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KatzAbosch Gets Down to Business, Participates in JA BizTown Program

On May 13th, KatzAbosch managers Timothy Redmond, CPA and Amy Garlitz, CPA participated in the Junior Achievement (JA) “JA BizTown” program, teaching local fourth through sixth-graders about economics. Student’s participated in mock economy exercises in which they each took on a role in a company or the community. Examples of roles students got to play included CEO, CFO, and radio station DJ. Through the buying and selling of their services and products, their goal was to pay back loans they had taken to initially start their businesses.

The “JA BizTown” program is offered through [Junior Achievement of Central Maryland](#). The Owings Mills location hosts a 10,000 square-foot, life-like city, designed to reflect the importance of workplace performance and financial decisions in an authentic economy. Fourth through sixth-grade students must complete weeks of in-classroom coursework before they are eligible for the program. Those selected spend a day at the JA facility to experience what a typical day in the life of an adult may be like. The experience is not only fun for the students, but it inspires teamwork, critical thinking, and decision-making skills.

“It was so much fun to see the students really gain an appreciation for what it means to spend a day in the workforce,” said Timothy Redmond, KatzAbosch manager. “They learned how interconnected the economy really is, and all had to work together to achieve their goal of paying off their loans.”

Amy Garlitz, KatzAbosch manager, also enjoyed her experience at JA BizTown. “It was great to see this program providing such a real life experience,” said Garlitz. “I saw the students communicating their ideas, challenges, and successes, just as they would out in the workforce.”

Students expressed their gratitude with personal thank you letters to both Amy and Timothy.

KatzAbosch is committed to improving the financial literacy of the communities we serve. By participating in programs like JA BizTown and JA for a Day, we are able to add to the knowledge and understanding of financial matters of people of all ages. The firm will continue to support Junior Achievement and their programming later this month by participating in their annual Bowl-A-Thon fundraiser on June 23rd at the AMF Timonium.

About KatzAbosch

Founded in 1969, [KatzAbosch](#) is one of the largest CPA and business consulting services in the Mid-Atlantic region. As a Maryland accounting firm, our mission is to provide the highest quality accounting, tax, financial and management consulting services to our regional clients. We understand the needs and challenges of our clients and we have made it our obligation to create, grow and protect asset value. KatzAbosch is consistently named a Best Accounting Firm to Work For in *Accounting Today* and has been named a Top 200 Accounting Firms in the Nation by *Inside Public Accounting* for 2014. Our firm is also ranked among the Top 15 Largest Accounting Firms in the Baltimore Area by the *Baltimore Business Journal* and a Top Workplace in 2014 by *The Baltimore Sun*.

About Junior Achievement

Junior Achievement is the world's largest organization dedicated to educating students about workforce 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 which make their communities more robust, and how to apply entrepreneurial thinking to the workplace.

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