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Dear Dave,

We were very excited to welcome national leader in entrepreneurship, **Larry Farrell**, to Akron this week! Farrell, an author and Founder and CEO of The Farrell Company, is passionate about spreading "the spirit of enterprise" and is currently a consultant on the creation of many JA programs! Read more below!

Mr. Farrell would be proud that JA students in **Wayne County** learned about global business and trade when they partnered with JA students in Romania for the *JA Globe* program - [read more!](#)

Leader in Entrepreneurship Visits JA!



In honor of National Entrepreneurship Week Junior Achievement welcomed leading national authority on entrepreneurship, Larry Farrell, to Akron.

Farrell spoke at a breakfast event hosted by JA on February 26, highlighting some of the key reasons entrepreneurship is so important to our economy, and encouraging everyone to find what they are good at, what they enjoy, and where there is a need for a product or service.

Founder and CEO of The Farrell Company, the world's leading firm for researching and teaching entrepreneurial practices, and author of such books as *Getting Entrepreneurial!* and *The Entrepreneurial Age*, Farrell is currently serving as a consultant on the development of several JA programs.

"Larry's expertise is sought after by many across the globe and we were pleased to invite community leaders in the Akron area to learn about the importance of entrepreneurship education in economic development," said Dave Best, President of Junior Achievement of Akron Area.

[Read what Chris Brown of Marketing Resources & Results, an entrepreneur and attendee of the breakfast had to say!](#)

[Read more here!](#)

Allstate, Deluxe, and Akron Community Foundation Give Big to JA!

Thank you to area foundations and corporations for recent financial investments to JA!

Allstate Foundation - gave their largest regional foundation grant ever of **\$20,000** to support JA programs. Read more about



May 9 at a bowling center near you! Sign your team up now!
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Save the Date!

2008 KeyBank Invitational to benefit Junior Achievement

Thursday, June 5
 Blue Heron Golf Club
 12:30 PM shot gun start
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Allstate's grant [here!](#)

Akron Community Foundation - recommitted their investment in JA after school programming with **\$15,000** to support *JA Dollars and \$ense* programs in Summit County Schools for the 2008-2009 school year.

Deluxe Corporation - a new investor in JA, gave **\$8,000** to support local programs.

(Pictured here for The Allstate Foundation check presentation: Tonya Woods and Linda Duff of Allstate; Dave Best, President of JA of Akron Area; Bill Woodyard, Chairman of the Board for JA of Akron Area; Lynn Hendershot and Michele Clark of Allstate.)

JA Hits the Airwaves With a New TV Series!



On February 3, JA launched its new weekly TV show, **Biz Kid\$**, as part of an initiative focused on entrepreneurship and financial literacy for students in grades 4-8.

Airing on PBS 45 & 49, this weekly series is part of a multimedia initiative that includes a [website](#), e-newsletter, downloadable curriculum and companion

materials.

"We are encouraging the entrepreneurial spirit in young people through *Biz Kid\$*, which we think will resonate strongly with kids," said Dave Best, President of JA of Akron Area.

For more information visit the [Biz Kid\\$ website](#) and be sure to watch Sunday mornings at 8:30!

[Read more about Biz Kid\\$!](#)

Get Your Students Cash for College!

Help high school students you know get cash for college with scholarships! Two local opportunities are available for JA students.



Visit our [website](#) for more information on scholarships offered by The University of Akron, and Wooster Brush/Dave Rowekamp Foundation in Wayne County. Deadlines are fast approaching so check them out today!

And visit JA's [Student Center](#) for more great scholarship opportunities!

Junior Achievement is a solutions provider. We strengthen our community by providing local students with the knowledge and skills necessary for them to succeed in work and life. We collaborate with our community on the common goals of creating jobs, building stable economies, and providing higher standards of living.

Junior Achievement engages in continuous efforts to provide free enterprise education by focusing program development efforts on financial literacy, entrepreneurship education, and workforce readiness. For more information on Junior Achievement programs or how to get involved, visit [Junior Achievement](#), or call **330.434.1875**.

Sincerely,

There's still time to have a JA program in your classroom this school year. Request yours today! Want your program filled more quickly? Help us find your classroom volunteer!

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