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2026 IMPACT REPORT

JASCKY SPECIAL EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS:

Distinguished Business Hall of Fame

On April 30, 2026, Junior Achievement of South Central Kentucky hosted the annual Distinguished Hall of Fame breakfast, celebrating the induction of Mike Buchanon as our 2026 Hall of Fame Laureate, and Julie Denton-Price, our 2026 Hall of Fame Trailblazer Award Winner. With over 350 attendees, the event honored these individuals for their exceptional leadership, innovation, and lasting contributions to the South Central Kentucky region. The Hall of Fame was established in 1992 to honor extraordinary individuals who have made significant contributions to our region's economy and the quality of life we enjoy. These individuals epitomize the concepts that Junior Achievement stands for: entrepreneurial spirit, leadership, innovation, and community commitment, as well as provide inspiration for the next generation.

In addition, Med Center Health was presented the inaugural Volunteer of the Year Award. Their dedication exemplifies the very best of what it means to be a JA volunteer, and we are incredibly grateful for the difference they continue to make in the lives of young people.



Chili & Cheese Community Celebration

The JA Chili Cheese Luncheon, held in partnership with the Western Kentucky University Alumni Association, has become a beloved community tradition during Western Kentucky University Homecoming week. This collaborative event brings together alumni, local businesses, community leaders, students, and families to celebrate Hilltopper spirit while supporting Junior Achievement's mission. The luncheon not only serves as a fun and festive gathering during one of the community's most anticipated weeks of the year, but also highlights the strong partnership between JA and WKU in preparing young people for "what's next".



Bowl for JA

Bowl for JA continues to be one of Junior Achievement of South Central Kentucky's most successful and engaging fundraising events, bringing together businesses, community leaders, and supporters to invest in the future of local students. Due to the tremendous growth and enthusiasm surrounding the event, JA successfully expanded Bowl for JA into a two-day experience, allowing even more teams and organizations to participate. The expansion increased community involvement, strengthened partnerships, and generated additional support for JA's financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship programs that serve students across the region.

Interested in learning more about special events? Contact lauren.griffing@jaforkids.com

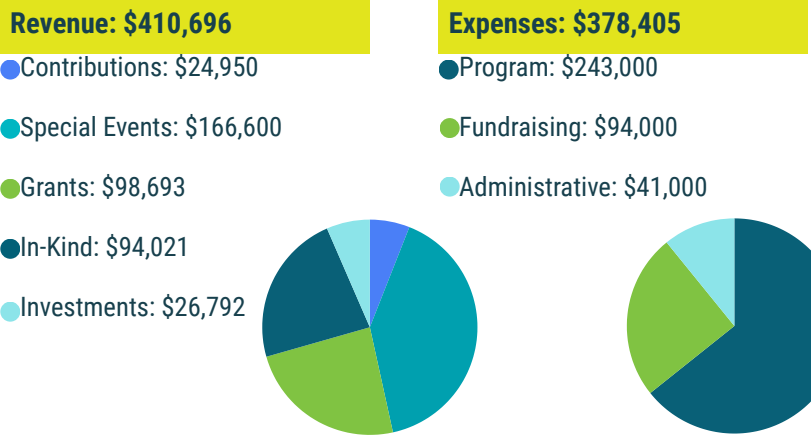
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Celebrate 45 Years with Junior Achievement of South Central Kentucky



Dear Friends,

Every day at Junior Achievement of South Central Kentucky, our dedicated team and Board of Directors work to empower young people to reach their fullest potential. Through hands-on programming focused on financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship, we connect classroom learning with real-world experiences. Students discover they have the power to shape their futures, navigate an increasingly complex world, and pursue their dreams with confidence. At JA, we do more than teach practical skills — we cultivate hope, opportunity, and a belief in what’s possible.

As we look ahead, we are proud of all we have accomplished, yet we know our work is far from finished. Our vision is to ensure that economic mobility and opportunity are truly within reach for every young person we serve. We are committed to expanding and modernizing our high school programs, strengthening our job shadow and career readiness initiatives, and continuing to support and inspire our K–5 students as they begin to imagine their futures.

As you review this update, we invite you to invest in tomorrow’s consumers, employers, innovators, and community leaders. Whether through volunteering or charitable support, your partnership helps shape what’s next and builds a brighter future for generations to come.

Warm regards,



Corie Martin
Board Chair



Lauren Griffing
President

Make an Impact

Every dollar you give stays right here in our community to fund hands-on programs in financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship. Scan the QR code to invest in a student’s future today—your support helps inspire the next generation of leaders, creators, and innovators!



JASCKY Program Highlights

Junior Achievement Mock Interviews: Junior Achievement Mock Interviews allow students to build confidence and strengthen their interviewing skills through personalized, one-on-one practice sessions. Students meet with local business professionals, answer common interview questions, and receive personalized feedback on their communication, appearance, and professionalism. This experience helps students gain confidence, improve workplace readiness skills, and better understand what it takes to make a strong first impression.

Junior Achievement Classroom Programs: Through Junior Achievement’s volunteer-led classroom programs, students experience learning beyond the textbook. Interactive lessons encourage students to explore career opportunities, understand financial decision-making, and develop an entrepreneurial mindset. By engaging directly with community volunteers and participating in hands-on activities, students gain practical knowledge that helps them connect today’s learning to tomorrow’s opportunities.

JA Girls: JA Girls is an empowering experience designed for 8th-grade young women who possess unique talents, strengths, and tremendous potential. Through mentorship from local female business leaders, meaningful conversations, and engaging hands-on activities, students are encouraged to embrace their individuality, build self-confidence, and envision a future filled with opportunity. This experience provides a supportive space where girls can discover their strengths, build connections, and gain the confidence to pursue their goals both in school and beyond.



What’s New at JASCKY

Junior Achievement of South Central Kentucky continues to grow its impact across the region through expanded programming and career readiness opportunities for students. JASCKY is excited to expand JA Girls into additional counties, providing more young women with access to mentorship, leadership development, and career exploration experiences. We are also increasing the number of job shadowing opportunities and senior seminars offered throughout our service area, helping students gain real-world exposure, workplace skills, and valuable insights as they prepare for life after graduation.

We are excited to strengthen partnerships across South Central Kentucky in providing curriculum that meets educational state standards, expands access, and helps close the economic opportunity gap. This progress supports our vision to modernize high school programming, so every student has the tools need for long term independence and success, while also giving educators the resources they need to meet state mandates and curriculum standards that prepare our young people for the workforce.

JASCKY by the NUMBERS:

6,059
Students
Served



151
Volunteers



258
Classrooms



27,618
Contact Hours



Testimonials

“Junior Achievement has been a foundational partner for many decades serving the students of Warren County and the surrounding areas. The exposure they provide students to real world skills in financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and work readiness along with in-class volunteers is hard to quantify. As a business owner, we see what happens when these concepts aren’t taught because they become the issues we must manage. Individuals with financial education and security are set on a much different trajectory than those without. I’m thankful to be part of this organization and proud of the impact it has made in our community.”



Julie Denton
Co-Owner, BlueCotton
JASCKY Trailblazer
Award Recipient

“The value that Junior Achievement of South Central Kentucky bring to our youth is truly immeasurable. We are blessed to have terrific school systems in our area, and the addition of the services JA brings, financial education taught by real life practitioners greatly adds to our next generation’s real-life opportunities. Financial knowledge, independence and freedom all together helps bring them a bright future!”



Rick Wilson
Chair, JASCKY
Hall of Fame Selection
Committee

“(Mock Interviews) Gave our students the closest thing to real world interview experience as we can give. The guests always do such a great job pouring into our students and giving excellent feedback.”



Will McCoy
Teacher,
Franklin Simpson
High School