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# **Empowering Young People to Own Their Economic Success**

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# **Monthly News & Updates**

Welcome to our new monthly newsletter. We hope you'll enjoy getting all the up to date information about JA Big Bend!

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# Thank you to all our 2018-19 Volunteers!



# THANK YOU!

Thank you JA Big Bend Volunteers! Without you we would never have been able to reach the 3,138 K-12 students in Leon, Jefferson, and Gadsden counties in the 2018-19 school year. You inspired and prepared your communities' young people to succeed and have a bright future.

With your help we are looking to do even better things this coming school year!

## **Volunteers Needed**

## JA Programs Are Empowering!

With Back to School right around the corner we are sending out a request for volunteers to help us teach our programs for grades K-12 in Leon and Jefferson Counties. For more information please contact Program Director Kristi Strickland at 850.544.5510 or kristi@jabigbend.org



## **Upcoming Events**

JA Big Bend Golf Classic October 28, 2019 Capital City Country Club

**SAVE THE DATE!** This JA golf event is a fun-filled afternoon of networking where companies can bring employees for team building or host clients and prospects while supporting community role models as they teach students in our community how money, careers, and business ownership work with JA's proven programs.

#### Link to JA Big Bend Golf Classic

## **Volunteer Spotlight**

### Mr. Ronald J. Miller, Jr.

Ron Miller has gone from JA student participating in the JA Company Program in Indianapolis in 1979 to JA Big Bend board member since 2013 and its Chair since 2018. He serves as the Executive Director of the Leon County Research & Development Authority overseeing Innovation Park which promotes scientific research and development activities and fosters economic development to broaden the economic base of Leon County, Florida. He has served in several Chief Financial Officer roles in both the private and public sector. "Junior Achievement was instrumental in introducing me to the world of business and finance at a critical time in my development and I doubt I would have accomplished the things I have had it not been for Junior Achievement" Miller said. "Having the opportunity to pay it forward through my current involvement with JA has been incredibly gratifying."

Thank you, Ron, for all your invaluable support and guidance!



Junior

Big Bend

Achievement



Robert Neubacher (right), manager of quality assurance for the Speedway plants, told achievers, "It's up to you to succeed." Ron Miller (upper left) JAers earn profit, praise

Top: Ron Miller today. Bottom: March 1979 \* Power News, this picture is from a 1979 newsletter from a GM division whose employees served as volunteer "counselors" for what is now called the JA Company Program. Our own Ron Miller is pictured in the upper left corner and was president of a company titled "D.J. One.

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