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**Junior Achievement of Northern and Southern Nevada to Combine as  
Statewide Organization, Junior Achievement of Nevada**

***Statewide Alignment to Strengthen Impact and Expand Student Reach***

Reno & Las Vegas, Nev. - Junior Achievement of Northern Nevada and Junior Achievement of Southern Nevada announced today that the two organizations will combine to form Junior Achievement of Nevada, effective July 1, 2026. This strategic alignment is designed to strengthen statewide operations, expand its reach to more students and enhance program development and fundraising efforts. The shift is a unification that brings together the strengths, resources, and a combined history of 100 years of service to students under a single statewide structure.

Len Stevens, President and CEO of Junior Achievement of Northern Nevada, will remain with the organization for six months during the transition period. Following this, he will continue to support the effort to bring the Northern Nevada Experiential Learning Center to completion.

“The unification of Northern and Southern Nevada under one Junior Achievement organization marks a pivotal, statewide leap forward. By aligning our strengths, we can innovate faster and expand opportunities for every student,” said Stevens. “The Northern Nevada Experiential Learning Center is central to Junior Achievement Nevada’s future. There, students will navigate immersive, real-world financial simulations that build practical literacy, confidence and sound decision-making. It doesn’t just teach finance; it equips students with the skills and knowledge to work toward economic mobility.”

Michelle Jackson, who has been with Junior Achievement since 2014, has been appointed President and CEO of Junior Achievement of Nevada. Jackson currently serves as President and CEO of Junior Achievement of Southern Nevada.

Kristin Reagan, who has been part of Junior Achievement of Northern Nevada since 2018, will assume the role of Northwestern Regional Director, overseeing operations and engagement in the region.

“Junior Achievement of Southern Nevada and Junior Achievement of Northern Nevada have a proud history of partnering on programs,” said Jackson. “By uniting as one organization, we’ll streamline resources, expand our reach and deliver even greater impact.”

Combining Junior Achievement of Southern Nevada and Northern Nevada will not result in any staff reductions and is expected to drive growth for the unified organization, creating additional job opportunities in the future. The formation of Junior Achievement of Nevada increases the organization’s capacity to serve more students both geographically and within existing markets, and with aligned resources and unified leadership, the organization will be better positioned to advance program development and expand statewide fundraising efforts.

Junior Achievement of Nevada increases its capacity to serve more students, both geographically and within existing markets. With aligned resources and unified leadership, Junior Achievement of Nevada will continue to deliver high-impact financial literacy, career readiness and entrepreneurship programs to K–12 students across the state, equipping the next generation with skills and experiences that prepare them for bright futures.

### **About Junior Achievement of Nevada**

Junior Achievement of Nevada (JAN) is education for what’s next. As a strategic partner working in collaboration with educators, employers, investors, and leaders across the state, JAN is dedicated to helping students achieve academically today and economically tomorrow. Junior Achievement of Nevada has a collective of 100 years of experience, 70 years serving Washoe County, and 30 years in Clark County, JAN empowers students with the knowledge and skills needed for economic mobility through lessons in financial capacity, career-connected learning and entrepreneurial mindsets.

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