

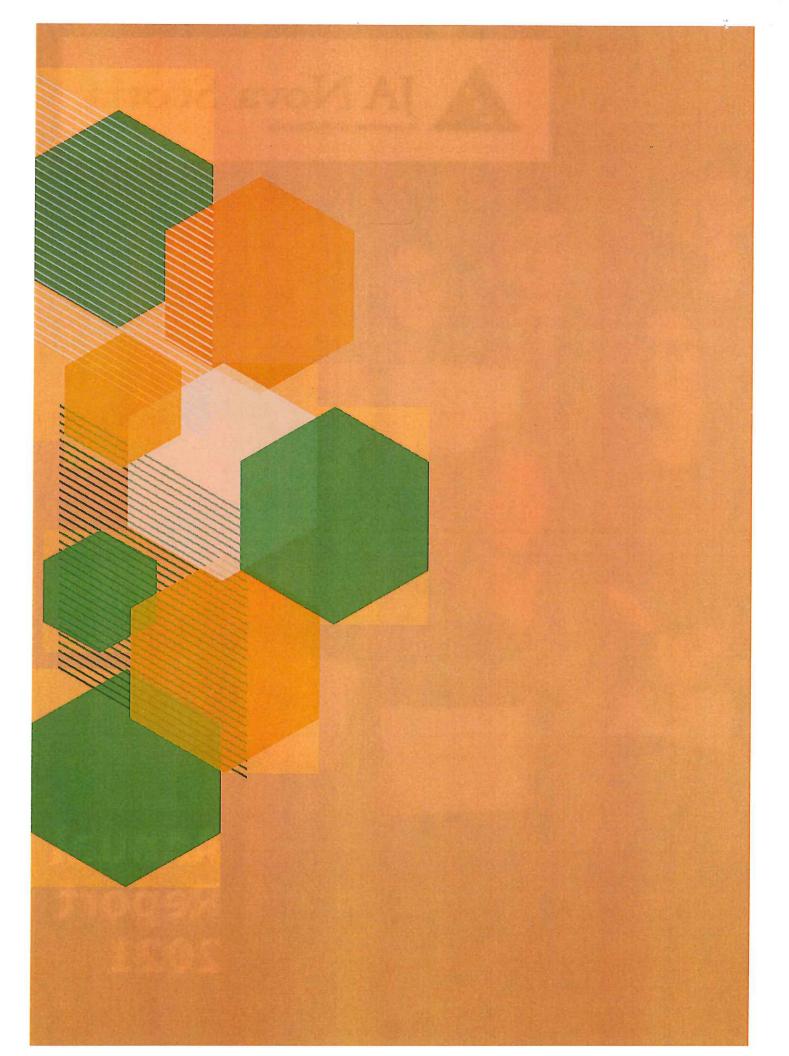
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JA Nova Scotia

A Member of JA Canada



Annual Report 2021



# **FAREWELL to Dr. Kristin Williams**

Kristin Williams concluded her role as President and CEO of JA Nova Scotia on June 30, 2021. After 8 years with JA, she leaves a tremendous legacy of success, not the least of which has been to successfully navigate JA through COVID.

"My time with JA has been incredible. I have been so inspired by our young Nova Scotians and it has been a privilege to serve a mission with transformative impact.

I have also had the distinct honour of developing and stewarding enduring partnerships with Nova Scotia's top businesses, business leaders and entrepreneurs, and our incredible Laureates and laureate community."

Kristin is moving on to an exciting role at a newly founded think tank, called Prudentia Institute, whose mission is to support the inclusive development and empowerment of youth, through research and knowledge mobilization, and will maintain a strategic partnership with JA.



# **WELCOME to Shakara Joseph**

Shakara Joseph has assumed the role of President and CEO of JA Nova Scotia. She has held the role of COO since 2018 and she has been with JA since 2015. A long time JA supporter, Shakara was also a Company Program Achiever in The Bahamas.

"I'm honoured and excited to move into the role of CEO with JA Nova Scotia. JA's mission has never been more critical as we collectively rebuild our communities in a post-pandemic reality. Our work ahead will foster opportunities for innovative ideas to thrive and empower every young person in our province to become solution finders and architects of their futures."



Shakara has been instrumental in JA's success, particularly in developing new partnerships, raising funds, optimizing operational processes and building a strong team.

Shakara is looking forward to continuing to build on JA's strengths, responding to challenges and changes, and preparing youth for the future of work.

# JA PROGRAM YEAR 2020 - 2021 ROARING BACK AT COVID



We reached more than 10,000 youth this program year! We exceeded all of our targets and we met 100% of the goals set by our investors!

We are so pleased to report on the success of our program year (Fall 2020-Spring 2021). We had very modest expectations this year, but we exceeded all expectations in service to our youth!

We began the year with the development of a new set of delivery models for JA programs that would continue to deliver on the critical promises of the JA mission, while engaging volunteers and connecting to classrooms, all while adjusting to evolving health restrictions. It would not be an understatement to say that our programs completely transformed!

Our pre-COVID reach was approximately 16,000 students, province-wide and last year, during the outbreak of COVID, we reached just over 8,000 students.

With significantly reduced capacity, and a budget 1/3 of our 2019 revenues, we reached in excess of 10,000 students this year and met 100% of the goals set by our investors and partners.

Our delivery models have included new customized developmental workshops, blended synchronous and asynchronous modes of learning, as well as live virtual events, simulations, and interactive career and mentorship sessions.

In significant ways, our programs became more accessible and inclusive, with technology increasing French language programming, creating new ways for students, teachers and volunteers to engage, and reducing geographic and socioeconomic barriers.

# Dream, Inspire, Achieve NOVA SCOTIA BUSINESS HALL OF FAME

We are excited for the return of the Business Hall of Fame program and the opportunity to finally celebrate the induction of our 28th class of Laureates:

David Hoffman, Mickey MacDonald, the Theriault brothers (Ernest, Arthur, Russell and Larry) and our 100th Laureate, Viola Desmond.

This year, we induct our 100th Laureate. That is 100 stories which represent all that is exceptional about business success in Nova Scotia: pioneers, builders, crafters, innovators, strategists, architects, engineers. Our Laureates are truly inspirational. Becoming a Laureate is recognition of a lifetime of achievement in business in Nova Scotia. Laureates are held in high regard in their community and by their colleagues and peers. They have strong personal and professional ethics. They represent values which JA holds dear: they dream big, they inspire, and they achieve what they set out to do

The Gala Dinner will take place on October 28, 2021, at the Halifax Convention Centre. We look forward to an amazing event following COVID health restrictions. The Business Hall of Fame Gala inductions were postponed in the spring of 2020, so that we could create a memorable experience for all, and most especially our very worthy inductees.

For more information on the event, visit https://nsbusinesshalloffame.ca/





With a focus on the most impactful activities, our JA's programs are now deliverable synchronously or asynchronously, self-directed or in person, virtually or blended

Step 2

# Streamline Volunteer Experience

We have reduced the demands on our volunteers, making opportuniteis more convenient and shorter, while streamlining and improving individual experiences

Step 3

# **Upskill the Team**

Our team has adapted to meet new program elements and delivery models, so that we can continue to effectively support educators and volunteers and serve our youth

Step 4

# **Improve Access**

JA programs are 100% free of charge and accessible anywhere in the province (in school, at home or in community)

### **Strategic Imperatives**

- · Blended delivery
- Self directed activities
- · Wrap around support
- · Virtual volunteer participation
- Event style engagement
- Adaptive and flexible
- · One-to-many facilitation
- Community collaboration

### Classroom Educators

Co-curricular, hands-on, experiential activities aligned with the Atlantic Canada Framework for Essential Graduation Learnings in School.

#### Community Facilitator

Free programs for a range of age-groups and spanning a number of accessible activities. Turn-key facilitation and delivery.

### Volunteer Mentors

Short committments and virtual delivery. Bring your own education and career experience and share your insights into the labour market.

### Parents and Caregivers

Programs that teach real world skills and nuture selfbelief. Programs are age appropriate and free; they can be self-directed or facilitated at home.

# **COMMUNITY VIEWS: HOW DID WE DO?**

"I have learned to listen without judging and find solutions that complement everyone. I feel like I have become someone my colleagues can rely on and that has helped me develop my leadership skills." Abby L (Young Entrepreneur) "Without doing the JA Company Program the last two years, meeting people through it and having the experiences I was given, I would definitely not be the same person I am today and definitely not the same level of leader. I have learned so much more than just business!" Sarah M (Young Entrepreneur)

"Here we are in lockdown again!! I am turning to your great stuff to keep my co-op students doing meaningful work towards their co-op hours." Lynn L (O2/Co-op Teacher)

"I think the youth really enjoyed the workshops and learned a lot. I know I learned lots!" Ellen S (Community Partner)



42 programs

were delivered

in French

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS
SUCCESS DURING COVID

Program	# Classes	# Students	# Hours	
Our Business World	20	373	1416	
Dollars with Sense	62	1075	4088	
Economics for Success	131	2974	11788	
Others	15	244	1464	
Its My Future	92	2060	6180	
World of Choices	108	2157	8628	
Company Program	15	184	11750	
Investment Strategies	35	711	7110	
#Adulting	13	140	280	
Totals	491	9891	49622	
JA Campus Users		258		

We surpassed our goal of 445 programs

147 Volunteers
virtually
delivered
programs

World of
Choices had 8
live virtual
events
including one
in French

Community
Partners
IWK
MSVU
SMU
NSCC

With Gratitude
Thank you teachers,
guidance counselors and
school administrators for
allowing us to support
you in the classroom
with meeting the needs
of students, as you
adjusted to new routines
and challenges.

Volunteer
Partners
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Company Program was held virtually this year with 7 afterschool companies meeting weekly for 12 weeks. Students dug into Ideation and how the UN's Sustainable Development Goals could be met with the products they developed. Virtual Guest Speakers added amazing value, trade show, executive training and Pitch It were all completed virtually. We look forward to the opportunity to resume face-to-face programming, but we are also keen to expand on what we have developed and learned over the past year. We recognize that COVID has sparked incredible innovation in our business model. A key focus for growth and impact will be JA's signature entrepreneurship program: Company Program.

JACOMPANY PROGRAM

84%

Said Company Program was a fun way to learn 95%

Said Company Program was filled with good information 90%

Said Company Program was awesome! 89%

Said Company Program was very interesting

"I liked that, as students that have not yet graduated, we got real life experience at starting a company from nothing, pitching it, selling our product and working together with others"

-Sarah, Achiever

Company Program was hosted virtually for 12 weeks and included guest speakers, a virtual trade show and Pitch it Competition.

Student Survey Results

"It is a smart, efficient and engaging way to learned beginner's level entrepreneurial skills and concepts"

-Mariah, Achiever

"Company Program gave me the opportunity to find new career options"

-Daniel, Achiever





100% of Students said they would recommend Company Program to other students



99% said their Advisors were their favorite part of Company Program



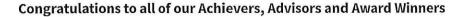
81% said Company Program helped them learn to be professional in a virtual meeting

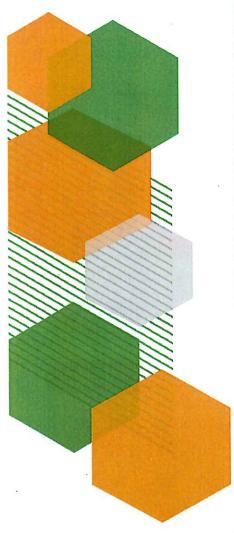


90% said Company Program made them more confident

# **OUTSTANDING ACHIEVERS**

Each year we celebrate our achievers, advisors and companies in our Company Program with our Celebration of Achievement. This year, award winners were announced in a virtual video, which can be watched on JA Nova Scotia's YouTube channel @janovascotia





Award	Achiever	Company	
Achiever of the Year Award	Talia Quinlan	Smashing Smoothies	
Leadership Award	Ali Patton	Smashing Smoothies	
Human Resources Award	Rebekkah Smith	Camellia Care	
Finance Award	Owen Jones	Engage 4 Change	
Marketing Award	Tye Dacey	Biyo Filtration	
Operations Award	Kate Kucharski	Smart Wraps	
Corporate Social Responsibility Award	Maia Theriault	Biyo Filtration	
Health, Safety & Environment Award	Karli Ringer	Biyo Filtration	
Digital Technology Award	Sarah Masalmeh	Smart Wraps	
Catherine Colson Memorial Scholarship	Emma McGill	Biyo Filtration	
Ptich It! Award		Engage 4 Change	
Company of the Year		Biyo Filtration	
Best in Trade Show		Smashing Smoothies	
Advisor Team of the Year	Chris Prokofiew Sarah Delaney Kareen O'Kieffe	Smashing Smoothies	
Volunteer of the Year	Greg Thomson	Engage 4 Change	



### With Gratitude

We would like to thank our **Achievers** who impressed us beyond measure with their creativity, motivation, growth and charisma.

### **SPONSORS**



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Economical
Fairstone
Lahave River Credit Union
Michelin - Bridgewater
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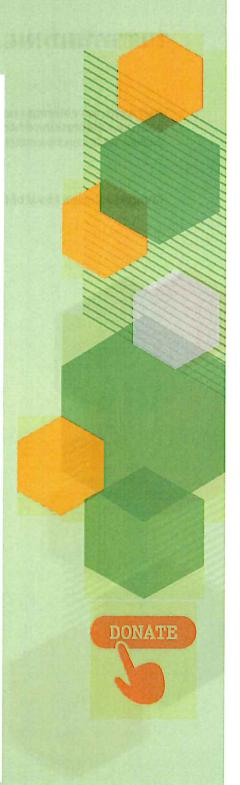


Early Education and Childhood Development

Government of Canada



Sir Graham Day Jennifer Chiasson Michelle Bussey William Ritchie Stephanie Fitzner Shaun Nicholson Rick Power Anita Bezeau Pam Butler Ben Heimert Stephan O'Regan



### With Gratitude

We would like to thank our **program volunteers** who dedicated tremendous energy to the development of our students and onboarded new technology and new ways of doing things with enthusiasm and grace.

And finally, we would like to thank our **program investors and partners** who made the work of JA possible this year. In a time where resources are scarce, we are grateful to be seen as providing critical service to the social and economic strength and vitality of Nova Scotia.

# FINANCIAL REPORT July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

# JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF NOVA SCOTIA STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

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	Unrestricted	Legacy		
	Fund	Fund	2021	2020
	\$	\$	\$	\$
REVENUES				
Contributions	-	2,500	2,500	79,913
Sponsorships and donations	208,314	-	208,314	344,447
Government Grants	289,292	-	289,292	198,868
In-kind	1,380	18,000	19,380	18,000
Amortization of deferred Capital Contriblution	-	18,262	18,262	18,262
Investment Income	-	1,805	1,805	2,103
9	498,986	40,567	539,553	661,593
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Administration	34,596	-	34,596	57,465
Amortization of capital assets	10,412	18,262	28,674	28,367
Uncollectible donations	11,500	20,234	31,734	14,525
Fundraising	666	-	666	12,624
In-kind	-	18,000	18,000	18,000
JACAN fees	27,412	-	27,412	43,216
Professional fees	18,748	-	18,748	44,589
Program	14,659		14,659	73,371
Salaries and benefits	330,885	-	330,885	486,080
	448,878	56,496	505,374	778,237
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER		- 4		
EXPENSES	\$50,108	(\$15,929)	\$34,179	(\$116,644)

The future is bright

JA is entering the next year in a strong financial position, with a seasoned team, a suite of world-class programs and a range of cutting-edge delivery models.

An independent audit of JA Nova Scotia financial statements was conducted by Baker Tilly in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for the not-for-profit sector and the Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Baker Tilly found that JA Nova Scotia's financial statements presented fairly, in all material aspects, as at June 30, 2021 and 2020. A summary of the statements appears here and a full copy of the statements are available upon request.

# **NOVA SCOTIA BUSINESS HALL OF FAME**

COMMEMORATING OUR BUSINESS HISTORY AND LAUREATE LEGACY

# LEGACY PROJECT UPDATE

### **OUR LEGACY PROJECT INVESTORS**

Bill Black George Caines Sharon Calder Richard Calder Diane Campbell Sir Graham Day Irene D'Entremont Jim Fisenhauer
Josephine Eisenhauer
Cathy Fares
Wadih Fares
Elizabeth Fountain
Fred Fountain
Chris Huskilson

Pete Luckett Colin MacDonald Al MacPhee Ralph Medjuck Shirlee Medjuck Mary O'Regan Stephen O'Regan

Steve Parker Joe Randell Bill Ritchie Dorothy Rowe Kenneth Rowe Joe Shannin Steve Smith

David Sobey Donald Sobey Frank Sobey Jim Spatz Rob Steele Annette Verschuren

# MEDIA WALL RECENTLY REOPENED AT HCC

The media wall installation is an interactive audio/video wall, fully integrated into the architecture of the atrium space of the Halifax Convention Centre, Laureate content is accessible through touch screen navigation.



## NEW - DIGITAL ARCHIVE LIVE ON OCTOBER 28

The digital archive is a living repository for the historical content and features collected in the process of creating the Media Wall and Portrait Gallery. The archival website contains nearly 1,000 pieces of media, arranged in individual collections, and includes portraits, biographies, pictures, video, and news articles.



# PORTRAIT GALLERY OFFICIAL UNVEILING NOVEMBER 9

The portraits are culturally significant and represent our economic and business heritage. The gallery is a curated, educative experience hosted in the atrium at the Rowe School of Management at Dalhousie University.















With the gracious support of our Laureate Community, the Legacy Project has so far raised \$849,500 in support of the projects, which includes a reserve for JA Nova Scotia in the amount of \$245,400. Donations to support the upkeep of the projects and to contribute to JA Nova Scotia's ongoing sustainability are welcome.

### REMARKS FROM OUR CHAIR

# MR. BRUCE YOUNG

# Bruce was appointed Board Chair in Fall 2020. He is a VP of Commercial Financial Services at the Royal Bank of Canada.

"Uncertainty about the future was certainly the underlying theme for many organizations and businesses this past year as a result of COVID-19 – and JA Nova Scotia was no different. I'm incredibly proud of the resilience and fortitude of this organization, it's people, and the unwaivering support of its volunteers, stakeholders, and funding partners. Despite the challenges COVID-19 imposed, the team at JA Nova Scotia was able to successfully adapt to a virtual program delivery model and reach in excess of 10,000 students across Nova Scotia. As we look forward to the year ahead – I'm optimistic and confident that we will continue to enhance our reach and impact with youth across this province – leveraging the best parts of virtual with the strength of our people –"



### With Gratitude

We would like to thank the leadership of our **Board of Directors**, who worked tirelessly through a very challenging time, giving of themselves while also meeting the demands set upon them in their own organizations.

# **JA TEAM**

### **Executive Committee**

Bruce Young, RBC, Chair Paul Janes, Deloitte, VP Charl Du Plooy, Emera, Treasurer Jodi Posavad, Grassroots HR, Secretary Karen Gardiner, McInnes Cooper, Exec-at Large Michelle Bussey, NSCC Foundation, Exec-at-Large

### **Directors**

Stephanie Fitzner, Deloitte/JA Alumni Troy Harnish, Rogers Kathy Greeno, Province of NS Roger King, Supplement King Andrew MacKinnon, SBW Tony Folkins, NSP Jody Sampson, Southwest Dov Bercovici, Discovery Centre Sylvia Gawad, Placemaker 4G Tasha Richard, Dalhousie

### JA Staff

Shakara Joseph, President and CEO Brenda Kenney, VP Programs Nicola MacNevin, Education Lead Reha Purdasy, Digital Lead



# **MISSION - VISION - VALUES**

### MISSION

JA Nova Scotia inspires and prepares young people to succeed in the global economy.

### **EDUCATIONAL PILLARS**

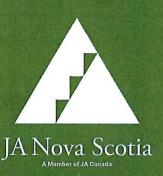
- FINANCIAL LITERACY
- WORKPLACE READINESS
- ENTREPRENEURSHIP

### **VALUES**

- Belief in the boundless potential of youth
- Commitment to the principles of market-based economics and entrepreneurship
- Passion for what we do and honesty, integrity and excellence in how we do it
- Respect for the talents, creativity, perspectives and backgrounds of all individuals
- Conviction in the educational and motivational impact of relevant hands-on learning
- Belief in the power of partnership and collaboration

### **WORLDWIDE VISION**

To be recognized by businesses, educators and policymakers as the premier organization for inspiring and preparing young people to become successful, contributing members of the global society, and for uniting people around the common goals of creating jobs, building stable economies, and providing higher standards of living.





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