



Summer Greetings,

As JABC gears up for the new school year, we are thrilled to share what we have been up to this summer. It has been an exciting few months to say the least! In June we "Celebrated JA" across the province with numerous events focused on thanking our dedicated volunteers, donors and educators. We also presented a number of awards and scholarships to students who exhibited great skill, initiative and productivity this past year. One of those recipients, Simon Hartwell, will represent BC at Junior Achievement of Canada's International Conference (CANJAC) in August. In early September I encourage you to look for JABC's new Advertising Campaign in publications such as BCBusiness Magazine, The Business Examiner and Douglas Magazine. Until then enjoy this month's newsletter and have a safe and relaxing summer.

All the best,

Jan Bell-Irving

JA Student Ambassadors Dine with Stedman Graham



JA students meet with Stedman Graham

He may be recognized as media mogul Oprah Winfrey's life partner, but to JABC Stedman Graham is a distinguished supporter and former Board Member of JA Worldwide.

Mr. Graham was in Vancouver recently to speak at BCBusiness Magazine's Top 100 Luncheon. Thanks to the generosity of RBC Royal Bank and Canada Wide Media Limited, eight JA students were invited to the Top 100 Sponsor Dinner to meet guest of honour in person.

The work of Junior Achievement was recognized by Mr. Graham during the event as he spoke about his own personal experience on the Board of Directors. Our students received a copy of his book *You Can Make It Happen Every Day* and were given the opportunity to have it signed at the end of the evening. "It was such a lovely and wonderful experience to meet all the awesome business companies in Vancouver and especially to hear Mr. Graham's speech." said Ross, a grade 12 student at Britannia Secondary School.

The next day our young ambassadors attended the luncheon and spoke to guests about their experience with Junior Achievement. Mr. Graham made a point of visiting the JA booth to say hello and pose for photos before he made his formal speech.

Junior Achievement of British Columbia would like to thank Peter Legge from Canada Wide Media and Tim Manning from RBC Royal Bank for providing this opportunity to JA students in the Lower Mainland.

Top Entrepreneurial Honors for Victoria Students



2008 CIBC Student Venture of the Year: Stas Pavol, Jacob Black-Lock, and Garrett Peterson of *Mount Doug Wear*.

JABC has awarded the Mount Doug Wear business club from Victoria's Mount Douglas Secondary with the 2008 CIBC Student Venture of the Year award.

Mount Doug Wear was chosen for the most outstanding and realistic JA Company Program experience. The team provided trendy and reasonably-priced clothing for Mount Doug students and staff. They generated \$21,000 in sales and used a fashion show, the *Mount Doug Wear* website and YouTube to promote their merchandise.

Three reps from *Mount Doug Wear*, along with their teacher Donna Parkinson, accepted the prestigious award at the "Celebrate JA!" event in Vancouver. The event also honoured 40 other students from across BC for their outstanding performance, creativity, and business acumen in their JA programs. [Full List of Award Winners](#)

Kelowna Students Win ISP Challenge

Students from Okanagan Mission Secondary School in Kelowna out-invested over 150 teams from across BC to win the coveted Investment Strategies Program (ISP) Stock Market Challenge this Spring. Team *Dream Team Inc.* received a \$500 cheque, sponsored by HSBC Bank Canada. The money will be split between the school and the participating students.

This exciting online event challenges grade 9 & 10 students to invest real-time in the stock market and manage their portfolio over a 6 week period. The group also placed sixth out of 581 teams across Canada.

Congratulations to *Dream Team Inc.*!

Vancouver Island Welcomes Traveling Hall of Fame Kiosk



Ike Barber and a JA Student unveil the Hall of Fame Kiosk at the Royal BC Museum

Over one hundred business leaders and other Junior Achievement supporters gathered at the Royal British Columbia Museum in Victoria on June 23, for the official unveiling of the Business Laureates of BC Traveling Hall of Fame Kiosk.

Barbara Brink, Business Laureates of BC Gala Cabinet Vice Chair, emceed the event and welcomed Hall of Fame Inductee Irving K. Barber to assist during the unveiling. The interactive touch screen Kiosk will be featured at the Museum throughout the summer, giving locals and visitors the opportunity to learn about the rich history of those who helped shaped business in British Columbia.

The event was also an opportunity for JABC to recognize those individuals and companies that support JA on Vancouver Island. Greg Garnett, Regional Advisory Committee Chair for JABC, spoke of the partnerships with educators, donors and volunteers. Garnett also highlighted that an estimated 5400 students participated in 181 JA programs in on Vancouver Island this past school year and acknowledged that over 140 volunteers around Vancouver Island helped to contribute to this great success. "Thank you to each one of the dedicated business professionals who volunteered for JA and helped to inspire local students to dream big and follow in the footsteps of BC's Business Laureates." [More information on the Business Laureates of BC Hall of Fame](#)

Award Winning JA Student to Attend CANJAC



JA Student Simon Hartwell speaks at Vancouver's Celebrate JA! Event

Simon Hartwell from Fraser Valley Distance Education School in Surrey will represent BC at Junior Achievement of Canada's International Student Conference (CANJAC) this summer.

CANJAC is for the top JA students: the forum is designed to enhance their business knowledge, and to reward and recognize their outstanding accomplishments. Throughout the conference the delegates will research a business-related issue, with the assistance of the volunteer mentors.

As the winner of the 2008 McDonald's Award for Excellence & Leadership, Simon will attend the week-long conference, held at the University of Toronto in August. In addition to building his business expertise, he will meet and network with JA students from around the world.

"I'm really excited for the opportunity to go to CANJAC!" said Simon. "This is my first year participating in Junior Achievement, and I'm really floored at what has resulted. If the conference is anything like the quality business coaching found in the after-school program I attended, it's going to be the highlight of my summer."