



President's Message: Starting Things Up

Fall typically is a time of dormancy – trees lose their leaves, days are shorter and we all prepare for winter. In other words, it's sweater weather!

At JA, however, fall is about starting things up. In September, we hosted the first students of the school year at JA Finance Park, held our first JA in a Day, welcomed the first group of Eagle County students to Denver for JA Destination Success, and launched an exciting partnership with Denver Startup Week and Young Americans Center for Financial Education to introduce students to entrepreneurship. [Read more>>](#)

Get Involved



Enjoy the Reward Without the Risk

Volunteers Needed

Students from our mountain communities will be traveling to Denver this fall for JA Destination Success. We need volunteers to help guide them through the JA Finance Park experience. [Sign Up>>](#)

[JA Stock Market Challenge](#) is fun at its most competitive.

Denver's Corporate Event

Presented by [Bank of America](#)

Sponsored by [Husch Blackwell](#)

Nov. 2, 2017 | 6pm | Cable Center, University of Denver

For more information, contact [Ellie Jordan](#) at 303-628-7366.

Cordillera Golf Experience

JA was the Charity Partner of the Cordillera Golf Experience, Colorado's ultimate golf and leisure weekend, on Sept. 16 and 17.

JA-Rocky Mountain President & CEO Robin Wise spoke at the après golf dinner about the plans to expand the reach of JA programs to students in the mountain communities.

Northern Colorado's Corporate Event

Nov. 9, 2017 | 6pm | Drake Center, Fort Collins

For more information, contact [Elizabeth Winn](#) at 970-490-1035.

In addition to attending one of the corporate events, you can also help prepare high school students to compete in the student version of the JA Stock Market Challenge by facilitating two, 45-minute classroom-based lessons. We also need event-day volunteers.

The student events will take place on Nov. 2 and 3 in Denver and on Nov. 10 in Fort Collins. JA is able to offer this incredible program to schools at no cost thanks to Presenting Sponsor Bank of America and Student Event Sponsors BusinessSolver and JE Dunn. [Learn more>>](#)

Young Entrepreneurs Experience Denver Startup Week

For the first time, Junior Achievement and Young Americans Center for Financial Education partnered with [Denver Startup Week](#) to provide exciting opportunities for youth to join the entrepreneurial movement. On Sept. 26, Young Americans Center for Financial Education gave aspiring and established business owners age 6 to 18 a chance to participate in the YouthBiz Marketplace & Expo. On Sept. 28, JA provided the Youth Early Access program. In small groups, more than 100 local high school students were guided by local entrepreneurs through some of Denver Startup Week's most popular sessions. Students also attended sessions designed just for them including a special welcome session led by Ryan Harris and Tami Door. [View Event Photos>>](#)

Top 10 Company Volunteer Providers

We would like to specifically recognize our top 10 company volunteer providers. Volunteers from these companies had 1,280 volunteer experiences during the 2016/17 school year.

[Otterbox](#)

[FirstBank](#)

[AT&T](#)

[Charles Schwab](#)

[Anadarko](#)

[Wells Fargo](#)

[Nelnet / 5280 Solutions](#)

[Kaiser Permanente](#)

[Bank of the West](#)

[Bank of America / Merrill Lynch](#)

Barbara Grogan: 2018 Colorado Business Hall of Fame Laureate

Barbara Grogan founded Western Industrial Contractors. Through the years, Western became a nationally recognized industrial construction company. They worked throughout the nation for major national companies and on security systems and baggage handling systems at more than 300 airports. Grogan has served on several corporate boards. She was the first female chairman of the board of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Denver Branch, and was the first female chairman of the Greater Denver Chamber of Commerce. In addition to business development initiatives, Grogan is deeply involved in the nonprofit community. Since her retirement, Grogan has focused her time and energy primarily on children and family issues, with an emphasis on education. [Read more>>](#)

Grogan, and all of the 2018 Laureates, will be inducted at the 29th Annual Colorado Business Halls 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>>](#)

JA Volunteer Prepares Students to Become Financially Savvy Adults

Serving her community's financial needs is part of Lauren Money's job. Lauren is the vice president of enterprise risk administration and the Community Reinvestment Act/fair lending officer at Colorado Federal Savings Bank.

Your Old Car Can Empower Kids

Do you or someone you know have an old car, truck or RV to donate? [Donate online>>](#)

When Lauren stepped into this role in October 2016, the bank already had a relationship with JA, and Lauren immediately started volunteering – a lot! Since last October, she has taught 11 JA classes and is getting ready to start two more this semester. [Read more>>](#)

EY: Building a Better Working World Through JA

EY is an incredible partner to JA areas across the Americas. EY's senior professionals serve on more than 40 local JA boards across the US, Canada and South America, and EY employees volunteer at countless JA events throughout the year. JA USA honored EY in 2015 with a Gold Level US President's Volunteer Service Award, because EY provided more than 15,000 volunteer hours during the year.

Locally, EY employees volunteer annually at Greenwood Academy as part of EY Connect Day. [Read more>>](#)

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