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Save The Dates

JA Spring Bowl-A-Thon (Tucson):
February 21

JA Spring Bowl-A-Thon (Valley):
March 12-13

JA You're Hired:
March 25

Women's Golf Classic: April 19

Golfer's Dream Day: May 19

Champions' Square

Help us recognize those who champion the economic education of Arizona's youth by donating to support JA's mission:

Allstate Foundation
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**A Note From Joyce Richards, President
Junior Achievement of Arizona**



Our staff is committed to enabling you, the volunteers and donors in our community, to make a difference in the lives of Arizona's youth.

Join us in our effort to prepare over 72,000 students for the workforce today. We are always seeking new leaders to inspire the next generation, so please visit our [website](#) or call us at 480-377-8500 to find out how *you* can be a catalyst for change through Junior Achievement of Arizona.

Best wishes for a prosperous New Year,



EDUCATOR OPPORTUNITY!

The second annual [JA You're Hired! Workplace Skills Challenge and Internship Program](#), presented by University of Phoenix, will be

**Best Buy
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We turn to these organizations for crucial financial assistance and, more importantly, for their support in defining a vision of hope and prosperity for our children's futures.



Create Change with HP and JA of Arizona

Support JA programs with [Create Change](#). With this pay-it-forward program, you can assist JA in helping the next generation find success in building a healthy global economy.

Simply make a purchase from the Create Change campaign at the online HP Direct store, and 4% of your purchase will go toward JA! Click the above link to check it out now.

Support JA Through United Way

Did you know you can donate to JA through your company's United Way payroll deduction program?

Simply enter **Junior Achievement of Arizona** as the recipient agency, **Code Number 0040**.



**Dear JA BizTown...
Letters from the Kids**

held on Thursday, March 25th.

This program is designed to help your students explore concepts and skills that are important for workplace success. For more information, click the above link or call [Melissa Leasher](#) at 480-219-0220.



ATTENTION PARENTS:

Wondering how to keep your 10, 11 or 12 year old motivated and inspired this summer?

Send them to summer camp with JA!

[JA BizTown Summer Venture](#) is coming to JA in June! Get the **Early Bird Discount** by signing up your child for summer camp by **March 15, 2010**. Click the above link or contact [Julia Estrada](#) at 480-219-0209 for information.



VOLUNTEERING...FOOD FOR THOUGHT

It is a proven fact that students who eat breakfast before school are more focused and score higher on tests.

Our JA volunteers provide "food for thought" to students when they share their personal knowledge and work experience while teaching JA's lessons about finances, work readiness and entrepreneurship. This shared knowledge

helps prepare students for the real world of work.

We currently have volunteer opportunities statewide. Middle and high school volunteers are needed in the following cities: Mesa (east), Gilbert, Tolleson, Fountain Hills, Phoenix (southwest and central), and Tucson.



Dear JA BizTown Staff,

I had an awesome time at BizTown. I enjoyed doing many interesting jobs. I learned all about checks and how to balance my checkbook. I also gained self-confidence and how to work well with other people. I even learned how to be a CEO! First, I enjoyed giving my speech. I was nervous but after I was done I felt proud of myself. Everybody gave an awesome speech. I learned all the things you could do and buy at the different businesses. Next, I enjoyed doing interviews. The way the cameraman handled the camera really impressed me. I liked telling the reporter about my job and how I liked it and I was honored to do a real interview. These are just a few of the things I liked about BizTown.

Sincerely,

Jack, 5th grade

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If you would like to help prepare a classroom of students by delivering user-friendly, hands-on lessons, please contact [Jyothsna Moudgal](mailto:jyothsna@ja.org) (480-219-0229) for Phoenix or [Mary Paul](mailto:marypaul@ja.org) (520-792-2000) for Tucson volunteer opportunities.



Pictured above: students from Cactus Shadows High School

2009 ING JA STUDENT STOCK MARKET CHALLENGE

In preparation for the event, students participated in JA classroom lessons covering math, communication, critical thinking, and team-building skills. On October 30th, two months of NYSE trading were condensed into one exciting day of fast and furious trading.

When the closing bell rang, three teams' sound decisions resulted in the top portfolio balances (Desert Vista 1st & 3rd place and Seton Catholic 2nd place).

Thank you to this year's sponsors: ING, Charles Schwab and TruWest Credit Union, as well as the many business professionals who volunteered their time to bring this educational JA program to over 290 high school students.



TAKE NOTE & QUOTE

The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from

YOU. B.B. King

Every student can learn, just not on the same day, or the same way.
George Evans

Education costs money, but then so does ignorance.

Claus Moser

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