

September 2023

**Hey Jags & Jag supporters!**

**We are over 7 weeks into the school year and there is a lot to celebrate and recognize already! The school year has gotten off to an awesome start and we know it will continue to be a great school year. Thanks for your ongoing support of our schools and community!**

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## **JA Foundation Jag Jog Success**



The 2023 Jag Jog, hosted by the JA Foundation, was a great success! The weather was beautiful, there were over 110 participants, and 12 local vendors set up for the Vendor Expo. Despite a scheduling mishap by the city with another race on the same path, everyone was in good spirits and fun was had by all! Congrats to the winners of the 5k and to everyone that participated. We can't wait to see everyone (and more) next year!

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## All Organization Staff Kick-Off



In August we hosted our first ever all organization staff kickoff event at the elementary campus. Staff from JA Elementary, JA Secondary, Summit Academy Westminster, Summit Academy South, and Hope House (around 250 staff members) gathered to calibrate for the new school year, focusing on our Mission, Vision, Core Values, and Academic Rigor Principles, as well as get a better look at each campus and their initiatives and goals. With a continental breakfast, team building activities, goodie bags, and raffle prizes, it was a great way to start the year. [Check out this compilation video](#) of the event, which includes our staff singing the JA fight song! Thank you to everyone that attended, helped plan, and donated to the event! We look forward to this becoming an annual community building event for our K-12 staff.

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## Expansion of Community Cares programs



For several years, the Community Cares program has helped families during COVID and around the holidays with the Holiday Care Packages. While we recognize that the holidays can be a tough time for families, we also know that the cost of living in Colorado has increased, making the day-to-day expenses more challenging. This year we expanded the Community Cares Program to offer assistance to families in need at any point in the year. Families that are in need of assistance with bills/necessities, such as groceries, a bill, or gas, can complete the Google form of their need and they are added anonymously to a database that anyone can access to sign up to assist them.

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## All the Surveys!



This year we implemented several processes to capture important information for our community, such as volunteer interest and availability, JA/Summit businesses, skills within our community, and more. The purpose of these various surveys is to ensure that our community is aware of the various opportunities within JA, as well as to assist our community by connecting them to their interests. The

Family Volunteer, Skills, and Needs survey gathers a large amount of this information and has already been useful for classroom teachers, our support organizations, and our families in need, to name a few.

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## 30th Anniversary Updates



The 2023-2024 school year marks 30 years since Jefferson Academy Charter School was founded! JA began as an idea in April 1993 by a group of parents wishing to become proactive in their children’s education. In May 1994, JA was approved by the Jefferson County Board of Education, making it one of the first charter schools in Colorado. To read more about our history, [click here](#). To celebrate 30


years, The Foundation for JA will be hosting a 30th Anniversary Gala on Saturday January 27, 2024 at The Establishment in Broomfield. Details and tickets will be available in just a few weeks, so keep an eye out- you won’t want to miss it!

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## JA Alumni

**Are you a past JA student?  
We want to hear from you!**



We are updating our Alumni database and need your help!

Please visit our website for the alumni registration link, then share this image with other JA alumni.  
Go Jags! #foreverjags

[www.jajags.com/alumni](http://www.jajags.com/alumni)

Did you attend Jefferson Academy? Please take a moment to complete our JA Alumni Survey so that we can add you to our database and update your communication preferences! **\*Please note, we have updated our alumni definition to anyone that attended a Jefferson Academy school for at least an entire school year. If that is you or someone you know, please share this survey link with them.** We would love to

capture as many Jag Alum as possible! [Click here](#) to complete the Alumni survey. Please share with other alumni that you know!



## **Stay in the Loop**

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[2023-2024 Combined Calendar](#)

## **Partner With Us**

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## **Our Mission, Vision, & Values**

**Guiding principles, targets, and practices of Academic Rigor**

**Thanks to our Community & Business Partners!**







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