

The Daniels Fund JA Dream Accelerator

The Daniels Fund JA Dream Accelerator is an interactive and responsive career exploration experience that inspires high school students to develop a plan to pursue a meaningful career and future.

This exciting experience helps students realize their strengths and interests and how they align with a variety of career choices. Students are motivated by insights from emerging entrepreneurs and stories of Colorado visionaries, tailored to each student's interests and aptitudes. Volunteers guide students through each of the interactives and share their own real-life experiences to encourage them to think deeply about their future.

JA provides comprehensive learning resources for in-class lessons before and after students' visit to the Daniels Fund JA Dream Accelerator. Curriculum is customized to each student's experience, guiding them through a process to identify, research, refine, and pursue their goals.

THE DANIELS FUND JA DREAM ACCELERATOR SUPPORTS THE FOLLOWING:

Colorado Department of Education High School Standards

- Analyze the impact of education, skill development, and cost of living factors related to income
- Set goals and monitor progress on attaining goals for future success

Colorado Essential Skills

- Demonstrate awareness of how dreams and interests translate into career pathways at local, regional, national, and global areas
- The ability to plan and set realistic goals can lead to a sense of well-being and positive mental health

ICAP Requirements

- What is your greatest hope for next year/your future?
- What colleges/careers/military branches have you researched and how might this research support you in the future?
- What are your future goals and what steps do you need to take in order to accomplish these?



Visit Details

Up to 40 students can experience this discovery center per session

Sessions last 1.5 hours and educators can choose from two different time options

Students will rotate through six experiences

Located inside the JA Free Enterprise Center (6500 Greenwood Plaza Blvd., Greenwood Village)

The Daniels Fund JA Dream Accelerator includes two lessons prior to the visit and two lessons after the visit. The lessons are educator-led and required to be completed to ensure a meaningful experience for students. All materials are provided by Junior Achievement.



Pre-visit lesson objectives

Students will be able to:

- Analyze and examine results of an interest inventory assessment
- Identify top career, education, and training opportunities based on personal interests and aptitudes
- Discover entrepreneurial characteristics in order to develop growth mindset strategies
- Reflect on assessment results

During their visit students will participate in six interactive experiences

- Introductory Film – Inspires students to be excited about the legacy of entrepreneurship in Colorado and their role in continuing that legacy through their own future
- Picture Your Strengths – Gain perspective on how their personal qualities, strengths, and aspirations can provide the foundation for passion-driven careers
- Colorado Business Hall of Fame Laureates – Discover how the careers of laureates match their own interests
- Reality Check – Understand the costs that are associated with their anticipated adult lifestyle
- Entrepreneurial Mindset – Educates students on the key attributes of the entrepreneurial spirit
- Visualization – Illustrated mural engages students to consider their future goals and greatest hope

Post-visit lesson objectives

Students will be able to:

- Analyze their career interests and alignment with Picture Your Strengths experience results
- Assess the entrepreneurial characteristics exemplified by a Colorado visionaries
- Reflect on lifestyle aspirations from the Reality Check experience considering the cost of education and training
- Create short- and long-term goals and next steps based on their reflections
- Have the confidence and knowledge to share their future goals with parents/guardians

Designed by Gallagher and Associates, the creative designers behind the Spy Museum, the College Football Hall of Fame, and the US Olympic Museum, just to name a few – the Daniels Fund JA Dream Accelerator will be a place for discovery.

Registration for the Daniels Fund JA Dream Accelerator is now open!
For more information email DreamAccelerator@jacolorado.org

