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**Junior Achievement of New York Named Not-For-Profit Finalist in Prestigious  
HIA-LI 23rd Annual Business Achievement Awards**

*Finalists Represent Top Contenders for Long Island-based Business Awards;  
Winners will be Announced during HIA-LI Annual Business Achievement Awards  
Gala Luncheon, Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at Crest Hollow Country Club*

**HAUPPAUGE, NEW YORK, AUGUST 21, 2017** – Junior Achievement of New York (JA New York), is pleased to announce that it has been selected as a Not-For-Profit finalist in the Business Achievement Awards competition conducted by HIA-LI, the recognized voice for business on Long Island. Winners will be announced during a gala luncheon event held at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury, NY, 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM, Tuesday, September 19, 2017.

“Junior Achievement of New York is honored to be among the finalists in the category of Not-For-Profit of the HIA-LI Business Achievement Awards,” said Joseph A. Peri, President of JA New York. “The HIA-LI Business Achievement Awards are among the most prestigious honors awarded to outstanding Long Island-based businesses. For nearly two decades, HIA-LI has recognized the best of the best businesses on Long Island and JA New York is proud to be among those nominated.”

“HIA-LI is pleased to recognize JA New York as a finalist in the Not-For-Profit of our Business Achievement Awards competition,” said Terri Alessi-Miceli, President of HIA-LI. “Our finalists represent some of the highest performing and best run companies on Long Island and in the world. JA New York has been named a finalist in recognition of its achievements in industry leadership, creativity, successful business operations, corporate vision, and other characteristics vital to developing and growing a winning organization.”

In choosing the finalists, the selection committee considered multiple factors. The award criteria include:

- Positive employer/employee relations
- Commitment to the growth or betterment of the Long Island business community
- Revenue and profitability trends over the last three years
- Three to five year vision for the company's future

Additional criteria that were considered include:

- Recent outstanding accomplishments
- Technical innovation or innovative processes
- Expansion into new markets
- Industry leadership
- Overcoming adversity

Past winners and finalists include: Amneal Pharmaceuticals; United Way of Long Island, Allstate Insurance; Clear Vision Optical; Community Development Corp.; EAC, Inc.; H2M; mindSHIFT Technologies; St. Catherine's of Siena Medical Center; Middle Country Public Library; Stalco Construction and VAI, Inc.

Those interested in attending the luncheon, or companies interested in becoming sponsors, should contact Anthony Forgiore at HIA-LI at [aforgione@hia-li.org](mailto:aforgione@hia-li.org) or 631-543-5355.

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## **ABOUT HIA-LI**

HIA-LI helps Long Island businesses prosper. For over 30 years, we have been the recognized voice for business on Long Island and a powerful force and economic engine for regional development. We provide a forum for business leaders to network, problem solve and obtain advice on critical issues facing their businesses. Our member companies represent tens of thousands of business professionals. We're headquartered in and support one of the largest industrial parks in the United States. HIA-LI programs and events promote strategic partnerships, targeted networking, information sharing and business advocacy. Members benefit from our committees, educational programs, career resources, research capabilities, mentoring opportunities and business advisory services. For more information, visit <http://www.hia-li.org> or call 631-543-5355.

## **ABOUT JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF NEW YORK**

Junior Achievement of New York is the local affiliate of Junior Achievement USA, the nation'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. We recruit, train, and mobilize more than 6,200 corporate and community volunteers to provide relevant, hands-on experiences that give students knowledge and skills in financial literacy, work readiness and entrepreneurship. Today, JA New York delivers more than 85,000 student experiences per year to more than 260 NYC, Long Island and Lower Hudson Valley schools. Visit [www.jany.org](http://www.jany.org) for more information.