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# Networking to a Tee

by Kevin Lane

Jason T. Welch joins a list of highly regarded community leaders who have been honored over the years at the Networking To A Tee Golf Tournament presented by AT&T and benefiting Junior Achievement of South Florida. The popular annual event is a project of the Junior Achievement Professional Connection. Past Honorees include Richard Rosser, Brian Smith, Andy Cagnetta, Matt Becker, Les Campbell, Gary Ellis and James Franskousky.

On Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, members of JA Professional Connection and their guests will meet at the Coral Ridge Country Club, 3801 Bayview Drive in Fort Lauderdale at 12:30 p.m. for a shotgun scramble. Hosts for the event include Tim Badder, A.J. Belt, Andrew Carvo, James Constantine, Sandra Holmes, Jay Jacob, Ryan Lipps, Bruce Michaels, Alex Quinones, Luke Southam and Fred Yazgoor.

Jason Welch is the Managing Partner for R.I.C. Executive Search, a boutique consulting firm based in South Florida. Jason has been involved in Junior Achievement for many years and his passion for teaching children about business and entrepreneurship started years ago when he began volunteering his time by teaching lessons at Junior Achievement to second graders. "Once I got in the classroom I was hooked," said Welch. Now the Chairman of the Board for J.A., Jason beams with pride when he tells others about the impact J.A. World is making on over fifty thousand children per year in South Florida.

"The Junior Achievement Professional Connection is the networking organization which helps raise awareness and to help support volunteers

who teach Junior Achievement hands on programs to students in Broward and South Palm Beach Counties," said Tournament Chairman James Constantine. "Thanks to all of our generous sponsors, golfers and volunteers, this tournament has raised more than one hundred thousand dollars since its inception."

The day will begin with lunch overlooking the Coral Ridge Country Club, followed by the tournament including a hole in one contest sponsored by Phil Smith Automotive Group. An awards reception will follow including pasta and carving stations and an incredible silent auction. The cost for individual golfers is \$200 and corporate foursomes are available for \$800.

JA is a non-profit organization providing a series of business, economics, free-enterprise and life-skills programs to enhance the education of young people. Locally, JA will reach fifty thousand students this year, while JA Worldwide, through offices around the world, reaches approximately seven million students per year.

"Our Core Purpose is to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy," said Melissa Aiello, President of Junior Achievement South Florida. In addition to bringing the free enterprise system to life in the classroom, Junior Achievement programs teach young people the importance of staying in school.

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