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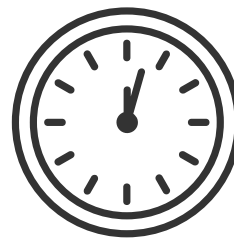
## 2023-2024 YEAR END IMPACT REPORT

# 10,316

Ten Thousand, Three Hundred Sixteen

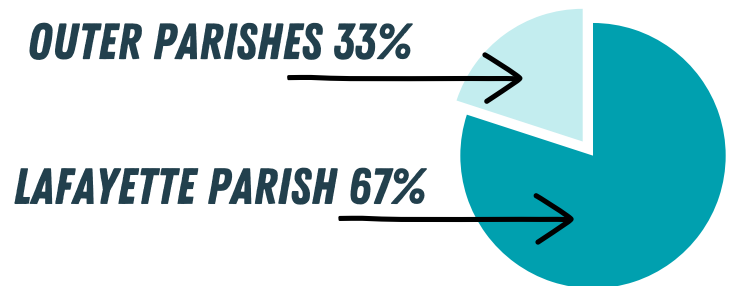
K-12 GRADE STUDENTS MENTORED

<b>JA IN A DAY</b>	<b>4,486</b>
<b>MENTOR PROGRAMS</b>	<b>305</b>
<b>SPEAKER SERIES</b>	<b>5,530</b>
<b>FINANCE PARK</b>	<b>300</b>



# 31,805

**MENTOR HOURS**



This could not have been possible without the generous support of all our partners and volunteers. **YOU** made this happen! **YOU** helped reach over 10 thousand students! **YOU** helped to inspire and prepare young people for economic success.

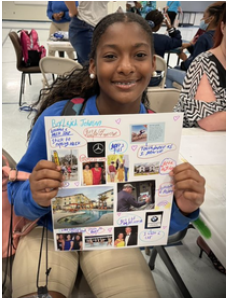
# THANK YOU





This past year, JA Leading Ladies mentors hosted 3 events, for the 23-24 school year.

Thank you to our partners and volunteers for supporting this project. More than 150 students from Northside High, Acadiana High, and Carencro High had the opportunity to learn from business women who work in industrial, engineering, technology, healthcare, insurance and financial sectors. Students learned about budgeting, interview preparations, and planning for their future careers. Some of the fun activities that took place include career exploration exercises, CPR training, and making vision boards. We are excited about the continued growth of this innovative program.



Thank you to our partners at First Horizon Bank, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana, Meritus Credit Union, Chase Bank, Stuller Family Foundation, Little Blessings, and Catalyst Bank for investing in our teen students by sponsoring and volunteering your time at JA mentoring events.



This year, JA Acadiana hosted 3 "Mentoring Men" events which is similar to "Leading Ladies, but with high school boys. Over 150 students from Northside High, Acadiana High, and Carencro High enjoyed learning about budgeting, smart car buying, CPR and how to tie a necktie or bowtie. We look forward to expanding this program to more students in Acadiana.



"The "Mentoring Men" program left a very positive impact on me and many others that attended. I was able to learn the importance, of hard work, dedication, leadership and decision making. These mentors and speakers taught me to be the best version of myself. They inspired me to share my positive impact with other young men that need extra motivation. I would like to thank these men for being such great role models and inspiring me to carry on their acts."



-Carencro High Student

# FINANCE PARK

Finance Park is a program that brings financial education and career focused curriculum into the classroom in engaging ways and helps teens learn by becoming an "adult" for the day.

Thank you to our partners at Cabot Corporation, Giles Automotive, Brookshire Grocery, Region's Bank and State Farm Foundation for their generous support of this impactful program.

## EMPOWERING YOUTH

### **BEING TAUGHT IN 3 PARISHES**

This program went great! We finished right before spring break. The kids really enjoyed the program and felt like they learned a ton! They said that budgeting was the hardest part! I said "Welcome to adulthood!"

Heather Ortego, 8th grade teacher  
North Vermilion Middle School



## Car Clinic



In partnership with Giles Automotive, JA of Acadiana piloted the "Car Car Clinic" for students attending Acadiana High School. This half day workshop provided an overview of basic car maintenance. Activities included learning how to change a tire, check engine oil and install new wiper blades. Additionally, students were introduced to career options in the automotive industry. We are grateful to Giles Automotive for their partnership on this project and look forward to expanding the program to additional schools in Lafayette.



# 2024 BUSINESS HALL OF FAME

The 28th annual Business Hall of Fame was held on Tuesday, April 24th recognizing outstanding individuals and companies in Acadiana. Thank you to all of our generous sponsors and supporters for helping to raise \$68,500 (gross) this year.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF ACADIANA

*28th Annual*  
ACADIANA BUSINESS  
**HALL** *of*  
**FAME**

**CONGRATULATIONS  
2024 HONOREES**

**William "Kip" Schumacher,  
Joseph "Si" Brown, and Nick Pugh**  
*Hall of Fame Laureates*

**Chris Allard, Metal Shark Boats**  
*Business Person of the Year*

**Seth Robin, Benny's Supermarket**  
*Rising Young Business Person*

**Stuller, Inc** *Large Business of the Year*

**Cane River Pecan** *Small Business of the Year*

**Stacy Romero, Broussard Chamber of Commerce**  
*Friend of Business (The Richard E. Boudouin, Jr. Award)*



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