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In a 2018 study, only **one-third of adults** in the U.S. could answer at least four of five financial literacy questions on fundamental concepts such as mortgages, interest rates, inflation, and risk (*U.S. Financial Literacy and Education Commission*).

The Ohio Legislature aims to change this through **Senate Bill One**, which was **signed into law** by Gov. Mike DeWine in October of 2021. The bill requires all Ohio public high school students, beginning with current 8th graders, to take a full-semester financial literacy course to graduate.

One of JA's primary focus areas is financial literacy education, which makes us uniquely positioned to work with our school partners. We offer a fully developed, semester-long curriculum in user-friendly formats that fulfills every standard outlined by the Ohio Department of Education!

Earlier this month, Peoples Bank pledged \$100,000 to JA to help launch this program - and ensure that we are able to offer it to our school partners at no cost. If your district would like more information about our full semester financial literacy program, please contact Denice.Schafer@ja.org.

In other news, **our office will be taking over spring Freshman seminar classes at Akron Public Schools!** Together with Akron Urban League, Bounce Innovation Hub, Leadership Akron and Love Akron, we are prepping to send 80 diverse volunteers to teach the revised JA Personal Finance program. These community leaders and professionals will share invaluable practical financial - and life - lessons to teens. For more information, select the links for [more details](#) and [sign-up info!](#)

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Our Team is Growing!

With many opportunities on the horizon, we are excited to

welcome new talent to our NCO team!

Tyler Adams started this month as our Director of Corporate Partnerships. Be sure to say, "Hi!" next time you're in our office!

And he will not be the only new face on staff. **More details – coming soon!**



JA in Action!

Save the Date



On **April 21, 2022**, JA Company Program students will showcase their businesses at the **[JA Entrepreneurship Challenge & Expo](#)** - and you're invited to join!

Save your spot now - and learn more about our student-run companies - below!

[RSVP & Details](#)

It's Back - and Beat-er than Ever!



Join us for the **JA Adult Egg Scramble**, presented by **Ohio Mutual Insurance Group**, on **April 1, 2022** (no yolk!).

Head over to **[Colonel Crawford High School](#)** for egg-cellent prizes you won't want to wait to crack into!

[More info \(& Egg Puns\)](#)

Extra, Extra!



Calling All JA Alumni!

Did you have JA programming as a student? **We'd love to hear your story!** Sign up for details below!

[Share Your JA Story!](#)

Get social with us - connect with **@JANCOhio** today!

