# **IMPACT REPORT 2019**

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT of UPSTATE SC



### MISSION

## To empower young people to own their economic success.

#### **PURPOSE**

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.

JA programs — in the core content areas of work readiness skills, entrepreneurship and financial literacy — ignite the spark in young people to experience and realize the opportunities and realities of work and life in the 21st century. In the Upstate, preparing young people to be qualified members of the future workforce is a high priority.

#### **PROGRAMS**

JA programs empower students to make a connection between what they learn in school and how it can be applied in the real world — enhancing the relevance of their classroom learning and increasing their understanding of the value of staying in school.

### **JA VOLUNTEERS**

Corporate and community volunteers deliver relevant hands-on experiences that give students from kindergarten through high school knowledge and skills to help them make good academic and economic choices.

#### **PROVEN SUCCESS**

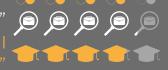
JA is one of a few global non-profits to use independent, third-party evaluators to gauge the impact of its programs. Since 1993, independent evaluators have conducted studies validating JA's impact.



Below are results of the JA It's My Future Middle School Program:

90% of students had JA for the first time. 16% increase in defining a transferable skill.

85% of students "I know what job/career I want to do when I finish school."



At least **4 out of every 5 students** that were taught, now have a sense of purpose/direction and a belief in their ability to create their own future.



#### Percentage of JA students that agreed with the following statements:

91%

"I am more confident in my ability to successfully 92%

"The things I learned in JA will help me be successful in life."

"I know how to research interesting careers and jobs."

91%



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