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From left to right: Mark Stevens | President Stevens Construction Inc., JoAnn Elardo | Founder Cape Spirits Inc., Angela Fisher | JASWFL President and CEO, and Thomas M. Moran AIF® | Chairman, CEO, CIO Moran Wealth Management®

Junior Achievement honors 2023 Business Hall of Fame Laureates

Event raises \$213,000 for youth education program

FORT MYERS, Fla. (May 10, 2023) – [Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida](https://www.jaswfl.org) (JA) recently celebrated 35 years of honoring and recognizing business leaders in Southwest Florida with a record-breaking gala at the Ritz-Carlton in Naples. On Tuesday, April 18, over 400 business leaders gathered to induct 2023 Laureates JoAnn Elardo, founder of Cape Spirits Inc., Thomas M. Moran AIF® Chairman, CEO, and CIO of Moran Wealth Management®, and Mark Stevens, President of Stevens Construction, into the JA Business Hall of Fame.

This year's event, chaired by Stacey Herring of Morgan Stanley Private Bank and Laureate Chair Michael Wynn of Sunshine Ace Hardware, raised \$213,000 to support local JA programs that teach students the importance of financial literacy, career and work readiness and entrepreneurship.

JA is the world's largest organization dedicated to giving young people the knowledge and skills they need to own their economic success, plan for their future, and make smart academic and economic choices. JA programs are delivered by corporate and community volunteers, and provide relevant, hands-on experiences that give students from kindergarten through high school knowledge and skills in financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship. To help support Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida and our future workforce, please visit www.JASWFL.org or call 239-225-2590.

About Junior Achievement USA®

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Locally, [Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida](http://www.JASWFL.org) partnered with classroom business volunteers during the 2021-2022 school year to provide nearly 135,000 hours of instruction to nearly 14,800 students in 589 classes throughout Collier, Lee, and Charlotte counties. For more information on Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida, visit www.JASWFL.org, call (239) 225-2590 or email info@jaswfl.org.

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(2) From left to right: Michael Wynn | Laureate Chair President & Sunshine Ace Hardware, and Thomas M. Moran AIF® | Chairman, CEO, CIO Moran Wealth Management®



(3) From left to right: JoAnn Elardo | Founder Cape Spirits, and Michael Wynn | Laureate Chair President & Sunshine Ace Hardware



(4) From left to right: Mark Stevens | President Stevens Construction Inc., and Michael Wynn | Laureate Chair President & Sunshine Ace Hardware



(5) Gabriel Penton | Junior Achievement Alum



(6) From left to right: Gary Griffin | B&I Contractors, Theo Etzel | Conditioned Air, and Pason Gaddis | Florida Weekly



(7) From left to right: Connie Ramos-Williams and Scott Fischer | Scott Fischer Enterprises | JA Laureate



(8) From left to right: Garrett Richter | JA Laureate | First Foundation Bank, Diane Richter, JoAnn Smallwood | JA Laureate, and Fred Pezeshkan | JA Laureate | Summit Management Group



(9) From left to right: Connie Ramos-Williams, Doreen Ruane, JoAnn Elardo, Gloria Tate, Therese Everly, and Liz McCauley



(10) From left to right: Matthew Roepstorff | GrayRobinson PA, Mairin Roepstorff | NeoGenomics Laboratories, Robbie Roepstorff | JA Laureate | Edison National Bank, and Geoffrey Roepstorff | Edison National Bank

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