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Junior Achievement students receive financial literacy scholarships from the Kansas Insurance Department

Topeka, Kan. – Kansas Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt, today, announced three participants in Junior Achievement of Kansas programs as winners of a financial literacy essay scholarship contest sponsored by the Office of the Kansas Securities Commissioner, a division of the Kansas Insurance Department.

The Department granted \$10,000 to Junior Achievement designated for a financial literacy essay contest in which the top three Junior Achievement student essays split a share of the grant in scholarship funds.

The scholarship winners included:

- 1st Place, \$5,000 – Ella Foxhoven, Seaman High School
- 2nd Place, \$3,000 – Byron Trenton Howell, Topeka West High School
- 3rd Place, \$2,000 – Brayden Hoang, Wichita Northwest High School

“Learning how to invest safely and wisely should begin at an early age,” said Commissioner Schmidt. “These essays demonstrated that the students have obtained practical investment knowledge to complement their overall financial literacy.”

The first-place essay will join two other winners from Jobs for America’s Graduates Kansas and the Kansas Council for Economic Education to compete for the overall winner of the essay contest and an additional scholarship of \$5,000.

To learn more about Junior Achievement of Kansas, visit kansas.ja.org, ‘Junior Achievement of Kansas’ on Facebook, and on Twitter at @kansasja. For more information about the Kansas Insurance Department or to learn more about making smart investment decisions, visit insurance.kansas.gov and SmartInvestKS.com.

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Junior Achievement of Kansas (JA) is a member of the nation's largest organization dedicated to giving young people the knowledge and skills they need to own their economic success, plan for their futures, and make smart academic and economic choices. JA's programs—in the core content areas of work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy—ignite the spark in young people to experience and realize the opportunities and realities of work and life in the 21st century.

The Office of the Kansas Securities Commissioner, a division of the Kansas Insurance Department, regulates investment sales in Kansas--the birthplace of “Blue Sky Laws.” In 2017, the Office was merged with the Kansas Insurance Department.