A NEW CHAPTER, A SHARED PURPOSE

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A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT & CEO

Aloha JA Hawai'i 'Ohana,

There is a powerful moment when a young person moves from "Could I?" to "I can." A student makes a financial decision, discovers a career they hadn't imagined, or turns an idea into a business. Their future begins to feel within reach.

That is the power of experiential learning and the opportunity Junior Achievement brings to our keiki. Through hands-on experiences in financial literacy, career readiness, and entrepreneurship, JA connects classroom lessons to life. Students practice making decisions, solving problems, and recognizing the strengths they bring to the world.

Born and raised in Hawai'i, I'm deeply honored and excited to serve the islands that raised me as JA Hawai'i's President & CEO. I believe our young people deserve every opportunity to explore their potential and build a thriving future in the place they call home.

As we begin this new chapter, I'm excited to work alongside our educators, volunteers, businesses, and community partners to expand access to meaningful, real-world learning across our islands. Together, we can help more students discover what's possible—and gain the confidence and skills to pursue it.

Building on over six decades of impact in Hawai'i, we honor the educators, volunteers, and community partners who brought us here and carry their commitment forward by opening doors for the next generation.

Mahalo for investing in our keiki and the future we share. Their next discovery, first opportunity, or moment of confidence may begin with you.

This work belongs to all of us. Every person who shares their time, knowledge, or resources helps a student take another step forward. Mahalo for being part of our JA 'ohana and for investing in the promise of our young people.

With Aloha,
Burgandie Onekea
President & CEO, Junior Achievement of Hawai'i



Our keiki. Our future.
Together, we help both thrive.

CONNECT WITH BURGANDIE

EDUCATOR RESOURCE CORNER

Where could your students' interests take them?

JA Here to Career helps middle and high school students explore careers that match their interests, talents, and values and discover education pathways and opportunities in their own community.

Explore JA Here to Career below and share this resource with your students.

JA Hawai'i is your partner and solution provider for real-world learning. From career speakers and financial literacy to entrepreneurship experiences like JA Launch Lesson, we work with educators to find opportunities that support their students and classroom goals
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Interested in bringing a JA experience to your classroom? Email Education@JAHawaii.org

EXPLORE JA HERE TO CAREER

MEET OUR 'OHANA

Meet Jayann Laniauskas
Statewide Program Manager

Behind every JA learning experience are people who care about our keiki and their futures. Jayann oversees JA Hawai'i's statewide programs, working with educators and volunteers to connect students with real-world learning.

This month, we're putting a face to the name and celebrating Jayann's role in our JA 'ohana.

Interested in bringing JA to your school or volunteering with students?



CONNECT WITH JAYANN



JOIN OUR TEAM • SPREAD THE WORD

Help Hawai‘i Island’s Keiki Discover What’s Possible!

We’re looking for someone who cares about our community and wants to help young people build real-world skills and confidence.

JA Hawai‘i has a part-time opportunity in Hilo supporting our work on Hawai‘i Island.

Know someone who would be a great fit? Please share this opportunity with them.

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