

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Junior Achievement of New York Announces Gary Kozlowski as New Chair of the Board of Directors**

Junior Achievement of New York (JA New York) has announced that Gary Kozlowski has been elected as Chair of its Board of Directors effective July 1, 2023. JA New York is the leading non-profit organization in greater New York dedicated to creating pathways to economic empowerment for young people. With a mission to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy, JA New York is built on the premise that knowledge plus access equals empowerment.

Gary Kozlowski is a NYC based Partner at Ernst & Young LLP (EY US) with 34 years of professional services experience. Over his career, Gary' has consulted on risk management, regulatory, business/operations performance improvement, strategic and transformational change for financial services clients. He brings a wealth of experience to this role, having served on JA New York's board for 14 years, currently serving on the Executive Committee as Board Treasurer. He also chaired the JA New York's President/CEO Search committee in 2022 and has been heavily involved in the Junior Achievement USA organization.

"I am beyond honored to be selected to serve as the next board chair of Junior Achievement of New York," said Gary Kozlowski. "JA New York provides boundless opportunity to students which enables them to prepare for their future as global citizens. I have had the opportunity to volunteer in the classroom and see first-hand the benefits of JA New York programs. As a business leader, I see the importance of building a future pipeline of employees. JA New York prepares our young people for their future."

"Gary has shown an extraordinary commitment to JA New York for the past 14 years as both a board member and treasurer, helping to make community connections, drive fundraising, and increase volunteer recruitment for our organization," said Betty A. Garger, President and CEO of JA New York. "We are thrilled to welcome Gary in this new role where he will bring his passion and enthusiasm for our mission, and provide strong management skills in overseeing the Board," said Garger.

Gary follows Keith Pinniger, who has served as Board Chair since June 2019. "I am grateful to have had the opportunity to chair this wonderful organization," commented Pinniger. "I really enjoyed working with the leaders of the JA New York team to ensure that students experience the highest quality programs to gain valuable skills that will set

them up for success in their future careers and in their lives. I wish Gary the best of luck and I look forward to working with him as I continue to serve on the JA New York Board and support the important work we do to ensure that students throughout the region have access to JA's incredible resources and learning experiences to help them gain valuable skills that will set them up for future success."

"Keith has played an integral part in envisioning the future of Junior Achievement of New York and helped lead this organization through the challenges of the pandemic," stated Betty A. Garger, CEO and President of JA New York. "We are so thankful to him for his leadership of the board, and his support in guiding the organization the past four years to help shape how we impact students across New York City, the Lower Hudson Valley and Long Island."

### **About JA New York**

Junior Achievement of New York (JA New York), an affiliate of Junior Achievement USA, is the leading non-profit organization in Greater New York dedicated to creating pathways to economic empowerment for local youth. With a mission to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in the global economy, JA New York provides experiential, interactive programs that teach and inspire young people to understand the economic world around them, plan for their financial futures, and reach their full potential.

For more information about JA New York, visit [newyork.ja.org](https://newyork.ja.org).