



Top 5- April 2023

1. JA Foundation Grant Winners

The [JA Foundation](#) grant program is offered to all campuses, teachers, and departments to further the JA vision and mission. This year six grants of \$500 each were awarded (four grants from the JA Foundation, one grant from [M-Tech](#), and one grant from the [JA Elementary PTO](#)).

Congratulations to this year's [winners](#):

- Claire Stone, JA Elementary: Flexible Seating
- Dawson Lang, Ceteria Foster, Ryan Mellot, JA Secondary: Pitching machine for JA Softball and AP Physics
- Debra Hansen, Summit Academy South: Kala UBass
- Marcella Dasta, JA Secondary: Sources of Strength
- M-Tech Stem Grant - RJ Everett, JA Elementary: Celestron microscopes and blood smear slides
- PTO Grant - Katie Seidel, JA Elementary: Outdoor Garden Supplies

2. Open Board of Directors Seats

Unfortunately, we did not receive any letters of interest for the two vacant Board seats by the previously communicated deadline. Therefore, we will need to proceed with an alternative process for filling the vacant positions. The Board will be accepting letters from candidates interested in filling two vacant seats. Each of these seats are for three years. Letters are due by **Thursday, May 11, 2023**, and can be submitted to Michael Ennis at mennis@jajags.com. Parents of Summit Academy students are welcome to apply! The Board will appoint the two new

board members at the Tuesday, May 16, 2023, meeting. If you are interested in serving on the Board and submit a letter, please plan on attending the [May 16th meeting](#) either in person or via Zoom to tell us a little more about you!

3. Spring SAC Survey

The School Accountability Committee (SAC) administers two family surveys during the year: one in the fall and one in the spring. The surveys provide important insight to the Board and the administration about family and student experiences at JA and Summit Academy campuses. In the past, the SAC surveys resulted in meaningful change on our campuses. At the April Board meeting, the SAC presented its analysis of the spring survey results to the Board. The Board and administration all appreciate your feedback to help identify what works and what needs to be adjusted to make JA the best. Look for more detailed responses to the results soon. Thank you to all parents who took the time to respond to our Spring SAC Survey and a huge thank you to the School Accountability Committee for their hard work in analyzing the results.

4. Hope House

We are excited about our continued partnership with [Hope House of Colorado](#), a program that helps pregnant teens and new moms under the age of twenty-one earn their GED or high school diploma. The Hope House mission is fully aligned with the JA mission and vision and we value this opportunity to support our community. [Click Here](#) to see some of the success stories shared with the board about teen moms that have benefited from the JA / Hope House program.

5. Summer JagCare Program

We are thrilled at the level of interest in our inaugural JagCare summer program! 68 students have signed up for five days a week or a lesser combination of days, which is close to capacity. This is an exciting offering that will help support our families during the summer break. Still thinking about it? [Connect with the JA Elementary campus](#) to learn more.

Sincerely,

Your JA Board

Tiffany Sorice, Michael Ennis, Agnessa Vartanova, Anil Mathai, Flavio Quintana,
Jerrilynn Lilyblade, Kirsten Mills

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