

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF JA OF OKI PARTNERS

For more than 70 years, Junior Achievement has made it possible for thousands of Tristate area K-12 students to have the JA Experience. Our formula is simple – we equip accomplished community volunteers with our proven programming and send them into the classroom to join teachers in instructing students on the basics of money, careers, and business...and it works.

Independent studies reflect the value of Junior Achievement. Students exposed to JA tend to perform better academically, have higher graduation rates, are more prepared to make career choices, and experience greater social mobility. Perhaps more importantly, Junior Achievement endeavors to help kids understand the connection between personal responsibility, hard work perseverance, and success – lessons that have never been more relevant.

JA continues to innovate in order to continue our important work. We have added to our menu of delivery options a broad array of virtual programming. These options include our traditional multi-lesson programs as well as free standing lessons and activities.

Junior Achievement is indeed changing lives by empowering young people to own their economic success. Just in the Tristate alone, nearly 47,000 students benefited from our programs this past academic year, and the demand continues to grow.

I want to thank all of the volunteers, teachers, donors and community leaders who make Junior Achievement of OKI Partners successful.

All the best,

Jeff Taylor

