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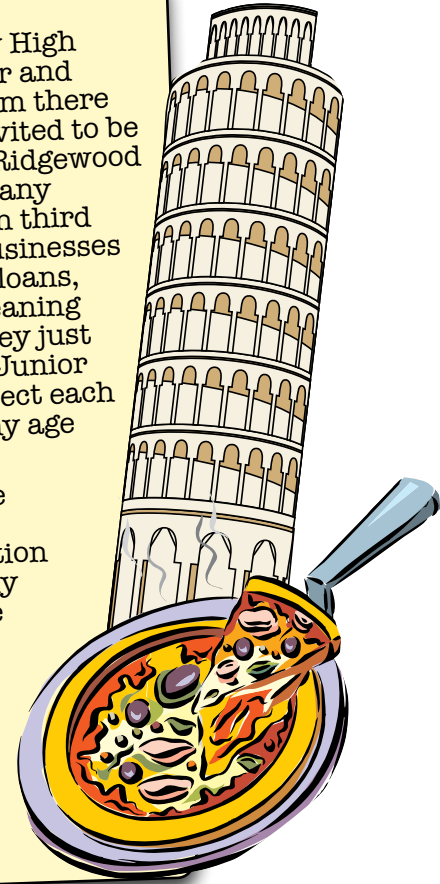
Kaitlyn Schneider



Kaitlyn Schneider, a ninth grade student at Danbury High School, graduated from Saint Joseph School last year and participated in the Junior Achievement (JA) program there for eight years. Given her interest in JA, she was invited to be the student speaker at its Recognition Breakfast at Ridgewood Country Club. Kaitlyn shared her thoughts on the many business concepts she learned in the JA program. In third grade, she studied about Our City. "I learned how businesses contribute to a city and about income, government, loans, and careers. I opened a pizzeria in Italy near the Leaning Tower of Pisa that was visited by many tourists. They just loved my Margarita pizza!" According to Kaitlyn, "Junior

Achievement teaches us to work as a team, to listen to each other, and to respect each other's opinions. It makes the business world look a little less scary to kids my age and actually makes it look like fun!"

Now in high school, has she had a chance to apply the business concepts she learned in JA? "Yes I have, definitely. Just last summer I volunteered at a summer camp and had to interview for the position. After taking the Our Nation program, I knew how to fill out the application clearly and dress appropriately for the interview." Kaitlyn also mentioned the knowledge gained through the Our World program, "When my family travels outside the United States on vacation, I understand exchange rates and can figure out how much a shirt I purchase with Euros would cost me if I bought it back home." Kaitlyn acknowledged that taking the JA program has helped her with team work and public speaking skills that she uses often in high school. According to Kaitlyn, "... as Junior Achievement's slogan states 'let their success be your inspiration', I feel their success has truly been my inspiration!"



Junior Achievement's Kosakowski Appointed To President Bush's Advisory Council on Financial Literacy

Jack E. Kosakowski, JA Worldwide (Junior Achievement) Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer and President, Junior Achievement USA, has been appointed to serve on President Bush's Advisory Council on Financial Literacy. The formation of the Council was announced by the President at the White House.

The Council's mandate is "to help keep America competitive and assist the American people in understanding and addressing financial matters." During his

remarks, President Bush referenced the sub-prime mortgage crisis as an economic event exacerbated by the lack of financial education.

Specifically, the Council's duties include improving financial education efforts for youth in school and for adults in the workplace, and strengthening and coordinating public and private sector financial education programs.



President George W. Bush shakes hands with Jack Kosakowski as he greets the members of the President's Advisory Council on Financial Literacy Jan. 22, 2008, in the Oval Office.

Kosakowski noted, "Junior Achievement's representation on the Council reinforces the importance of the work we do every day to give young people the tools to effectively manage their finances and help them participate fully and successfully in our economy. Junior Achievement is proud to be invited to contribute and have a voice in our nation's financial literacy policy."

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