

Steven G. Mihaylo

History of Tradition in partnering with Junior Achievement of Arizona, Inc.

- June 9, 1982 – Established an Endowment Fund to sponsor college scholarships for high school seniors majoring in business as well as fund JA programs annually (Steve had a photo album I started for him in 1998 with photos and thank you notes from all his scholarship kids). Continues on today.
- Served as a Board Member from 1/1/82 to 8/1/85
- Served as a trustee on Junior Achievement Foundation from 1993 – April 2006
- Recognized as a Charter Member of the Free Enterprise Society of JA Worldwide in 2001. A new launch by JA Worldwide in 2001 to recognize individuals who sponsor JA programs at a significant financial level.
- Inducted into the Arizona Business Hall of Fame on November 2, 2001 (attachments)
- Awarded the JA Worldwide Gold Leadership Award at the U.S. Business Hall of Fame in Washington, D.C. in 1998. Steve was recognized for his participation and leadership in national or worldwide activities and outstanding service at all levels within the JA of Arizona organization.
- A \$1MM lead gift to launch a \$5MM capital campaign to acquire, renovate and equip a 23,000 sq.ft Tempe building that houses two JA BizTown programs and our Arizona headquarter offices. JA was pleased to recognize Steve for the important role he played in bringing business and economic theory to life. Steve not only embraced a new vision of teaching and learning, but ensured its successful launch through his selfless investment of time and financial resources. Steve stated, *“Through my involvement in the Junior Achievement JA BizTown (formerly Exchange City) project, I am investing in young children by giving them the opportunity to prepare for their future. And, through this project they can find and take pride in their academic strengths. Seeing them grow and take their place in the community makes this investment rewarding.”*

Since the launch of JA's experiential learning program in 2001, more than 100,000 fifth and sixth grade students have experienced the thrill of running their own business and learning they can be successful in the world of work. We have Steve to thank for believing in our vision of creating a hands-on learning environment where young people can begin to explore a wide array of careers and make plans for their future role in our free market economy.