Let's Build Youth Entrepreneurship
Junior Achievement celebrates youth entrepreneurship at the 2019 JAUM Company of the Year Competition.

Thirty-four students who created and operated six of the 92 student-led companies in 2018-2019 advanced to compete in the JAUM Company of the Year Competition on April 17, 2019.

Students presented their product or service in a commercial and at the Entrepreneurial Expo. They were judged on their company report, financial performance, formal presentation, and return on investment to shareholders.

Congratulations!

1st Place - EcoSlurp (Mounds View High School)
Provides an eco-friendly bubble tea straw alternative that biodegrades 250 times faster than a regular plastic straw.

2nd Place (tie) - Stress Less (Edison High School)
Builds the best stress relieving products while raising awareness of mental health issues.

2nd Place (tie) - WriteCase (Mounds View High School)
Offers a writeable laptop case.

Social Innovation Award - Frown Less, Smile More (Humboldt)
Donated profits from the sale of colorful t-shirts to support anti-bullying efforts at their school.

2019 Otto Bremer Student Entrepreneur of the Year
Brandon Arneson, Edison High School senior and president of Stress Less

“I have always thought it would be amazing to start a company one day, but never knew where to start. With the experiences I’ve gained through JA, I now feel like I’ll be able to run one successfully and am definitely planning to do so in the future.”
Neha Sriram, Junior - Mounds View High School

What They Learned

100% learned how to start their own business someday
95% learned how to work with others on a team
79% learned about career options
74% learned how to prepare for the future
63% learned how to manage money
42% learned the importance of getting a good education

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