

June 2023

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President's Note: Summer plans
- and beyond!

A little Birdie says it's golf
season...

And the winner is...

**User-friendly financial literacy
with local support?** We got it!

Thank you to **our strong
supporters!**



President's Note

Just as teachers prepare for final grades, field days and graduations, our staff is also wrapping up 2022-23 projects. It's been a fantastic – and energetic! – spring...
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Fresh-cut grass and Tee-Rexes?

It must be JA Golf Season!

One more opportunity to join us in building thriving tomorrows!



JA Golf Classic at Deer Ridge Golf Course

July 31, 2023

Shotgun start: 8 AM

And the winner is...



This past April, JA Company program students filled Kent State University's Stark campus Conference Center for the annual JA Entrepreneurship Challenge & Expo. From products that focus on eco-friendly solutions to card games that encourage people to step outside of their comfort zones, the event celebrated the business and personal achievements of each team and its members.

Congratulations to our winners:

- **1st Place:** [Emocean](#), Hoover High School
- **2nd Place:** [Battery Drop](#), GlenOak High School
- **3rd Place:** [OPEER](#), Jackson High School
- **Best Commercial:** [Scentsible Solutions](#), GlenOak High School
- **Best Annual Report:** [Ripple](#), Hoover High School
- **Best Presentation:** [Battery Drop](#), GlenOak High School
- **Best Trade Show Presentation:** [Emocean](#), Hoover High School
- **Financial Performance Award:** [Ripple](#), Hoover High School
- **Social Impact Award:** [Battery Drop](#), GlenOak High School
- **Burton D. Morgan Foundation Entrepreneurial Excellence Award:** [Anthony Morgan of Tough Talks](#), Jackson High School

Thank you to our judges:

- **Live Presentation:** Dr. Tarun Bhalla, Joe Lukac, Mario Peña, Jessica Sublett
- **Trade Show Presentation:** Amy Buehner, Chris Campbell, Brad Oliver, Chris Queen
- **Commercials:** Todd Bertsch, Hannah Catlett, Shon Christy, Tiffany Jamison
- **Annual Reports:** Michael Babb, Kelly Biggar, Peter Geise, Mike Jarrett

Special thanks to our **keynote speaker, Dr. Tarun Bhalla**, and **entrepreneurship supporters:** Barberton Community Foundation, the Brott Foundation, Burton D. Morgan Foundation, FedEx, HRM Enterprises, the Hoover Foundation and the Robin M. & Randolph H. Kilbride Charitable Fund.

And That's Not All...

This past May, [Battery Drop](#) and [Emocean](#) were chosen as finalist to compete in the **JA National Student Leadership Summit!**

After 3 days of networking, seminars and presentations, winners were announced with [Emocean](#) being awarded the **Delta Social Impact Award**. We are so proud of both teams for representing Ohio at this national event!

"Engaging & Eye-Opening"

☐ **That's what educators are saying about JA Financial Literacy for Ohio!**

The JA course is great... because it explains everything and makes it easy to teach. All activities have a good blend of teacher and student interaction. [The session on credit and debt] really opened the eyes of many students of how easy it is to get into debt, and how hard it is to get out. And the JA staff have all been very responsive to questions and suggestions. – Rick Talbott, GlenOak High School

Shout out to our **2022-23 school partners** for their flexibility and feedback: Carey High School, Cypress High School, GlenOak High School, Madison Comprehensive High School, Marlinton High School, Massillon Washington High School, McKinley High School, Orrville High School, River View High School, Tuslaw High School, Waterloo High School and West Holmes High School! **Thank you!**

Want to learn more about bringing **JA Financial Literacy for Ohio** to your classroom? Contact **Denice Schafer** for more details!

Thank You!

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