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## 2025 Class of Laureates



### **Allie Beth Allman**

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### **Curtis C. Farmer**

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### **Dale Petroskey**

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## Connecting the Best in Business to the Next in Business

### CEO Message from Chris LaTurno

Life and work in a global economy are more demanding than ever—and many of life’s most important lessons can’t be found in a textbook. They come from hands-on experience with real-life situations—like managing a budget, collaborating with co-workers or building a business.

Since 1954, Junior Achievement of Dallas (JA Dallas) has given North Texas students valuable, hands-on learning experiences so they can build the skills they’ll need in the world and workplace. Today, more than 2,500 business and community volunteers annually help lead JA’s proven learning experiences across Dallas, Collin, Denton and Kaufman counties, helping students develop real-world skills that life and employers demand. And we’re making a difference – JA alums are more likely to have a college degree, make higher earnings and start businesses.

The Dallas Business Hall of Fame honors the best and brightest in Dallas business, and we have an outstanding 2025 Class of Laureates, whom you can read about below. As our biggest annual fundraiser, the Hall of Fame is also critical to supporting our mission. Since its inception, it has raised \$5 million, helping us to reach 700,000+ local students and connect them with 3 million hours of mentorship from corporate and community volunteers.

We are grateful to all who have supported our efforts—as sponsors, volunteers and educators. Thank you for investing the next generation of Dallas business leaders.

Sincerely,

Chris LaTurno  
CEO, Junior Achievement of Dallas



## 2025 Laureate Class



### Allie Beth Allman

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For over 30 years, Allie Beth Allman has been a leader in Dallas luxury real estate. Named Dallas County’s Top Producer for three consecutive years, her team consistently ranks #1 in Park Cities sales. Her dedication to customer satisfaction has been highlighted by *Texas Monthly*, *Dallas Business Journal* and *The Dallas Morning News*.



### Curtis C. Farmer

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer  
Comerica Incorporated and Comerica Bank

Curtis C. Farmer has over 30 years of banking leadership experience. Since joining Comerica in 2008, he has held numerous executive roles, including his current role as Chairman, President and CEO of Comerica Incorporated and Comerica Bank. A civic leader, Curt also serves on several nonprofit boards, including SMU Cox School of Business Executive Board and Methodist Health System Foundation.



### Dale Petroskey

President & CEO  
Dallas Regional Chamber

As President and CEO of the Dallas Regional Chamber, Dale Petroskey leads one of the largest and most established business organizations in the United States. His distinguished career includes roles as Assistant White House Press Secretary, Senior Vice President for Mission Programs at National Geographic and President of the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

## 2025 Student of the Year

### Palak Patel

A senior at Plano East Senior High School, Palak Patel was selected from a competitive pool of more than 100 applicants for her outstanding academic achievements, leadership and commitment to community impact. As part of this prestigious recognition, Patel will receive the Sandi Smith Scholarship, a \$10,000 award to support her higher education journey in college and pursuit of a career in business.



**“I found myself diving into projects that challenged me to think in new ways and take on responsibilities I had never expected. It wasn’t just about tasks and deadlines; it was about learning how to navigate the complex world of business and understanding the value of making smart, informed decisions.”**

– Palak Patel, 2025 JA Student of the Year, on her JA Dallas experience



# ABOUT JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF DALLAS

Junior Achievement of Dallas prepares students for the business of life. We equip young people with hands-on learning experiences so they can thrive in our complex world and workplaces.



## OUR FOCUS AREAS



### Financial Literacy

Preparing young people for lifelong financial health by giving them hands-on experiences with smart money management, credit and the value of employment.

### Workplace Readiness

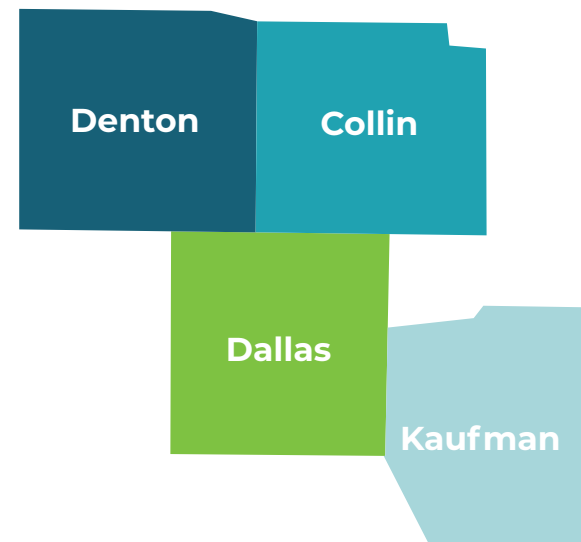
Equipping students to succeed in the workplace by showing them the possibilities and demands ahead, as well as how the economy works.



### Entrepreneurship

Helping students cultivate an entrepreneurial mindset by practicing skills they'll need tomorrow, like how to develop a product or service, craft a compelling business pitch and operate a company.

## OUR REACH



## OUR IMPACT

**106,177** Students Served

**205** School Partners

**2,530** Volunteers

**410,858** Volunteer Hours

**\$13,558,314** Value of Volunteer Time



# GET INVOLVED WITH JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF DALLAS

Partner with us to empower today's students and build a pipeline for tomorrow's workforce

## VOLUNTEER

Inspire kids to achieve a fulfilling career and build a bright future. We offer a range of in-person and virtual volunteer opportunities, from sharing your career journey to facilitating hands-on experiences to build students' financial literacy, work readiness and entrepreneurship skills.

**For more information, contact:**  
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## BOLD GIRLS SUMMIT

JA Dallas' premier BOLD Girls Summit empowers the next generation of female leaders by connecting professional women from diverse industries and backgrounds with over 200 promising high school girls from across North Texas.

**March 26, 2025 | 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM**

**The University of Texas at Dallas,  
Davidson-Gundy Alumni Center**

**For more information, contact:**  
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## GIVE

JA of Dallas' K-12 programs deliver work-readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy skills through hands-on learning experiences to inspire North Texas students to dream big and unlock a world of possibilities. Make a meaningful investment in Junior Achievement's vision to ensure young people have the skillset and mindset to build thriving communities.

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