

## **News Release**

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## **JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF NORTH ALABAMA RECEIVES NATIONAL HONOR**

*Huntsville, Alabama* – Junior Achievement of North Alabama has been awarded the non-profit organization's Silver Summit Award. The Summit Award is one of Junior Achievement's highest honors. It is given by JA Worldwide® Headquarters to local JA offices that have reached outstanding success in financial health, program quality, management effectiveness, and program growth.

There were only 14 JA area offices out of 135 who met the criteria for the Silver Summit Award. "This shows our community that JA has grown not only financially, but also has reached even more of

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our students with workforce readiness programs, even in a down economy," commented Leah Amos, JA of North Alabama president. "The entire staff has worked hard to ensure our continued success and we look forward to impacting even more students in the future."

JA of North Alabama had received the Bronze Summit Award for the past two years and this is the first year the office has received silver status.

"These Summit Award winners represent the best Junior Achievement has to offer," said Sean C. Rush, president and CEO of JA Worldwide. "They set the standard by which Junior Achievement's success is measured at the local level. Their commitment and dedication to young people is reflected in their achieving this honor."

#### **About Junior Achievement**

Junior Achievement (JA) is the world's largest organization dedicated to educating young people about business, economics and free enterprise. Through a dedicated volunteer networks, JA provides in-school and after-school programs for students in grades K-12. JA offers educational programs that focus on three key content areas: workplace readiness skills, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy. Today over 9 million students worldwide are served by Junior Achievement. For more information, visit the Junior Achievement website at [www.ja.org](http://www.ja.org) (worldwide) or [www.janaonline.org](http://www.janaonline.org) (locally).