



Robert Coutinho

World of Choices Work Readiness - 2 years

What inspired you to volunteer with JA Nova Scotia?

I am a previous JA NS alum and know firsthand the immense value their programs provide.

Share an experience you've had while volunteering.

The level of engagement and questions the kids asked when I spoke with them was far beyond the level I was expecting. It was inspiring and reinforced the value I saw in programs like World of Choices.

What would you say to someone wondering if they should volunteer?

My experience as both a JA alumni and volunteer has been resoundingly positive. Seeing the positive work JA NS continues to do is truly inspiring and I think anyone considering getting involve would have no regrets at doing so.

Keep up the good work



Mandy Evans

In-School Financial Literacy - 1 year

I'm proud to volunteer as a JA Financial Literacy representative. After completing my first JA session, I knew immediately that this was something I wanted to continue doing. Teaching youth about financial literacy— budgeting, saving, decision-making, and building strong financial habits—is something I'm deeply passionate about.

With more than 27 years of experience in the credit union system, I've seen how early financial understanding can positively shape a person's life. JA gives us a powerful opportunity to reach students at a formative age and help them build confidence in their financial choices. I love creating a welcoming, engaging environment where students feel comfortable asking questions and exploring real-life examples.

Outside of JA, I'm committed to community involvement, supporting local initiatives, and helping people grow. Volunteering with JA aligns perfectly with my personal and professional values, and I look forward to continuing to support future sessions and empowering youth to feel confident about their financial futures.



Ryan Hartlen

Company Program - 4 years

What inspired you to volunteer with JA Nova Scotia?

To give a great experience to others as I had a great time when I was in JA, myself and my friend wanted to give back together.

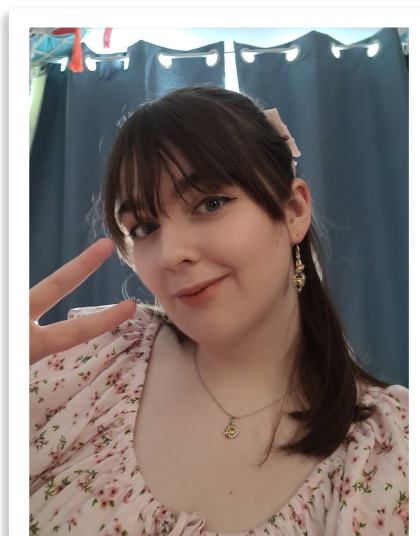
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Honestly, I've had so many great experiences with Junior Achievement, I'm going to give you 2 one in classroom and one not in classroom. One experience was with two students this year, Maddy and Abby. While walking them back to their car after the NSBHOF we did a little photoshoot under the cool lights of downtown. And then

after leaving them they called me because Abby burnt her clutch and she called me freaking out so I stopped over and helped her and educated her. My favorite moment in the classroom was this year watching the kids learn and grow, but watching them make their notebooks from scratch and collaborate together.

What would you say to someone wondering if they should volunteer?

I would say take a leap and try and give back, it makes you feel a certain kind of way to give back to the community. The world is a better place when you give back to it, and JA is one of the causes that really can build a child's future.



Jessica McLellan

Company program, Truro CEC, Advisor - 5 years

What inspired you to volunteer with JA Nova Scotia?

Inspiring new generations to learn how to run a business, seeing them learn from big leaders and having an opportunity to see how the business world works.

Share an experience you've had while volunteering.

Seeing your students be inspired, having those creative thoughts in making a business. And gathering ideas of what they want to do, and accomplish the company at the end. Seeing all there hard work and

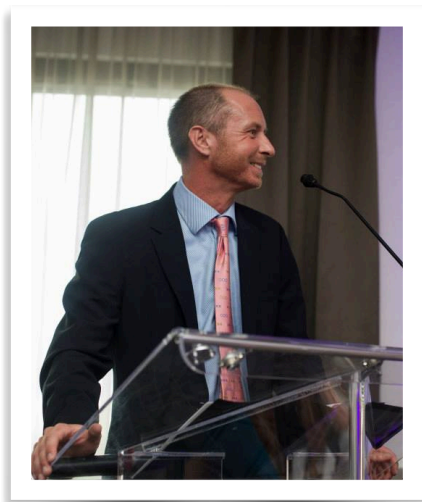
seeing how proud they are knowing they did that. Makes me proud.

What would you say to someone wondering if they should volunteer?

If volunteering is something you would like to do for Junior Achievement, you are already at a start to make a difference. Its not just giving your time, its sharing a piece of yourself. You will meet individuals you would never cross paths with, opportunities you would never expect. And knowing these small things can inspire so many in big ways. Volunteers make a huge difference, and you can be one of them!

I started Junior Achievement Nova Scotia as a student. I was a student for 3 years and now advising for 5 years (so far!) Junior Achievement inspired me to be in the business field. In college, I joined Enactus NSCC Truro. My last year at Enactus I was a co-president and financial officer. And now I am currently a Receptionist at Fundy Textile and Design.

If it wasn't For Junior Achievement, I wouldn't have never really learned about the business side or be inspired to do as much as I do now.



Greg Thomson

Company Program - Citadel and Our Business World, Dollars and Sense, World of Choices, Titan, etc - 19 years

What inspired you to volunteer with JA Nova Scotia?

I hosted a table at Business Hall of Fame Dinner several times.

Share an experience you've had while volunteering.

Enjoy the curiosity of the students and watching them

learn & develop.

What would you say to someone wondering if they should volunteer?

It is all about the students - help them engage, learn and achieve.

I enjoy JA.