

Junior Achievement Azerbaijan Fact Sheet

WHAT IS JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT?

JA Worldwide (Junior Achievement) is the world's largest organization dedicated to educating students about work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy through experiential, hands-on programs. Junior Achievement programs help to prepare young people for the real world by showing them how to generate wealth and effectively manage it, how to create jobs which make their communities more robust, and how to apply entrepreneurial thinking to the workplace. Students put these lessons into action, and help strengthen their communities.

PURPOSE

JA Azerbaijan's purpose is to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy.

PROGRAM REACH

Our programs are implemented through 250 secondary schools, 10 vocational schools, 4 universities and 14 community centers and reach over 94,000 students and more than 300 teachers in 26 regions of Azerbaijan.

VOLUNTEERS

JA Azerbaijan's classroom volunteers come from all walks of life and include business people, college students, parents, and retirees. These dedicated individuals are the backbone of the organization.

PROVEN SUCCESS

JAA is one of a few nonprofits to use independent, third-party evaluators to gauge the impact of its programs. Since 2003, independent evaluators have conducted studies on JAA's effectiveness. Findings prove that JAA has a positive impact in a number of critical areas. 92% of the program graduates are better prepared for careers and entrepreneurship activities than their peers who have never participated in JAA programs. In 2007, Azerbaijan's Ministry of Education approved the JAA program curriculum in 260 schools by replacing the old economic geography class with the Economics class. In 2007, Azerbaijani students won the Global Business Challenge among 1,000 teams from 69 countries. In 2010, JA program in Azerbaijan was selected by the US White House to be highlighted at the US Presidential Summit on Entrepreneurship.

LEADERSHIP

JA Azerbaijan Chairman of the Board of Directors is Mr. Daniel Matthews (Baker & McKenzie); Mr. Vusal Khanlarov is the Executive Director. JA Azerbaijan's Board of Directors comprised of business leaders set the policy and strategic directions for the organization's activities.

A BRIEF HISTORY

Junior Achievement Azerbaijan was founded by the international business representatives in 1998 and since then trained over thousands of secondary and high school students through the funding from the public and private donors. The programs we offer focus on youth entrepreneurship, financial literacy, work-readiness, information technologies in business, industry-specific training, business capacity-building, and educational resource development.

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

JA Worldwide is headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colorado, USA. The Headquarters office provides strategic direction, leadership, and support to approximately 3,208 employees worldwide. Local volunteer boards of directors comprised of business, education, and civic leaders set the policy and direction for each local office.



Our Values

- Belief in the boundless potential of young people.
- Passion for what we do, and honesty, integrity, and excellence in how we do it.
- Belief in the power of partnership and collaboration.
- Commitment to the principles of market based economics and entrepreneurship.
- Respect for the talents, creativity, perspectives, and backgrounds of all individuals.
- Conviction in the educational and motivational impact of relevant, hands-on learning.