



## **High School Heroes Program**

### **WHAT**

The High School Heroes program provides high school students the opportunity to become role models by teaching and inspiring elementary students. A classroom teacher is matched with a pair of local high school juniors / seniors who spend an entire day with the same class. As teachers for the day, volunteers teach a series of five fun, interactive, age-appropriate lessons to the elementary school students.

### **WHY**

Through this program, high school students serve as powerful role models for younger children in their communities. They also increase their self-confidence and feel empowered to make a difference in the lives of others. In addition, participating high school students – most of whom are interested in pursuing a career in education – receive a hands-on, real-world teaching experience. This is something they may otherwise not encounter until well into their college years.

### **BENEFITS**

Participation in the High School Heroes program allows students to:

- Gain first-hand knowledge of community service involvement
- Hone their leadership and teamwork skills
- Develop public speaking, presentation and communication skills
- Improve their time management skills
- Build self-confidence
- Serve as role models for younger students
- Earn community service hours for graduation
- Gain exposure to the teaching profession and gain work-related experience
- Build their resume for college and scholarship applications

### **CURRICULUM**

The High School Heroes Program is designed for the students to deliver a traditionally five-week curriculum in one day – the JA in a Day experience.

All JA programs focus on one or more of our three pillars of student success: financial literacy, workforce readiness, and entrepreneurship. Each lesson is activity-based, reinforcing important concepts through hands-on learning.

### **TRAINING**

All High School Heroes are required to attend two one-hour training sessions provided by JA staff / volunteers at their school. During the training, students will receive their teaching materials, learn how to prepare the lessons and gain effective classroom management skills.

Questions?

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