



100 YEARS. **100% READY.**



2021 may be wrapping up but at the North Central Ohio office, we are doing anything but! With the JA Company Program launching in 7 schools, JA Inspire re-opening earlier this month and JA programming in classrooms across our 15 counties, we continue to advance the mission of student empowerment into 2022.

It is an exciting feeling to watch a new class of high school students begin their journey of building a company. **The teamwork, creativity and problem-solving bring a sense of anticipation;** how will this company look in seven months? What challenges will they have

overcome? How will team members grow during the process?

I enjoy seeing the potential of the students we serve. Over the course of a class, our team has the privilege to witness promise become passion. **That is the legacy of your generous support.** Thank you!

P.S. Considering a new career for the new year? Find out how you can join the JA team below!

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Season of Giving

It has truly been a Season of Giving, thanks to you

This past August, we hosted our **A Community Thrives drive**. You blew past our \$6,000 fundraising goal to help us raise a total of **\$10,357**, making JA eligible for further grant awards through the Gannett Foundation! On **Giving Tuesday**, your support meant an additional **\$5,000** was donated for local students.

Thank you for paving the road of future success for youth in your community by investing - and believing - in their tomorrows.

Haven't given yet?

There is still time - donate below!

Looking for tax smart options? Contact [Lori McCleese](#)!

Give Today for Brighter

We're Hiring!

Looking for a new career opportunity in 2022? **Join the JA team!**

We have two career opportunities, [Entrepreneurship Pathway Manager](#) and [Western Territory Program Manager](#).

Interested? Get full position details below!

[Read more!](#)

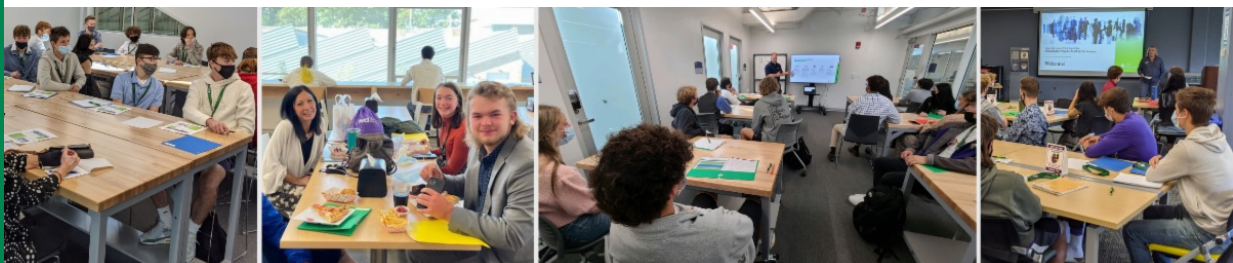
3-2-1... *Lift Off!*

Students kick off their JA Company Program experience

Like the latest NASA rocket taking off, high school students officially launched their **JA Company Program experience October 19th at the JA Company Start Up Conference (at LaunchNet at Kent State University)**. After a presentation from Amy Wong, JA Board member and founder of DotOrg Solutions, students from GlenOak, North Canton Hoover, Jackson and Lake High Schools divided into small workshops. Lead by industry experts, teens had the opportunity to learn practical advice and network with peers.

Overall, students enjoyed:

- Talking with “**people who have been through starting a business** on their own before”;
- “**Getting to know other people** from different schools”; and
- Learning that “sometimes being a leader doesn't mean that the leader does all the talking; it means **encouraging other team members** to voice their opinions and be leaders as well.”



Many thanks to our host and wonderful presenters: LaunchNET and KSU; Robert Chandler (Focus CFO), Shon Christy (Shon Christy Social), Helene Moncman (McElroy Packaging), Matthew & Jennifer Petruzzi (TX USA), Aaron Pike (finlit), Gavin Williams (finlit) and Amy Wong (DotOrg Solutions).

It's Official

Senate Bill 1 (SB1) passed! This means financial literacy is now a graduation requirement for all Ohio students. We are currently discussing options for our school partners to help meet this need. Contact [Denice Schafer](#) for more information.

Want to know more about JA's financial literacy offerings? Explore our [Program Page!](#)

Calling All JA Alumni!

Did you have JA programming as a student? **We'd love to hear your story!** Sign up for details below!

*Share Your JA
Story!*

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