



A Tradition of **Junior Achievement**

Stanley Elementary Kids Get a First-Hand Look at Money Management

A group of Katy second-graders got an up-close glimpse of the business world when they toured Tradition Bank's Grand Parkway location recently. The bank welcomed the students from Stan Stanley Elementary School, who are participating in the Junior Achievement Program, led by mentor Carol Bonaccorso, the branch's Senior Vice President of Marketing. She spent four weeks visiting with the students and teaching them about the importance of business in their community. As their last class together, she gave them a tour of the bank, complete with a certificate presentation ceremony for their work in the class.

The Junior Achievement Program seeks to connect students with business professionals in their community, who help prepare them for the

real world by teaching them entrepreneurial skills, the importance of creating and managing wealth, and how to support their community through their business.

As a special treat, Bonaccorso invited Patsy and Stan Stanley, who the school is named after, to the event to help congratulate students on their big achievement. Bonaccorso decided to volunteer with the JA program at Stanley Elementary to give back to the community and to show her appreciation for all that the Stanleys have done for Katy. Downy Vickery, CEO and President of the Grand Parkway branch, and his wife, Kavin, were also on hand to meet and applaud the students for their hard work and dedication. **KM**



Students learned about all aspects of the bank



Students were greeted by Stanley Elementary namesake Stan Stanley and his wife, Patsy, and Kevin and Downy Vickery, who is the president and CEO of Tradition Bank's Grand Parkway branch

What is Junior Achievement?

In Katy ISD, Junior Achievement educates students about work readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy through experiential, hands-on programs. Junior Achievement programs help prepare young people for the real world by showing them how to generate wealth and effectively manage it, how to create jobs, and how to apply entrepreneurial thinking to the workplace. Through adult leaders in the community, students put these lessons into action to help strengthen their communities.

How to Volunteer

Volunteers are required to participate in a one-time orientation for first-time JA volunteers. Volunteers serve one hour each week for five weeks at the elementary level, one hour each week for eight weeks at the secondary level, or one full day of JA with 6th or 7th graders. To inquire about becoming a volunteer, contact Bill Land at 291-396-2439.



The branch's Senior Vice President of Marketing, Carol Bonaccorso, served as the students' Junior Achievement mentor



The students were delighted when their school's namesake Stan Stanley showed up as a surprise



Stan Stanley congratulates a student on completing the Junior Achievement class