

District Manager's Message: Helping Other Educators Bring Vital Programs to Students

The culture of JA is a decidedly mission-driven one, and I am proud to work with so many dedicated, passionate professionals. This month, in lieu of a president's message, I've asked District Manager Sally Messinger, a former teacher, to share her JA story. [Read Sally's story about supporting the work of other educators](#). -Robin

Get Involved



Join JA's Volunteer Needs Email List

Learn about JA's current volunteer needs in the Metro Denver area and sign up to help when you can! The no-frills email list will be sent no more than twice per month (fewer during school breaks). [Sign up>>](#)

13th Annual JA Stock Market Challenge Corporate Event

The JA Stock Market Challenge corporate event, presented by [Bank of America](#) and sponsored by [Husch Blackwell](#), raised \$212,000 and engaged more than 325 adults in competing for the highest net worth and highest portfolio growth. In the end, SM Energy took home the trophy for highest net worth. The Trading SCHWab team from Charles Schwab was recognized for their 311% rate of growth.

Proceeds from the corporate event ensure that students can participate in the student JA Stock Market Challenge at no cost. [View event photos>>](#)

JA Launch Lesson

The JA Launch Lesson initiative, designed to coincide with National Entrepreneurship Month, puts entrepreneurs into classrooms throughout our community to share what inspired them to start their own businesses and to open students' eyes to the opportunities provided by entrepreneurship.

Entrepreneurs interested in participating in this one hour volunteer opportunity can contact [Leah Caputo](#).

Schedule Your Colorado Gives Day Donation

When you give to JA on Colorado Gives Day, the value of your donation is boosted by the FirstBank Incentive Fund.

Make a difference now, by scheduling your contribution to be processed on Colorado Gives Day! [Schedule your donation today!](#)

PEBC Superintendent Forum

JA is proud to be a sponsor of the Public Education & Business Coalition (PEBC)

Superintendent Forum to be held on Dec. 7, in the Seawell Grand Ballroom at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts. [Click here to register.](#)

Teens Gain Hands-on Investing Experience in a Live, High-tech Stock Trading Simulation

Students from 38 Colorado high schools converged to compete at the 2017 JA Stock Market Challenge, presented by [Bank of America](#) and sponsored by Businessolver and JE Dunn, on Nov. 2 and 3. The JA Stock Market Challenge is a live stock market simulation game, featuring teams of students who compete to see who can grow their initial \$500,000 investment into the largest net worth mock stock portfolio. Following are the teams that took home the top trophy in each session.

1st Session: Castle View High School Team 1 (\$1,057,254.66)
2nd Session: Regis Jesuit High School Team 4 (\$1,085,206.39)
3rd Session: Boulder High School Team 9 (\$1,323,412.66)
4th Session: Colorado Academy Team 3 (\$1,156,089.42)

[Watch the 9News story>>](#)

The corporate JA Stock Market Challenge in Fort Collins will be held on Nov. 9, and the student events will be held on Nov. 10. For more information, contact [Elizabeth Winn](#) at 303-319-6435.

Bank of America: Helping People Achieve Their Vision of Success

Bank of America volunteers help students learn about investing at the JA Stock Market Challenge

Through their partnership with Junior Achievement, [Bank of America](#) has consistently demonstrated their commitment to improving the financial lives of individuals, families and businesses in Colorado. Bank of America goes beyond providing financial services to people by fostering economic and social development. They recognize that helping people achieve their vision of success is vital to driving growth, which inspires them to support Junior Achievement youth in a number of ways. [Read more>>](#)

JA-Rocky Mountain Welcomes the Following Individuals to the Board of Directors

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| Scott Bell | Jim Renshaw | Shari Wenker | Jack Collins |
| Pepsi Bottling Group | Land Title | Accenture | BP |

Jeff Finn Brings Entrepreneurial Insights into the Classroom

November is National Entrepreneur Month, and what better way to celebrate than honor one of JA's volunteers who has excelled in their entrepreneurial career?

Jeff Finn

Meet Jeff Finn, a successful Denver entrepreneur who has over 25 years of experience in the high-tech, telecom and

software industries.

The education and guidance that helped launch Jeff on his career path inspired him to start volunteering for JA in 2007.

[Read more>>](#)

Gil E. (1933-2000) and James M. Johnson: 2018 Colorado Business Hall of Fame Laureates

As chief executive officer of G.E. Johnson, Jim Johnson is building on his father's legacy, not just following it. The company is Colorado Springs' largest locally owned and operated commercial builder, and one of the biggest in the state and the Rocky Mountain region. Through the years, G.E. Johnson has either built, expanded or renovated all or portions of some of the

Jim Johnson

highest profile structures in Colorado Springs. Outside of Colorado, G.E. Johnson has worked on schools, hospitals, prisons, high-end resort housing and advanced technology buildings. The company culture founded by Gil carries on no matter the project or location: caring and commitment to family and community. Jim's passion for community service and client satisfaction drives him as he continues to lead the company in its 50th year of operation. [Read more>>](#)

Gil and James Johnson, and all of the 2018 Laureates, will be inducted at the 29th Annual Colorado Business Hall of Fame Dinner, on Thursday, Jan. 25, 2018. The event is generously underwritten by UMB Bank.

JA Heritage Society

If you choose to include JA-Rocky Mountain in your estate plans, please [let us know](#). We value the opportunity to express our gratitude through our JA Heritage Society. [Learn more>>](#)

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