

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your student is currently participating in the JA Inspire program at their school. The JA Inspire program is a coalition of educators and industry leaders, led by Junior Achievement of Rhode Island, to provide 8th grade students with hands-on experiences in considering careers, especially high-growth/high-demand careers in Rhode Island.

As your student starts to explore high school and higher education options, the JA Inspire program will help showcase the opportunities that are waiting for them when they complete their education. This program is designed to help your student create a pathway for success.

Recently, your student completed the first of five activities in the classroom where they have taken a career interest inventory, the results of which are below. In the coming days, your student will also participate in activities where they will research career clusters, including RI's high-demand/high-growth industries, and learn about the soft skills that employers will be looking for. This is in preparation for your student to participate in a JA Inspire Career Exploration Fair at the RI Convention Center.

The Career Exploration Fair will begin with a welcome and instructions for the students. Students will then enter the exhibitor area and will be required to interact with at least 5 exhibitors during their time at the venue. They will interview and ask questions of the exhibitors and participate in some type of hands-on activity related to the job of the exhibitor's industry. In the exhibit hall they will have 90-minutes to complete their interviews and then return to school and complete a reflection activity.

JA has designed a website, www.jainspireri.org, where parents/guardians can further explore the JA Inspire program. We hope that you will visit the site to see the tools that are available to help you as a parent/guardian assist in your students' education and career planning.

Sincerely,



Lee Lewis
President
Junior Achievement of Rhode Island

P.S. – As mentioned above, your student has taken a Career Interest Inventory. This assessment identified the following Holland Codes for your student and career fields in the following interest areas: Realistic, Investigative, Artistic, Social, Enterprising, and Conventional (RIASEC).

Student Name: _____

Top Holland Codes with score value:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Top careers that align with these results:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

