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# PMIEF Awards Junior Achievement Grant Funding to Build a Digital Project Management Program

PMIEF was pleased to grant \$122,000 to JA USA to build a project management module. This “module on demand” is being piloted in 2015 and, if as successful as anticipated, the program will be implemented in countries outside of the USA within the next several years.

When the PMI Educational Foundation (PMIEF) provides grant funding to build youth project management programs, many criteria are evaluated. One criterion is the number of children that can be impacted; Junior Achievement (JA) reaches over 4.4 million children in countries throughout the world.

In addition to its reach, PMIEF was interested in partnering with JA for another reason.

Over the years, the Foundation



has seen the passion demonstrated by PMI volunteers for JA and its programs; countless members of PMI members have volunteered for Junior Achievement around the globe.

Here are just a few of the examples:

- The PMI Chicagoland Chapter helped facilitate an “Ask the Expert” program. PMI members introduced students and teachers to project management, explained their responsibilities and provided insights about the types of projects they manage at their companies.

- The PMI Buenos Aires, Argentina Chapter educated both JA students and staff, helping the JA staff to learn skills that enabled them to be more efficient and effective.

- The PMI Nova Scotia, Canada Chapter is partnering with JA to help build entrepreneurship and project management skills for JA youth.

- The PMI New York City Chapter has partnered with JA and Bank of New York (BNY) Mellon to create a job shadowing program for high school students. This program was then replicated at Barclays in New York City.

“I learned the steps toward managing a project, and the development of a team,” said Joshua Romnihore, a student who participated in the program at BNY Mellon. “I learned about what the trading department does, including paying attention to the market. Lastly I enjoyed learning the technology banks use.”

Through their donation of time and expertise, this BNY Mellon volunteer team of project managers generated a BNY Mellon Community Partnership financial matching contribution awarded to PMIEF.

Before the grant to JA, USA, PMIEF also awarded several smaller grants

to JA Chicago. These grants provided funding for the Ask the Expert Program and a student mentoring program. University and high school students developed project management skills through project-based learning and, in turn, participated in mentoring young children.

JA staff is very excited about the grant and the project management module. They view project management as a universal life, learning and professional skill that will be highly beneficial for all of their students.

To learn more about PMIEF or how you can set up a community partnership program like BNY Mellon, please contact the Foundation at [pmief@pmi.org](mailto:pmief@pmi.org).



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