



Empowering Young People to Own Their Economic Success
Financial Literacy | Entrepreneurship | Work Readiness

JA Big Bend Newsletter

Dear JA Big Bend Supporters,

Spring is here and JA Big Bend is thankful for beautiful weather and to have completed seven out of eight High School Assemblies VIRTUALLY! Eight finalists will continue on to the 6th Annual Shark Bowl and pitch their business idea for a cash prize on April 22nd from 6-8 PM.



The schools/organizations that completed the *JA Be Entrepreneurial: Rapid Business Planning* and participated in the High School Assemblies were Chiles, Crossroad Academy, Godby, Leon, Omega Lamplighters, Rickards, SAIL, and Somerset Academy. **Over 500 students** have participated and completed the *JA Be Entrepreneurial: Rapid Business Planning* throughout Leon, Gadsden, and Jefferson Counties.

A special thank you to the Office of Economic Vitality. We thank you for your partnership and support to give tomorrow's entrepreneurs the **SKILLS they need to **INNOVATE** a better tomorrow.**

We have completed all *JA Be Entrepreneurial: Rapid Business Planning* programming for the 20-21 school year BUT **we are still offering** other awesome entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and work-readiness programs to elementary - high schools. **For all program needs, email the Program Manager Alyssa at alyssa@jabigbend.org.**

Thank You!

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With your support, we were able to provide entrepreneurship programming to nearly 400 students in Leon County in the 20-21 school year.

How Can You Support Young Entrepreneurs?

Junior Achievement[®]
Big Bend

SHARK BOWL

THURSDAY, APRIL 22
6:00 - 8:00 PM

VIRTUAL EVENT!

FAMU [SCHOOL OF BUSINESS + INDUSTRY]

 FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
JIM MORAN COLLEGE OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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IGNITING ENTREPRENEURS

We believe entrepreneurs shape a better tomorrow.

With your support, we can help high school students find their passion and create economic opportunities.

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Stories From The Community We Serve



"The highlight of my JA experience was to see the excitement on the student's faces when they began to pitch their business ideas to me and the class. You could really see that they believe in themselves and realizes that all great big things start out small!"

JA Be Entrepreneurial Virtual Volunteer (Rickards High School)

"JA taught me the importance of hard work and determination in running a business. It also taught me the different aspects of a Lean Canvas and what goes into each. The JA program has helped me be more confident and has allowed me to think deeply about what is to come from my future and how to approach it."



JA Be Entrepreneurial Student (Chiles High School)



"Excellent program from start to finish, my presenters were phenomenal. The program manager was very helpful, knowledgeable, passionate, and assisted every step of the way."

JA Be Entrepreneurial Educator (High School)

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