

JA SOUTHERN MASSACHUSETTS YOUTH SUMMIT

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The JA Southern Massachusetts Youth Summit empowers young people to lead the way in shaping a future where innovation and connection go hand in hand. By uniting students, educators, community partners, and business leaders, this Summit fosters collaboration, amplifies youth voices, and drives solutions that create lasting impact across our schools, communities, and economy.

More than just a conference, the Youth Summit is a youth-led experience designed to inspire, connect, and empower. The event will feature a dynamic mix of activities, including a fireside chat with thought leaders offering cross-generational perspectives, interactive breakout sessions with hands-on learning, and engaging networking opportunities across sectors. These connections can open doors to higher education pathways, internships, employment opportunities, and access to valuable community programs. By combining vision, connection, and action, the Summit will spark a movement that extends far beyond a single day—building long-term collaboration and impact across Southern Massachusetts.

Each year, the Summit explores a theme that reflects timely opportunities and emerging challenges. For 2026, the focus is Artificial Intelligence—a transformative technology reshaping how we learn, work, and live. Rooted in the bold vision of the 1964 New York World's Fair and its celebration of "The World of Tomorrow," the Summit invites students, educators, community leaders, and business professionals to engage in meaningful dialogue about AI's potential to drive positive change. This youth-led initiative ensures that young voices remain at the center of conversations about innovation, opportunity, and leadership in the AI era.

EVENT TIMELINE

MAY 7TH 2026 • UMASS DARTMOUTH

JA SOUTHERN MASSACHUSETTS
YOUTH SUMMIT AGENDA

8:00AM - 9:00AM: School Arrival
& Networking Breakfast

9:00AM: Kickoff Remarks from
Junior Achievement, UMass Dartmouth &
Program Partners

9:15AM: Fireside Chat Panel: Southern
Massachusetts Leadership Now & Next

10:00AM: AI For Youth Hands-On Learning
Session: Opportunity & Leadership in the AI Era

10:45AM: Breakout Session 1 -
Industry Spotlight & Connection

11:15AM: Breakout Session 2 -
Industry Spotlight & Connection

11:45AM: Breakout Session 3 - Entrepreneurship
Spotlight & JA Company Program Pitch
Competition (For Participating Students)

12:15PM - 1:10PM: Networking Lunch & Future
Career & Education Connection Workshop

1:10PM: Closing Remarks from
Junior Achievement & School Departure



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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Your child has been selected by their school to participate in Junior Achievement's 2026 Youth Summit, a dynamic day of learning and connections for regional high school students.

The event will be held at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth during school hours on Thursday, May 7th, 2026.

In order for your child to participate in Junior Achievement's Youth Summit, you must complete both of the enclosed forms and return them to your child's school no later than May 5th, 2026.

- Participant Permission Slip**
- Junior Achievement Photo Release**

Like all Junior Achievement programs, the JA Youth Summit is 100% free for schools and students.

JA teaches students in kindergarten through twelfth grade about the importance of staying in school, personal financial responsibility, their roles as responsible consumers, and other important skills to help them succeed in a global economy.

Our goal is to provide young people with the knowledge and skills they need to make smart academic, career, and economic decisions throughout their lives.

The JA Youth Summit is just one example of what we do best, and we're looking forward to an incredible event!

My best regards,

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Junior Achievement Youth Summit Participant Permission Slip

Event Name: 2026 Junior Achievement Youth Summit Event

Event Location: University of Massachusetts – Dartmouth

Event Date: Thursday, May 7th 2026

I give permission for my child, _____ (child's name) to attend the 2026 Junior Achievement Youth Summit competition, held at University of Massachusetts – Dartmouth on Thursday, May 7th, 2026.

I, the undersigned parent or guardian of the above-mentioned minor, do hereby consent to my child's participation in this voluntary 2026 Junior Achievement Youth Summit and forever release Junior Achievement of Southern Massachusetts, Junior Achievement USA and their respective employees, volunteers, partners, affiliates and Boards of Directors (collectively the "Releasees") from any and all liability, and waive any and all claims, for injury, loss or damage, including attorney's fees, in any way connected with my child's participation in the 2026 Junior Achievement Youth Summit (the "Program"), whether or not caused by my child's negligence or other misconduct of any of the Releasees. I forever release, acquit, discharge and covenant to hold harmless the Releasees from any and all causes of action and claims on account of, or in any way growing out of, directly or indirectly, my minor child's participation in the Program, including all foreseeable and unforeseeable personal injuries or property damage, further including all claims or rights of action for damages which my minor child may acquire, either before or after he or she has reached his or her majority, resulting from his or her participation in the Program. I agree to indemnify and to hold harmless the Releasees from all claims (in other words, to reimburse the Releasees and to be responsible) for liability, injury, loss, damage or expense, including attorneys' fees (including the cost of defending any Claim my child might make, or that might be made on my child's behalf, that is released or waived in this paragraph), in any way connected with or arising out of my child's participation in the Program.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS AGREEMENT AND AGREE TO ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS HEREIN. I FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS AND SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

Parent/Guardian Name (please print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature (if over 18): _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____

Primary Emergency Contact Name, Phone Number: _____

Secondary Emergency Contact Name, Phone Number: _____

Student's Anticipated Year of High School Graduation: _____

Dietary Restrictions or Allergies (if applicable): _____

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO SCHOOL NO LATER THAN Tuesday, May 5th 2026.

Questions? Contact Jeffrey Pelletier at Jeffrey.pelletier@ja.org or 508-264-0586.



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Junior Achievement Photo Release

- In consideration of the opportunity to be videotaped and/or photographed, I hereby grant Junior Achievement of Southern Massachusetts and UMass Dartmouth of the right to photograph and/or video-tape (hereafter called "media") my child, _____ (minor's full name). I grant Junior Achievement of Southern Massachusetts and UMass Dartmouth the irrevocable right and permission to:
 - Reproduce, use, reuse, publish, display, copyright, and distribute all media taken in which my child might appear and in connection with any and all media now known or hereinafter developed.
 - Reproduce, use, reuse, publish, display, copyright, and distribute the same, individually or in conjunction with other photographs, images, text, and/or captions in connection with any promotion, advertising, and publicity of Junior Achievement of Southern Massachusetts and UMass Dartmouth in all media.
 - Use, publish, and distribute my child's name individually or in conjunction with other photographs, images, text, and/or captions in connection with any promotion, advertising, and publicity of Junior Achievement of Southern Massachusetts and UMass Dartmouth in all media.
- I understand that the copyright to all media resides with Junior Achievement of Southern Massachusetts and/or UMass Dartmouth.

Your signature indicates consent and releases Junior Achievement of Southern Massachusetts staff of any responsibility in case of accident not due to negligence.

Student Name (please print): _____

Parent/Guardian Name (please print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature (if over 18): _____ Date: _____

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» ABOUT JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF SOUTHERN MASSACHUSETTS

Junior Achievement of Southern Massachusetts (JA) is a regional non-profit organization whose mission is to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in the global economy. JA focuses on high impact learning experiences for K-12 students across the key content areas of financial literacy, career readiness, and entrepreneurship that drive long-term outcomes in education development, economic development, and youth development. JA's learning experiences are always free and are implemented in-school, virtually, and out-of-school thanks to the support of our volunteers and partners.

Junior Achievement of Southern Massachusetts serves the counties of Bristol, Barnstable, Dukes, Nantucket, and portions of Plymouth County, reaching more than 3,000 young people annually through our engaging educational experiences. In partnership with the education and business communities, JA is transforming the student experience by bringing relevance, authenticity and application into everyday learning to energize students around academics and their future possibilities. We will empower the next generation with the knowledge, capacity, and motivation to thrive; to build a better future for themselves and our community.

Junior Achievement of Southern Massachusetts is the local affiliate of Junior Achievement USA, the nation's oldest and largest economic education organization with over 100 years of experience.

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