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We are delighted and proud to announce that JA Mascareignes was awarded the 2015 Entrepreneurial Award of 25,000 US Dollars on 24 July 2015 by MetLife Foundation and JA Worldwide, rewarding the association for its new program, the JAM Socio Economic Awareness.

This Entrepreneurial Award program is designed to identify, fund and promote replication and adaptation of innovative programs and processes developed by JA Affiliates worldwide.

The Socio Economic Awareness Program aims at making young adults living in “Pockets of Poverty” of the island become aware of what exists in their community, so that they may seize employment opportunities or identify business possibilities, in order to ensure their economic sustainability.

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Following to the NGO Fair organized by the Mauritius Council of Social Service, MACOSS, at the University of Technology of Mauritius on the 15 July 2015, more than 70 students registered themselves and expressed their interest in becoming a JA Mascareignes volunteer.

Twenty-three of them got the opportunity to help the facilitators of La Maison d'Accueil de Sainte Croix, Cite Mangalkhan and Mahebourg Espoir to implement JA programs with their beneficiaries.

As explained by Shahid Peermamode: *"It was a new experience for me to teach and explain to them different activities such as the value of money, taxes, voting process and the different jobs present in their community. It was indeed a very nice experience."*

Some schools implementing JA Economics for Success program had the opportunity to welcome Swan Staff for an informative talk on Risk and Insurance. The aim of the talk is to explain to the students the insurance world, the different products that exist in Mauritius and the different career prospects pertaining to insurance.

Junior Achievement Mascareignes thanks Swan for its dedication and commitment in helping the Mauritian youth and taking the time to share their experience with the younger generation.





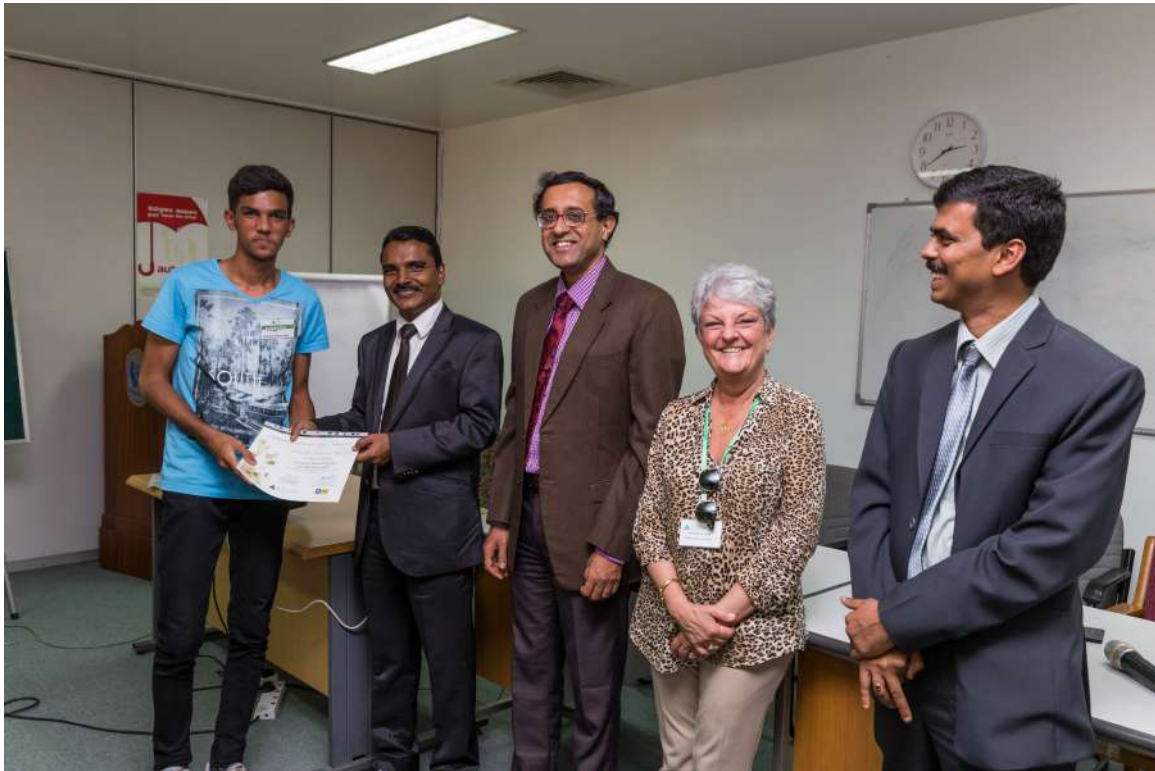
Two editions of JA Success Skills were held on the 27th and 29th July 2015 at Centre Social Marie Reine de la Paix, Port Louis. Sixty students participated in the events organized by JA Mascareignes sponsored by Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC).

JA Success Skills is a fun interactive hands-on program aiming at introducing students to developing personal strategies and critical thinking skills while preparing them for the pursuit of career opportunities.

The event enabled our participants to overcome their shyness, to develop team spirit, communication, problem solving and interpersonal skills. Throughout the day, the students participated in several activities, which they enjoyed among which were mock interviews, sketches and role plays all related to the world of environment.

As commented by Cedric Nombreuse of Phoenix SSS College: "I have learnt how to write my CV and motivational letter, but most importantly I have learnt the importance of developing my interpersonal and networking skills, and I would like to encourage others to participate in JA Success Skills program".





“The dream is not what you see in sleep, dream is which does not let you sleep” said Mr. Ajsh Baby. The quote from the late Dr. Abdul Kalam, former President of the Republic of India, signaled the launch of the **JA Job Shadow 2015**, hosted by Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) with the support of Junior Achievement Mascareignes.

The 60 participants, who had previously participated in JA Success Skills, were divided into two groups. The first group experienced the job shadowing experience on the 29th July and second group on the 30th July 2015.

After the opening address by Mr. Biswajeet Ganguly, Chief Manager of LIC, the students

were introduced to the work place and discovered the world of Insurance through the *exposés* of Mr. Ajsh Baby, Marketing Manager and of Mr Jah Mugul, Administrative Manager. *“An insurance is like a parachute to be taken before the risk occurs,”* said Mr. Baby. The two LIC hosts walked the students through the history of insurance.

The students that participated in the program appreciated the opportunity that have been given to them and Valerie Lee Chee, student of St Mary’s West commented, *“I always wanted to work for an Insurance Company, the presentation by the LIC Staff helped me to better understand what to expect”*.



JA Mini Company teams of 2015 were very active on the ground, with many of them organising sales at various points in the country.

For many of the participants, this proves to be an exciting and enriching new experience. Finding a sale spot was a challenge. *“After lots of refusals at many other places, we did not give up. We phoned the Manager of the Intermart Ebène and we were delighted when he said yes”* recalled Hena Venkatasami, General Manager of EBG Crafts.

The challenge did not stop there. Mohammed Rayhaan Hossen of Entreco Ltd said, *“It was not easy*

at first to convince our consumers. They did not know us, our company and our products. Apart from the training we got from our mentor, we had no experience”. The challenge was also there for E.B. Creativity. For Alicia Wan, *“It was quite difficult. One should take into consideration which market it is selling to and be prepared to make the necessary changes if necessary”*.

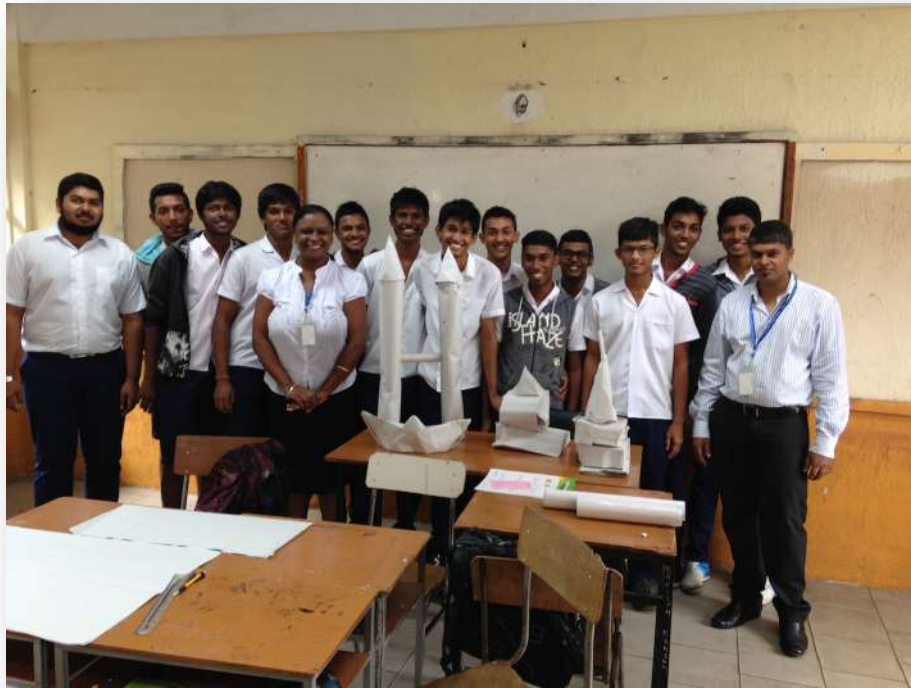
In the end, all agreed that the experience was worth it. *“The best moment was when we saw our sales started to grow and more customers looking for our products”* said Hossen.



The 2015 edition of JA Mini Company welcomed a new feature with the **#SocialMediaChallenge**.

Teams were asked to share three pictures: one of their company and two of their products. The team obtaining the largest number of likes would be declared the winner for the **#SocialMediaChallenge2015**.

All the teams had their strategy to get the maximum “likes”. It ended up being a close battle between **EBG Crafts**, from Ebène SSS Girls, and the Out of School group of **Entreco Ltd**, with the latter just edging it in the end.



JA Mascareignes has started the implementation of **JA Career Success™** in 2015. This program is sponsored by Accenture. Corporate volunteers were present during the implementation to shoulder the teacher and share their personal experience and expertise.

The response has been very positive so far, as is expressed by Dandoo Muhammad Ahmad Razaa, student of Upper Six at Sir Leckraz Teelock SSS.

“I had already learnt about a lot of the key concepts in my textbooks, but they were just theory to me. JA Career Success™ has taught me

how they all apply in real life”.

Dandoo also values the input from the Accenture volunteers. *“Everyday, we interact with teachers and fellow students. The contact with the Accenture volunteers is, however, a great opportunity for us. We are able to learn about the various situations which we will encounter in the Workplace”.*

He concluded: *“Their experience, and the tools obtained from JA Career Success™, are preparing us for the World of Work.”*

Testimonial of Mr. Vick Dindoyal, Teacher at Sir Abdool Razack Mohammad SSS.

“With the help of JA Mascareignes, we have been able to successfully implement the JA Career Success at SARM SSS during the course of the second term. We targeted primarily HSC students and it became an instant hit among students. The 4Cs session was the most lively and interactive as students were amazed to find out what it means to be critical thinkers and learned the proper way of communicating. However, despite focused preparation, 45 minutes sessions are definitely very short to cover such in depth theme. Nonetheless, students came out better equipped after the sessions.”

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“After graduating in Psychology, as an individual who is always analysing and trying to understand the world, my next stop was a job as a lecturer in a tertiary institution. Being a lecturer in the Social Sciences department has been a fascinating experience but nevertheless I felt that something was missing. This experience has indeed provided me with more evidence about the fact that our educational system does not really equip a person for the different challenges in life.

During a job search on the Internet, I came across Junior Achievement Mascareignes. After reading through its mission, vision

and goals, I found out the organization is concerned with the promotion of work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy to youngsters. Being in line with my values and aspirations, these aims of JA Mascareignes motivated me to apply for a job in the organisation.

My first month at JA Mascareignes has been very enriching. Being on the field has really helped me to enrich myself and to get to know youngsters who come from different backgrounds hence getting different perspectives about life. Coupled with the serene work environment, the vibrant personality of my colleagues and their helping hands have definitely allowed me to gel well with the team, facilitating the bonding process. What I have experienced during my first month at JA Mascareignes definitely motivates me to pursue my career in the organisation.

To sum it up, waking up to come to work on Monday mornings has never been so easy.” **Sendiva Daniel, Education and Support Officer, JA Mascareignes**



“After completing my final year at the University, I joined the Junior Achievement Mascareignes as Education and Support Officer.

During several years, I have been working as social worker in two main NGOs and this helped me to understand better the principles and values of social work.

My past experience as volunteer for JA Mascareignes on

JA Notre Quartier and JA Our Nation programs enabled me to learn more about the objectives of the organization and motivated me to apply for this post. JA Mascareignes’s vision meets mine which is the empowerment of children and youth. Moreover, I believe that investing in children is one of the best way to reduce poverty.

*During my first month, I got the opportunity to participate actively in the JA Success Skills and JA Notre Quartier which provide our youth with the appropriate tools to better understand their social and economic environments. The work at JA Mascareignes is a continuous learning process and I am confident that my journey with JA Mascareignes will be a long and enriching one.” **Jessica Fanchin, Educational and Support Officer, JA Mascareignes***

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