The median household income is lower than that of urban locations and young people are leaving rural areas in mass because they can't find jobs. I joined JA-Rocky Mountain as the district director of Northern Colorado and Wyoming in October of 2016, and I believe JA can play a critical role in helping to preserve rural America. [Read more>>](#)

Get Involved

Donate to JA



Current Volunteer Needs

This is JA's busiest time of the year and we need your help to ensure that we can meet educator demand for programs.

[Click here to see a list of volunteer needs and sign up today!](#)

Top Tweet

@JARockyMountain : Nearly 600 @efirstbank employees, friends and family members took over 4 Denver-area bowling alleys to bowl for JA on April 14. Team FirstBank raised more than \$40K for JA students!
pic.twitter.com/4KXshtwZR0



Time is Running Out!



The deadline is approaching for students to register for JA Business Week, presented by Arrow Electronics. Make sure the teens in your life know about this life-changing summer experience! [Register>>](#)

Throughout the week, volunteers are needed to help students practice skills including networking, interviewing, and delivering presentations. No prior training is needed. Workshops take place at Johnson & Wales University. [Sign up>>](#)

JA is WILD About Empowering Young Women



JA Board Member Toti Cadavid (4th from left) with high school students at the WILD Summit

JA-Rocky Mountain partnered with the Women's Council and The Leeds School of Business at the University of Colorado Boulder to inspire 33 high school girls to learn about themselves and the business world by attending the Women Inspiring Leadership Development (WILD) Summit on April 26. This unique event empowers young women to break through personal, professional and societal barriers.

JA Golf Classic

We invite you to join us on June 24 and 25 for the unforgettable JA Golf Classic, presented by RE/MAX, LLC. Whether you sponsor a foursome or a hole, or just attend our Pre-Tournament Dinner and Silent Auction, you're supporting vital JA programs. [Learn more>>](#)

Thank You, Teachers!

Teacher Appreciation Week: May 7 to 11



Each year, 4,000 local educators invite JA into their classrooms because JA volunteers and materials complement their hard work and dedication. Thank a JA teacher today!

JA Bowl-A-Thon on a Roll



The spring JA Bowl-A-Thon season is on a roll thanks to Accenture, ARS Companies, Bank of the West, Colorado State Bank & Trust, Credit Union of Colorado, Encana, Ent Credit Union, FirstBank, Greenberg Traurig, Hensel Phelps, Jonah Energy, KeyBank, Liberty Oilfield Services, Lockheed Martin, Nelnet, Newmont Mining Corp., Pepsi, PLM Asphalt, Prologis, TD Ameritrade, UMB Bank, Western Paper, and Xcel Energy. Employees from these companies bowled in April and have already raised more than \$200,000!

Committed JA Volunteer is on the Move



JA Volunteer Chuck Knezevich

After a career spent in manufacturing, computers and project management, Charles (Chuck) Knezevich now spends much of his free time mentoring young people. In addition to working with high school students through his volunteer work with the Project Management Institute, Chuck has volunteered with JA-Rocky Mountain since 2011, working primarily with elementary school students at schools from Morrison to Thornton and everywhere in between.

Chuck's Jeep Grand Cherokee is only two and a half years old, yet it has 60,000 miles on it. It's fair to say that Chuck is a dedicated volunteer and a man on the move. He has a unique passion for serving young people. [Read more>>](#)

Interested in getting involved with this fun-filled team-building fundraiser? [Contact us>>](#)

A Lot of Energy for JA

Colorado energy companies comprise a large portion of JA supporters. Thank you to the following companies that "power" JA's efforts in classrooms across the state!



Grow Your Personal Network



JA Engage is a growing community of young professionals in the Metro Denver area from various industries. JA Engage members are innovative, energetic, and philanthropic young professionals who are committed to personal growth and giving back to the community. [Learn more>>](#)

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