Bankers teach JA in a Day in Waterbury

More than 50 volunteers spend day with Tinker School students highlighting financial literacy

WATERBURY, Conn., May 10, 2018 – More than 50 Webster Bankers spent the school day teaching financial literacy to students at Tinker Elementary School in Waterbury, the largest JA in a Day event of 2018 for the Bank.

This was the ninth year Webster sent its large team of bankers to Tinker School for this event, which was coordinated through a partnership with Junior Achievement (JA) of Southwest New England. The volunteer instructors worked in pairs with students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

Junior Achievement is the world's largest organization dedicated to educating students about workforce readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy through experience-based, hands-on programs.

“It’s truly amazing that more than 50 Webster Bank employees volunteer to teach Junior Achievement programs at Tinker School each year,” said Jeremy Race, JA President & CEO. “Thanks to Webster Bank, these students will be better equipped to make smart financial decisions and dream big about their own future success.”

Nitin Mhatre, executive vice president and director of Community Banking, and a member of the JA of Southwest New England board spoke to the volunteers before they fanned out to their assigned classrooms. Mhatre praised all involved for their willingness to spend time with the students to help the next generation improve its financial literacy.

Both Mhatre and John Guy, executive vice president and director of Business Banking at Webster, who also sits on the JA Southwest New England board, visited the bankers in the classroom, spending time chatting with the teachers and observing the lesson plans.
"At Webster, giving of ourselves in the communities we serve is part of our core values," Mhatre said, adding, “JA in a Day is great way for our bankers to spend time with the students helping them learn more about finance and better understand how businesses work.”

Webster is a longtime supporter of JA and its mission to educate and inspire young people to value free enterprise and understand business and economics to improve the quality of their lives. Webster participates in a number of JA activities across our footprint, including several JA in a Day and Business Challenge/Stock Investing events, and was recently honored with the Company of the Year award at the Hartford Hall of Fame Award dinner.

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Photo 1: Group photo:
More than 50 Webster bankers spent the day as volunteer instructors at Tinker Elementary School in Waterbury, Conn., Thursday, May 10, as part of the “JA in a Day” program. This is the ninth year Webster has visited Tinker to help students learn more about finance and how business works.

Photo 2: Webster instructor with students
Christina Del Buono, vice president, business financial officer, of Branford, works with Tinker first graders in Sharon DeFeo’s classroom on the “JA – Our Family” unit.

Photo 3: Nitin Mhatre chats with teacher
Nitin Mhatre, executive vice president and director of Community Banking at Webster chats with Janet Sagendorf, a first-grade teacher at Tinker School.