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BMO Helps Wisconsin Students Make Real Financial Progress With \$115,000 Donation to Junior Achievement

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN – Junior Achievement of Wisconsin (JA) is pleased to announce that BMO has donated \$115,000 to provide financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and career readiness learning experiences for students across Wisconsin.

The mission of Junior Achievement of Wisconsin (JA) is to inspire and prepare young people to succeed by recruiting and training community volunteers to teach K-12 students about financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and work readiness. JA programs support the organization's vision of a world where students have the skillset and mindset to build thriving communities.

JA elementary school lessons help students develop habits of smart money management and career planning for the future. Older students dive deeper into the complexities of life planning such as living within one's means, student debt, investment strategies, risk management, inflation, credit, and career goals.

"Financial education is a key building block to preparing Wisconsin students for a financially secure future. This donation exemplifies our Purpose, to Boldly Grow the Good *in business and life*, by investing in the future of students across Wisconsin and helping them make real financial progress in their lives," said Jon Schumacher, Managing Director, Commercial Banking, BMO.

In addition to the generous donation, BMO employees also volunteer their time to teach Wisconsin students about managing money and preparing for a successful career. In the past 5 years, 140 BMO employees have taught JA learning experiences to more than 7,500 Wisconsin students.

Anyone interested in becoming a Junior Achievement supporter or volunteering to teach JA lessons can find information on the organization's website at <https://wisconsin.ja.org>.



About Junior Achievement of Wisconsin

Junior Achievement is the world's largest organization dedicated to providing young people with the skills and confidence to own their economic future and contribute to the economic viability of their families, communities, and country. Junior Achievement's programs - in the core pathways of career readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy - ignite the spark in young people to experience and realize the opportunities and realities of tomorrow's workplace. The ten Junior Achievement of Wisconsin offices impacted over 120,000 students in the 2022-23 school year.

About BMO

BMO Financial Group is the eighth largest bank in North America by assets, with total assets of \$1.25 trillion as of April 30, 2023. Serving customers for 200 years and counting, BMO is a diverse team of highly engaged employees providing a broad range of personal and commercial banking, wealth management, global markets and investment banking products and services to over 13 million customers across Canada, the United States, and in select markets globally. Driven by a single purpose, to Boldly Grow the Good in business and life, BMO is committed to driving positive change in the world, and making progress for a thriving economy, sustainable future and inclusive society.