



# **JA Inspire**® 2024 IMPACT REPORT

## INTRODUCTION

*JA Inspire* is a dynamic career development resource that provides middle and high school students with the opportunity to explore the world of work and learn critical skills to plan and prepare for their futures.

Through an interactive online platform, *JA Inspire* connects schools in New York City, Long Island, and the Lower Hudson Valley with businesses in our region. Students get a behind-the-scenes look at regional employers, learn about potential career and educational pathways, find relevant resources and opportunities, and connect with professionals from a variety of companies and industries.

Interaction with company representatives gives students a chance to ask questions and learn from their unique experiences and insights. Students are better able to make informed career decisions and expand their horizons.

A dynamic, interactive resource that meets students wherever they are in their career exploration process









**Students Participated** 

**Schools Participated** 

65

61 Exhibitors

740 **Volunteers Engaged** 

16

**Career Clusters Featured** 

56,000+

**Exhibitor Booth Visits** 

"JA helped me see the real world as a grown adult and helped me envision my future."

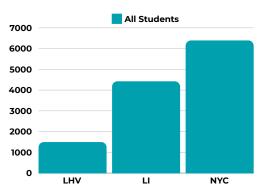
> - Student Academy of Finance & Enterprise in Queens, NY

"I think the entire program is fantastic and timely. The exhibition had a whole range of businesses local to the New York City area. This is my second year participating in this [and] the experience was actually better and more nuanced than last year. The students were totally engaged in the live interactions. Keep up the incredible work you do for our young people!"

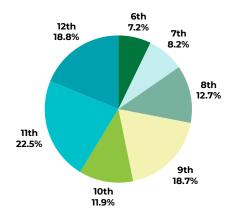
> - Educator Roosevelt High School in Yonkers, NY

#### SCHOOL + STUDENT REACH

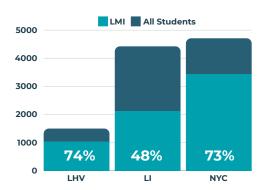
#### **Students by Region**



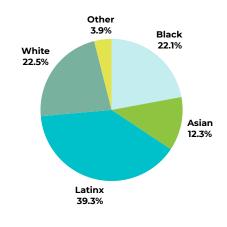
#### Students by Grade Level



#### Low-to-Moderate Income Students

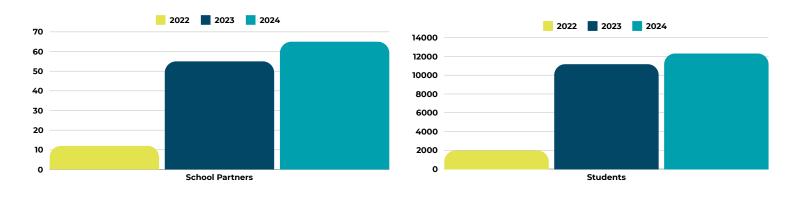


#### **Student Demographics**



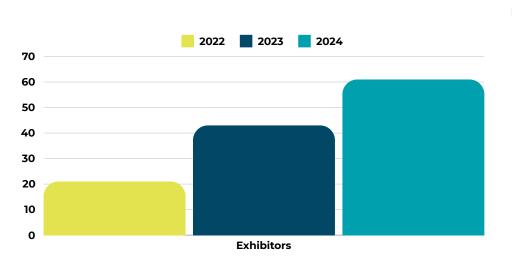
#### 442% increase in school partners 528% growth in student participation

Since inception in 2022



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EXHIBITORS



#### 190% increase in exhibitors since 2022

#### 2024 Highlights

Increased representation in fields of:

- Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources
- Architecture & Construction
- Arts, A/V Technology, & Communications
- Education & Training
- Government & Public
  Administration
- Human Services
- Law, Public Safety, & Security
- Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics

#### **16 CAREER CLUSTERS REPRESENTED**

- Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources
- Architecture & Construction
- Arts, A/V Technology, & Communications
- Business, Management, & Administration
- Education & Training
- Finance
- Government & Public Administration
- Health Science

- Hospitality & Tourism
- Human Services
- Information Technology
- Law, Public Safety, & Security
- Manufacturing
- Marketing, Sales, & Service
- Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics

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Transportation, Distribution, & Logistics

#### VIRTUAL AUDITORIUM WEBINARS

- EY Presents: The Exceptional EY Experience. It's Yours to Build
- TKS Presents: The World's Top Innovation Program for Youth
- JA Launch Lesson: Meet Entrepreneur Lety Algeri of School Seeds
- JA Launch Lesson: Meet Entrepreneur Erica Jain of Healthie Inc.
- JA Career Speaker Series with Delta Air Lines: Spotlight on Careers in Aviation
- Apprenticeship Connections & Consulting Presents: Getting Ready for the Real World?



## After JA Inspire...

84%	of middle school students found a career field that matched their skills, interests, and values
74%	of high school students are in the process of creating a career plan
<b>87</b> %	of all participating students planned to pursue additional education after high school
<b>97</b> %	of high school students were able to identify at least one career cluster aligning with their skills, interests, and values
89%	of high school students would recommend JA Inspire to a friend
100%	of educators were satisfied with the diversity and range of the exhibitors on the JA Inspire platform
100%	of educators found the <i>JA Inspire</i> career exploration curriculum helpful to their workforce readiness objectives





JA Inspire is a Bronze Ribbon Winner in the Learning Delivery Platform category of the 2023 International E-Learning Awards

#### GET YOUR SCHOOL INVOLVED



#### INTRODUCE STUDENTS TO A FUTURE FULL OF CAREER POSSIBILITIES

#### JA Inspire introduces your middle and high school students to the world of work

Enable exploration across 16 career clusters Connect students to a diverse network of industry professionals. Meet academic standards for work readiness



#### **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

**Engages students at every stage of their career exploration journey:** from exploring broader career clusters to participating in targeted Q&A sessions with volunteers, and accessing actionable resources such as scholarships, internships, and apprenticeships.

**Educational Enhancement:** JA Inspire complements school curricula by reinforcing classroom teachings in subjects like economics, business, and personal finance.

**Career Readiness:** JA Inspire exposes students to various career paths and industries through interactive exhibits and engagements, preparing them for future job markets.

**Hands-On Learning:** Students engage in immersive activities and simulations that simulate authentic business scenarios, fostering practical skills in financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and critical thinking.

**Industry Connections:** The program connects students directly with professionals and industry leaders, providing networking opportunities that can lead to internships, mentorships, and career insights. The platform features a safe, monitored Q&A with volunteers from various organizations, pathways, and industries.

**Immersive Virtual Experience:** Set in an engaging virtual environment (hosted by vFairs.com) simulating the dynamics of a live event & compatible with computers, tablets, and mobile devices



#### EMPOWERING TODAY'S YOUTH TO BECOME TOMORROW'S WORKFORCE LEADERS

## Share your company's story and opportunities with thousands of middle and high school students

Build your future Engage your employees Carbon Expose your business Make a lasting impact on to future customers thousands of students

Present your company to thousands of students through a customized virtual platform. Students can explore various career paths, understand entry-level requirements, and gain valuable insights into the professional world. Companies have the opportunity to sponsor virtual exhibit booths where students can interact with professionals via online Q&A sessions, access industry-specific content, and discover professional opportunities along with the necessary skills for these roles.



#### **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

**Engage with Tomorrow's Talent:** Connect directly with thousands of motivated students, highlighting your company's leadership in your industry and the career paths you offer.

**Foster Community Impact:** Support educational initiatives that prepare young people for future careers, demonstrating corporate social responsibility and community involvement.

**Cultivate Future Leaders:** Provide valuable insights and mentorship opportunities that help students develop essential skills and understand industry expectations, contributing to a skilled workforce pipeline.

**Amplify Brand Visibility:** Increase brand exposure through virtual exhibit booths and interactive sessions, positioning your company as a key player in shaping the next generation of professionals.

#### **NEW YORK CITY**

47 American Sign Language Academy of Finance and Enterprise Al-Ihsan Academy Brooklyn Academy of Global Finance **Brooklyn Dreams Brooklyn Prospect School** Children's Arts & Science Workshops Community Health Academy of The Heights Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School Good Shepherd Great Oaks Charter School Henry Street Settlement HS for Dual Lang & Asian Studies IS 187 IS 392 IS 220 John J. Pershing John Adams High School **KIPP AMP** Life Camp Inc. Manhattan Academy for Arts & Language Manhattan School for Children MAST Mott Hall II MS 131 MS 35K MS 936 Arts Off Third New Design High School NYC Youth Leadership Councils Olympus Academy PS 180 SEALL Academy **Rockaway Development** Susan Wagner High School Tottenville High School Urban Assembly School of Business for Young Women Virtual Innovators Academy

#### LONG ISLAND

Baldwin High School Brentwood High School Freeport High School Kings Park High School Longwood High School Massapequa High School - Ames Campus New Hyde Park Memorial High School Northport HS Oregon Middle School Patchoque-Medford Smithtown HS East Smithtown HS West St. Martin de Porres Marianist School Wantagh High School Westbury High School

#### LOWER HUDSON VALLEY

Barack Obama School for Social Justice Denzel Washington High School - Mt. Vernon Graham School Hudson River Museum Junior Docents Lincoln Elementary School Lincoln High School Longview School Mt. Vernon Honor Academy Nelson Mandela/Dr. Hosea Zollicoffer Riverside High School **Roosevelt High School** School 16 Sleepy Hollow HS STEAM Academy at Mt Vernon Yonkers Montessori Academy







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#### **EXHIBITORS**

ACE Hotel AIG AIGA NY **American Express** American Institute of Chemical Engineers Architectural League of NY Art Start Avanade **BNY Mellon City Parks Foundation Coin Metrics Commonpoint Queens** Community Offshore Wind **Conrad Hotel Midtown Cornell Cooperative Extension** Daniel Gale Sotheby's International Realty Delta East New York Farms! Edelman EdRising - Office of Teacher Recruitment & Quality EY Federal Reserve Bank of NY FedEx Healthie Hope Community Services Hudson River Museum Junior Achievement of New York Keen Theater Company **KickNKnowledge** Kingsborough Community College **Kyber Security** Long Island Cares

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