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### **Junior Achievement of New York Chosen as a Charity Beneficiary of the Inaugural Long Island Believe Symposium**

NEW YORK, NY - Junior Achievement of New York is proud to announce it has been selected as one of three charity beneficiaries of the Long Island Believe Symposium's inaugural youth education forum and fundraising event which will take place on Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at the Hyatt Regency in Hauppauge, Long Island. The Believe Symposium is more than just an event; it is a movement with the sole purpose of helping students to believe in their communities, their future and themselves. Dedicated to inspiring and motivating young adults and business professionals to invest in the future of Long Island as a vibrant community with emerging economic and business opportunities, the Believe Symposium's hopes to inspire and cultivate a new generation of Long Island business and community leaders.

The symposium consists of two equally important parts: an inspiring day for students, followed by an evening fundraising cocktail reception for the business community. The student portion will be held at Suffolk Community College Brentwood Campus. Through keynote speakers, interactive break-out workshops and multiple networking opportunities, students of various backgrounds will be presented a chance to connect and be inspired by leaders who have made a difference right here on Long Island.

A variety of unique sponsorships are available to organizations and businesses that are excited about the growth and preservation of Long Island's economic potential. A significant portion of the funds raised from these sponsorships will be dedicated to the following Long Island Educational Charities: **Junior Achievement of New York**, Long Island Works and the Mentoring Partnership. A portion of funding will also go to the newly established LIE Believe Scholarship Fund, which will be awarded annually to those students who choose to pursue higher education at one of the many prestigious universities here on Long Island.

"Junior Achievement of New York and The Believe Symposium both believe in the economic vitality and potential of Long Island. We also believe in the amazing human capital and potential of our young people. We want to ensure that access to success and opportunity is the legacy we create for future generations," said Joseph Peri, president of Junior Achievement of New York. "We're thrilled that the Believe Symposium chose Junior Achievement of New York as a beneficiary of this important event and we look forward to a long and mutually beneficial partnership with this dynamic organization."

If you are interested in sponsorship or speaking opportunities at the Believe Symposium, visit: [www.believeinli.com](http://www.believeinli.com) or call: [JoAnn Winkhart](mailto:JoAnn_Winkhart) at 516-719-7100 ext 25 / email: [joann@longislandelite.com](mailto:joann@longislandelite.com).

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### **About Junior Achievement of New York**

For more than 80 years, Junior Achievement of New York (JA New York) has delivered free K-12 economic education and empowerment programs to NYC and Long Island students.

JA New York is the local affiliate of Junior Achievement Worldwide, the world's largest and fastest-growing organization dedicated to inspiring and preparing young people to succeed in a global economy. Through a dedicated volunteer network, Junior Achievement provides in-school and after-school programs for students which focus on three key content areas: work readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy. Today, 126 individual area operations reach more than four million students in the United States, with an additional 5.7 million students served by operations in 122 other countries worldwide. For more information, visit [www.jany.org](http://www.jany.org).

### **About the Believe Symposium**

The Believe Symposium's mission is to empower Long Islander's to create a better environment to raise a family, start a business and live a prosperous life. By challenging Long Island youth to envision their future and take steps toward their goals, the Believe Symposium will help young people to believe in themselves and the opportunities to succeed and create a thriving economic future and communities on Long Island. For more information, visit: [www.believeinli.com](http://www.believeinli.com).

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