Newsletter

September 2025

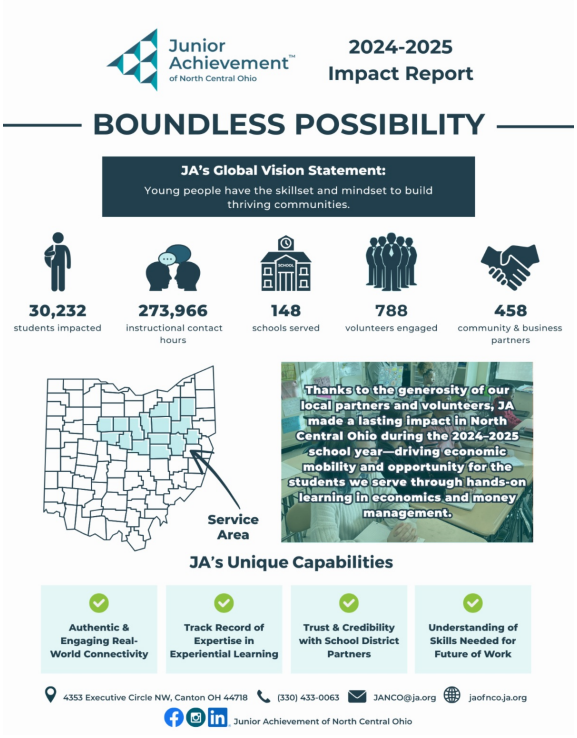
President's Note

"As we kick off the school year, I'm energized by the impact we're making together. While we're grateful to be included in the Ohio state budget, recent state funding cuts challenge our ability to serve the 30,000+ students who rely on us. Thanks to your continued commitment, we can keep empowering the next generation."

Josh Lehman

2024–2025: A Year in Review

Shaping brighter futures together



Get a Closer Look at the Impact

Don’t miss your chance to *Inspire* the next generation!

Four chances to engage with students, share your experience, and inspire careers.

Wayne County

Wayne County Fairgrounds - Event Center
Thursday, October 29, 2025

Interested? Contact us!
Businesses: Sara Vavrik, Sara.Vavrik@ja.org
Educators: Molly Shaw, Molly.Shaw@ja.org

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Richland County

Richland County Fairgrounds - Fairhaven Hall
Thursday, February 19, 2026

Interested? Contact us!
Businesses: Jake Hayes, Jake.Hayes@ja.org or Bethany Rachel, Bethany.Rachel@ja.org
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Stark County

Hall of Fame Village - Center for Performance
Thursday, March 4, 2026

Interested? Contact us!
Businesses: Susan Koosh, Susan.Koosh@ja.org
Educators: Kristin Paumier, Kristin.Paumier@ja.org

Ashland County

Ashland University - Niss Athletic Center
May 2026 - TBD

Interested? Contact us!
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Volunteer With Us

Seeking Volunteers at JA Inspire!

Join us for this exciting career exploration event, where students discover diverse industries and future careers. Volunteers guide students, assist with exhibits, and help the event run smoothly. It's a great way to inspire the next generation and make a lasting impact — we'd love to have you on board!

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Seeking Classroom Volunteers!

Step into the classroom to spark curiosity, guide learning, and inspire the next generation.

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Upcoming Events

JA Company - Start Up Conference

Stark State University - Business & Entrepreneurial Center
Thursday, October 16, 2025

Interested? Contact us!
Jenn Scheeser, Jenn.Scheeser@ja.org

Stark Tank High School Edition

Location - TBD
Wednesday, March 11, 2026 - Conceptual
Thursday, March 12, 2026 - Conceptual
Wednesday, March 18, 2026 - Established

Interested? Contact us!
Jenn Scheeser, Jenn.Scheeser@ja.org

JA Company - Entrepreneurship Expo

Walsh University - Barrette Center
Thursday, April 23, 2026

Interested? Contact us!

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Annual Golf Classic
Shady Hollow County Club
Monday, May 18, 2026

Interested? Contact us!
Nina Alachniewicz, Nina.Alachniewicz@ja.org

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