12TH ANNUAL CITI GLOBAL COMMUNITY DAY

Citibank hosted its twelfth-annual Global Community Day (GCD) on Saturday June 10, 2017 with support from Junior Achievement Nigeria. Each year, GCD inspires tens of thousands of Citibank employees, their friends and their families, to serve in the communities in which they work and live. GCD is an opportunity for all involved to work in collaboration with each other and communities around the globe to convey a simple yet powerful message through volunteerism - to make a positive impact in the local community globally. The theme for this year’s GCD initiative was “e3 - educate, empower, engage” to empower youth through an education drive. Simi Nwogugu, the Executive Director of JAN participated in a panel discussion with Dr. Uju Rapu on financial literacy. To read more about this story, click here.
JAN EXPANDS TO OGUN STATE

The Executive Director of Junior Achievement Nigeria - Simi Nwogugu, presented JA's entrepreneurial training programs to His Excellency, the Governor of Ogun State Mr. Ibikunle Amosun and his Executive Council. JAN is excited to work with the dynamic women in the Governor's cabinet including Commissioners for Education and Budget & Planning Modupe Mujota and Adenrele Adesina and Special Advisers Hafsat Abiola-Costello and Babi Subair to design programs that will impact the lives of thousands of Ogun State youth. To read more about this story, click here.
JAN PARTNERS WITH LAGOS STATE READY SET WORK 2.0 PROGRAM

Junior Achievement Nigeria is collaborating with the Lagos State Government Ministry of Education as one of the implementation partners for the 2017 edition of Ready Set Work. The program is an employability and entrepreneurship scheme aimed at preparing final year students for immediate entry into the workforce as employees and as employers of labour by equipping them with market-aligned knowledge, soft skills, business tools, and a mindset reorientation to the world of work.

Lagos State Ministry of Education, in partnership with multiple stakeholders including JAN, Lagos State tertiary institutions and other training partners, aims to address the gaps in the skill set of graduates of tertiary institutions in the state so as to curb the current high level of unemployment in the state. RSW will last 13 weeks after which JAN will place 100 outstanding participants in internships. To read more about this story, click here.
The JA Regional Company of the Year Competitions held across Nigeria with over 100 JA student companies competing to earn a spot at JAN’s National Company of the Year Competition later this year. So far, we have seen an outstanding display of creativity, integrity, innovation, and business management skills learned from the JA Company Program. To read more about our regional winners, click here.
On Monday 19th June, 2017 our Executive Director, Mrs. Simi Nwogugu with other senior members of the JAN team visited Maiduguri for two days and met with members of the Borno State government, special advisers to the governor who coordinate different social welfare and education programs, members of the Vice President’s Protecting Education Advocacy Challenge (PEACh) project team and other NGOs working in the Northeast. We are now even more committed to designing economic empowerment programs for internally displaced youth in Borno and surrounding states. Thanks to the Office of the Vice President and the PEACh team for hosting us. To read more about this story.
Thanks to IHS Nigeria for volunteering as a team and impacting 500 pupils through the JA More Than Money Program. For more on this story, click here.
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Dear All,

Last Friday, June 23rd, I had the privilege of serving as a judge on the Junior Achievement Nigeria's Regional Company of the Year Competition in Port-Harcourt. You see, I love to volunteer and over the years I have been involved in various volunteer efforts. However, this was one of the most rewarding volunteer experiences I have ever had considering I only spent 3.5 hours!

Secondary school students chosen from various schools (same tier) were selected to start their own company and come up with products. The competition was in three parts – they had to submit a hard copy annual report, display their products and present on the day of the competition. The judges started with grading the hard copy ‘annual reports’ prior to meeting the students. This was actually a very interesting process. Out of the four judges, we had a banker who was very interested in the numbers.

When he pulled out his calculator, I wished I had my purple glitter calculator with me but then I decided to focus on the entire document. It had the company history, executive summary, mission, vision, products, financial statement, members, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) – basically a good intro of the company we were about to meet. I looked at the presentation of the document, ease of reading the content, set up of the topics, numbers, and choice of CSR. Interestingly, it varied from company to company.

Some companies presented their annual reports in nice blue binders and others did not. Some reports were much easier to read than others. For the choice of CSR, one company decided to plant a garden at school and another went to an orphanage to make donations, and more great ideas. The companies had taken different routes just like in the real world! It was getting exciting already and I could not wait to meet the members. Heading to the display booths, we were in awe. The companies had amazing products. There was a lawn mower, a chandelier made from periwinkle shells, house paint, power bank (we tested it), incubator for labs, and more! I have the annual reports and such if you want to take a look.
I was blown away with the creativity of these kids considering the limited resources. We went to all 7 display tables and every table impressed us. Some companies focused on products and others paid attention to the aesthetics as well. Finally the presentations began. For the most part, the presentations sounded more like debates but then, that’s what they know. Some companies had power point presentations but none of the companies referred to it. Obviously, we have a lot of work to do in the area. As all the companies made their case, they had fancy titles; CEO, marketing manager, human resources manager, and more. They also referred to themselves in their company names – branding is truly important.

Finally, the judges got together, although we judged independently, we generally scored on who should come first, second, and third. We also agreed on who would get the best CSR award. It had been such a highly charged process that when the winner was announced, I shed a few tears. I felt like I had been a part of their lives for much longer. What’s next? The winner will go to Lagos to compete against kids from other parts of the country in September. The winner from that competition will go to Johannesburg in December to compete against kids from other parts of Africa. The second and third runner ups will get the opportunity to sign up for Camp this year.

Why did I write all this, because I love to write! In addition, I would like you to consider being a part of JA Nigeria either as a volunteer or through your donations. These kids were prepared for the competition by working professionals from different corporations. Let us be a part of it and a part of the next winning generation free from unemployment and abject poverty.

Sincerely,

Henrietta Ayewoh

Production Group HR Manager
Schlumberger
It was a pleasure meeting you and your team today. Thank you for the opportunity for my daughter, the atmosphere is exactly what I wanted for her. I am really interested in her meeting and learning from role models like yourself as we do not have enough of that for young girls in our environment. You have already influenced her and she has decided to apply to your alma mater! She already googled and is interested. thank you once again and I will indeed volunteer because what you do certainly have a huge value for a lot of young people. Have a great weekend!

A text message from Mrs Olurinu Jose, the mother of Ramat Jose who is currently a JAN summer intern.
Konga.com sponsored the production of 500 kits towards the implementation of the JA Our Nation program. In addition to this, nearly 40 of its staff members have volunteered to teach the JA Our Nation program in more than 10 schools across the South Western.

CRC Credit Bureau Limited sponsored the development of a new financial literacy - credit education program to increase the awareness on Credit Education especially to SME, NYSC and Secondary schools. CRC also plans to support JAN's Financial Literacy program for Women Entrepreneurs.

Keystone Bank is sponsoring the expansion of Junior Achievement programs across Nigeria by donating free office space in Lagos, Port Harcourt and Kaduna. This will enable JAN to channel more funds received directly towards programs while we reduce administrative costs of rent and service charges. We are grateful to Keystone Bank’s support and look forward to a fruitful partnership with them to reach more students in the North as we commence operations in Kaduna.
Deborah Idoko is passionate, selfless, and gives her all to ensure that young people succeed. We take this opportunity to acknowledge her immense contribution to the success of a JA student company in the recently concluded JAN Regional Company of the Year Competition.

In the past thirteen weeks, Deborah invested at least 45 minutes a week and extra-time during weekends to mentor 30 students at the school where she volunteers.

As part of preparing these students for the regional competition where they came second, Deborah took 14 days leave off work in order to dedicate more time to her team. She also went an extra mile by engaging them in highly practical activities by hosting her students to Job shadow within her organization.

When asked about her experience, she said “the experience has been worth my while. Beyond mentoring the kids I have also learnt a lot from them. I have seen initially funny ideas blossom just like seeds and that's truly inspiring”.

Name: Deborah Idoko
Profession: Marketing Officer at First Bank of Nigeria
Impact: 60 Students
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Junior Achievement Nigeria is dedicated to empowering young people to own their economic success, by emphasizing the importance of workplace readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy. Our programs ignite the spark in young people to experience the world of business and realize the opportunities and realities of work and life in the 21st century.

Sponsor-a-School
In the 2016/2017 academic year, we plan to implement our programs in 1,000 schools across Nigeria. Sponsor a school today to make this a reality!

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Junior Achievement Nigeria welcomes strategic partnerships that align with our vision to empower the youth to own their economic success.

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