Junior Achievement offers high school students the opportunity to change their future by experiencing hands-on the process for starting, operating, and liquidating a company. Boston-area entrepreneurs and professionals coach students throughout the program.

Students must be able to attend all 13 meetings and provide their own transportation. Meetings are from 3:30-5:30 pm weekly, except February vacation week. Acceptance to program required to participate.

**PROGRAM OPTION 1:**

WEDNESDAYS | Start Date: January 13th | End Date: April 13th
Capital One 360 Café – Boston’s Back Bay

**PROGRAM OPTION 2:**

WEDNESDAYS | Start Date: January 13th | End Date: April 13th
Boston University

**PROGRAM OPTION 3:**

THURSDAYS | Start Date: January 14th | End Date: April 14th
Capital One 360 Café – Boston’s Back Bay

APPLY ONLINE by December 18th, 2015:

http://janewengland.org/jaacademyapply/
Developed by Junior Achievement of Northern New England (JANNE), **JA Academy** is an after-school program where highly-motivated high school students explore the world of business by forming and managing their own company. **JA Academy** participants are guided by a mentor team comprised of volunteers who are business professionals and/or students from local universities.

**JA Academy** meeting lessons address topics such as business ethics, teamwork, leadership, and goal-setting, as well as how students should execute the day-to-day operations of their venture. Over the course of thirteen sessions, students elect their own leadership team, develop and execute a business plan, produce and sell a product, hold department meetings to report on their progress, and build relationships with students from other schools and communities. The JA curricula utilizes a blended learning platform and reflects the modern process for entrepreneurs and start-ups.

**JA Academy** has been hosted at area colleges, corporate and community-based sites including: Capital One 360 Cafe, PwC, JA Worldwide, Northeastern University, Boys and Girls Clubs, and Deloitte. Students learn about the corporate environment, future careers and the educational and professional pathways of corporate volunteers.

To maximize the experience, JA recruits and selects Volunteer Mentors to coach students to develop their marketing, sales, finance, management, and other skills needed to successfully run their companies. Volunteer Mentors share their respective backgrounds and experiences by providing career and educational highlights to help students understand various career paths.

Previous **JA Academy** participants have been given the opportunity to visit companies through our **JA Job Shadow** program, participate in national student competitions, gain access to JA scholarships, and speak before influential leaders at JA events such as the Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame.

For more information about the **JA Academy** and how to become a mentor, host a **JA Academy** at your organization, or apply for the program, please contact Rachel Burack at the email below.

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