

Junior Achievement of Central Illinois



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Mission

Inspiring and preparing young people to succeed in a global economy.

Vision

Junior Achievement empowers youth to own their economic success as the leading provider of work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy education for students in grades K-12 in central Illinois.

Junior Achievement is the world's largest organization dedicated to giving young people the knowledge and skills they need to own their economic success, plan for their future, and make smart academic and economic choices. While JA is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, we are managed with a business mindset. Our business is helping the community grow through youth education and economic development. Junior Achievement of Central Illinois is a local organization, partnering with area businesses and organizations to recruit volunteers and donors just like you! All funds raised locally stay local to serve students right here in central Illinois.

JA's volunteer-delivered K-12 programs foster work-readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy. Students learn valuable skills from experiential lessons in the classroom. With the help of community and business volunteers, JA students develop the skills they need to experience the realities and opportunities of work and entrepreneurship in the 21st-century global marketplace.

Junior Achievement's unique delivery system provides the training, materials and support necessary to bolster the chances for student success. Business people and local community leaders visit classrooms just a few times or throughout the semester. They volunteer to share their workforce experience with students, all while teaching sound economic principles and reinforcing class curricula. Nine out of

10 teachers believe experiential learning is effective in getting students interested in higher education and careers.

Junior Achievement of Central Illinois currently serves participating schools and organizations in the following counties: Logan, McLean, Peoria, Sangamon, Tazewell and Woodford.

How to Help

To sign up as a volunteer or make a donation, visit centralillinois.ja.org or call (309) 682-1800. Each school year, JA of Central Illinois mobilizes hundreds of dedicated, well-trained volunteers, ranging from CEOs to college students, young professionals to retirees. They serve as invaluable role models, helping students understand the important role of education in their future success.

After completing a training session and getting acquainted with the curriculum, volunteers commit to spending between five and eight hours in a classroom, depending on the grade level. That's right: only five to eight hours! Generally consisting of weekly visits, teachers and volunteers plan the schedule that works best. You pick the grade level you'd like to teach, you pick the school you'd like to visit, you pick the schedule. It's that easy!

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Upcoming Events

JA Scares & Spares Bowl-a-Thon
October 19, 2017
Landmark Lanes, Peoria

**Central Illinois Business Hall of Fame
Laureate Induction Ceremony**
March 1, 2018
Peoria Marriott Pere Marquette

JA Stock Market Challenge
May 9, 2018
Par-A-Dice Hotel, East Peoria