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Steve deCastro Receives National Recognition from Junior Achievement USA

PORTLAND, Maine – Junior Achievement of Maine is proud to announce that Steve deCastro, President & CEO of Gorham Savings Bank in Maine, has been awarded the esteemed Junior Achievement USA Silver Award. Steve's dedication, outstanding leadership, and an incredible 25-year tenure on the JA Maine Board of Directors have earned him this prestigious national recognition. Steve is the fifth individual in Maine to have received this award.

Junior Achievement USA is a renowned organization committed to empowering young people with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in the workforce, make informed financial decisions, and become entrepreneurs. Each year, the organization honors individuals who have made exceptional contributions to its mission. Steve deCastro's recognition is a testament to his unwavering commitment to enrich the lives of Maine's youth.

Steve deCastro served on the JA Maine Board of Directors for a quarter-century, where his leadership helped shape the organization's initiatives and his guidance inspired countless students on a path toward financial literacy and future success.

"I've seen first-hand how instrumental Steve's been in his work with JA over the last 25 years. He's a tireless advocate for empowering Maine's youth and this award is so well-deserved," said Kevin Heatley, Chief Technology and Innovation Officer at Gorham Savings Bank and Junior Achievement of Maine Board Member. "On behalf of all of us at Gorham Savings Bank, we couldn't be more grateful for his invaluable contributions to JA".

In June, Steve transitioned from his role on the board of directors, but his commitment to Junior Achievement remains steadfast. He will continue to advocate for and champion the organization, ensuring that its mission continues to thrive and positively impact the lives of young people across the state of Maine.

Michelle Anderson, President & CEO of Junior Achievement of Maine, stated “Steve deCastro is an incredible advocate, mentor, and leader for Junior Achievement of Maine. Thanks to his leadership, the organization has seen tremendous growth and statewide expansion, allowing us to positively impact the lives of more K-12th grade students across our state, ensuring they are prepared with the skills and knowledge to take on Maine’s future workforce.”

Junior Achievement USA congratulates Steve deCastro on this well-deserved recognition and commends him for his dedication to the organization's mission. His legacy of service will continue to inspire and empower generations to come.

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Editor’s note:



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About Junior Achievement of Maine

Junior Achievement of Maine (JA) empowers our youth with the knowledge, ability, and confidence to navigate their futures, drive our economy, and lead our community. JA provides real-world training in financial literacy, including budgeting, spending, investing, and the use of credit; offers cutting-edge skill-building opportunities that enable young people to explore meaningful, productive careers; teaches students how to start businesses; and introduces entrepreneurial values that strengthen workplaces. Last year, with the help of close to 700 trained corporate and community volunteers, JA delivered 20+ programs to 12,745 students in

classrooms throughout Maine. For more information about Junior Achievement of Maine, visit jamaine.org. Follow JA on social media @jaofmaine

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