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### **Junior Achievement of Wisconsin Shines the Spotlight on Local Volunteer**

*Financial Literacy Lessons Taught by Nick Purkapile Help Janesville Students Learn about Money*

**JANESVILLE, WISCONSIN** - As the 2021-22 school year comes to a close, Junior Achievement of Wisconsin (JA) would like to spotlight a local volunteer.

Nick Purkapile has been a Junior Achievement volunteer in Janesville, Wisconsin, since 2010. For the last 8 years, he has taught third graders at Roosevelt Elementary School about money. The program, called *JA Our City®*, helps students learn about the choices people make with their money and helps them understand the importance of money to a city and its citizens.

“I’ve been in the banking industry for 20 years. I understand how important it is to teach young people how to make smart choices with their money,” said Mr. Purkapile. “It’s so gratifying when I see a student after our JA program is finished and they remember me and what I taught them.”

Mr. Purkapile began his career in banking as a teller in high school and worked his way up to management positions in Janesville banks. He currently works for Finastra, a banking software company that helps transition banks to new programs that make bank processes more effective.

Junior Achievement has provided financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and career readiness programming to Rock County students for more than 20 years. Through partnerships with corporate volunteers, educators, and local donors, JA fulfills its vision for a world where young people have the skillset and mindset to build thriving communities. Over the past 5 years, the Janesville office of Junior Achievement of Wisconsin has used a dedicated core of more than 800 volunteer mentors to serve more than 15,000 students in Rock, Green, and Walworth Counties.