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## Not-for-Profit Strategic Planning: A Junior Achievement Case Study

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## Not-for-Profit Strategic Planning <br> A Junior Achievement Case Study



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## Agenda

- What is Junior Achievement?
- Strategic Planning Challenges
- The Analysis Plan
- Results
- Conclusion


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## JASET

JA: largest organization dedicated to teaching students about entrepreneurism, workforce readiness and financial literacy Strategic Goal
Achieve 20\% student penetration (260,000 students) annually by 2012

Short Term (2008-09) Goals

- 209,000 Students
- 10,000 volunteers
- \$5.2 Million Dollars

Long Term (2011-12) Goals

- 260,000 Students
- 12,000 volunteers
- \$6.2 Million Dollars
- 2009-2010 Strategy
- Hurricane Ike
- Economic Downturn
- Donations
- Volunteers


## Stakeholder Analysis



|  | "Have a Voice" (Address Concerns) <br> - Educators <br> - Students | "Ownership" <br> (Address Concerns \& Active Involvement) <br> - Professional Staff <br> - Board Exec Comm |
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|  | "Awareness" <br> (Keep Informed) <br> - Volunteers | "Get Buy-In" <br> (Some Involvement Required) <br> - Board of Directors <br> - Donors |
| Low | Influence of success | keholder for decision |

## Process Flow / Timeline



## Board Interview Results

Interviews of:

- Executive Committee
- Key Members

Others:

- Survey
- Offer to Interview

2009 JASET BOD by Industry
Representation


Houston MSA Gross Area Product


## Issue Categories

- Volunteers
- Funding
- Purpose of Standing Fund
- Messaging and Communications
- Follow-through and Execution


## Volunteers

## Insights

- Need tracking and retention program
- Need to set goals for volunteer expectation
- Create volunteer database
- Buddy / Mentoring system
- Need an internet site for volunteers
- Get volunteers to augment staff (nonteaching role)
- Volunteers from school system, teacher database


## Decisions:

Now: Who, How and How to Retain
Future: How to implement programs; incentives that will help attract as well as retain volunteers

## Possible Actions

- Seek different sources of volunteers
- Ask the school administration
- Seek younger instructors
- Collaborate with organizations with interests in young people
- Recruit volunteers for life
- Recruit parents
- Companies "own" a school
- Pair experienced teachers with new ones
- Use web-based recruiting
- Identify organizations wanting to teach, \& encourage participation
- Focus on companies with more educated work force
- Develop incentive for volunteers
- Recruit people earlier


## Key Risks:

Volunteers are critical and the key to successfully achieving the JA objectives
( Volunteer base affected by economy
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## Value Hierarchy



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## Decision Hierarchy



## Tactical Decisions:

Decisions to be made separately, at a future date

- Curriculum
- Growth Target is 260k students $=20 \%$ penetration
- Maintain a contingency fund and a cash flow buffer
- We will commence systematic maintenance of our building
- Target Students / Schools
- Volunteer Recruiting - Who
- Volunteer Recruitina - How
- Volunteer Retention
- Scholarships
- Capstones
- Marketing Message / Awareness
- Board Composition
- Fundraising Approach

Side Analysis

- Intention for Fund Reserves
- Operating Reserves
- Offerings, within Curriculum
- When to Exit Initiatives
- Volunteer Retention
- Marketing Medium
- Marketing Target
- Communications
- Program Focus
- Roles \& Responsibilities


## Strategy Descriptions and Objectives

| Strategy | Description | Objective |
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| Business as <br> Usual | Operations for all objectives as they <br> are currently handled now. | Maintain our current program and fund <br> raising goals, using the most commonly <br> known and established methods. |
| Conservative | This strategy analyzes trying to <br> continue our programs as best we can <br> on fewer resources. | Provide the program as close to the <br> numbers of students reached this year as <br> possible, while trying to find alternative <br> sources of funding and cutting expenses. |
| Ambitious | This strategy aims at optimizing the <br> use of an excess of funding and <br> volunteers. | Articulate possible paths that can be taken <br> if JASET has unlimited funds. This <br> includes advertising and other items <br> currently unbudgeted. |
| Challenging | This is a list of activities we might want <br> Bo implement that demonstrate a <br> Boundaries | To articulate initiatives we would be able <br> to undertake if our focus is on being <br> innovative. |

## Strategy Table (1 of 3)

| Strategic Themes | Target Students / Schools | Volunteers - Who | Volunteer Recruiting - How | Volunteer Retention | Scholarships |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Business As Usual | - Broad brush, no focus o Whole District - more efficient | o School district personnel o HS \& College students o Organizations with interests in young people o Parents o Corporate o Retirees o Online Placement | - Companies <br> - Corporate whole-school <br> - Orgs wanting to teach <br> - Recruit for Finance Park <br> - Build relationships with University leaders <br> - Engage teachers to recruit parents <br> - Collaborate with other agencies or universities (eg Boy Scouts, Rice) <br> - Outsource recruiting to schools | Colu <br> or •Target S <br> ${ }_{\text {voll }}^{\circ D}$ - Volunte <br> - Volunte <br> - Volunte | n Headers ools/ Students s - Who <br> s - How <br> Retention |
| Conservative | - Focus on Elementary (less costly) o Stick with schools already committed to JA | - Look into online program delivery, which may require fewer volunteers | - Use more parents, HS and college students - large bunches inexpensively o Non-teaching roles (eg Fin Pk docent, JA staff augmentation) <br> - Corporate incentives <br> - Volunteering written into the syllabus <br> - More online resources |  | ips <br> S <br> /Awareness mposition |
| Ambitious | - Higher impact - reach secondary (MS, HS) students <br> - Hispanic initiative - At-risk focus | - Same volunteers as SQ <br> - Add small business campaign | - More awareness <br> - More online resources <br> - Memberships to associations <br> - Corporate incentives |  | ng Approach Reserves erve Intention |
| Challenging Boundaries | - Pre-K program - Online classes | - Virtual Volunteer, distance learning o Entry-level business people | - Required by employers <br> - Strong enough for professional <br> development need <br> - Corporate incentives <br> - Target corporate retirees | - Develop a JA community of volunteers, with electronic communication and social network - Organize a council of long-term vols | - Small biz start-up loans for students <br> - Scholarships through 2 years of college <br> - Create committee to study successful scholarship programs; apply the learnings <br> - Use scholarships as lure to entice schools to participate more - Student competition to develop a business plan; and give scholarship to winner |

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## Junior Achievement Influence Diagram



## Process Flow / Timeline



## Board of Directors April 23rd Meeting Strategic Planning Workshop

| Topic | Responsibility | Duration | Start Time |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Plenary Session |  |  |  |
| - Introduction \& Last Year’s Plan <br> - Interview/Survey Results <br> - Process \& Process Tools <br> - Process <br> - Metrics <br> - Decision Hierarchy <br> - Strategy Table | Richard Franke David Skinner Bill Klimack |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1: 00 \mathrm{pm} \\ & 1: 10 \\ & 1: 40 \end{aligned}$ |
| Breakout Groups |  |  | 2:30 |
| - Metrics | Group Facilitators | 30 min | 2:30 |
| - Strategy Table <br> - Metrics Consolidation Group | Group Facilitators Bill Klimack | 90 min 90 min | $\begin{aligned} & 3: 00 \\ & 3: 00 \end{aligned}$ |
| Plenary Session |  |  |  |
| - Report out from Break Out Sessions <br> - Influence Diagram <br> - Next steps | Eric Johnson | 30 min | 4:30 |

## Value Function

| Metrics |  <br> Inspire | Volunteers | School <br> Access | Donations | Scholarships |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Relative <br> Weight | 0.392 | 0.196 | 0.196 | 0.196 | 0.020 |
| Upper Limit | 300 | 15 | 1600 | 6000 | 1000 |
| Units | Student <br> contacts in <br> thousands | Number of <br> volunteers <br> in <br> thousands | Number of <br> schools | Dollars in <br> thousands | Scholarship <br> dollars, in <br> thousands |

Value functions taken as linear (e.g., each student equally valuable)

## Process Flow / Timeline



## Derivation of Student Contacts

A Revenues, good economy

B Revenues
C Non-Classroom
Spending
D Classroom
Spending
E Volunteers
F School Access
G Student Contacts

| BAU | Def | Amb | CB | Derivation |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- |
| 4250 | 4650 | 5100 | 4250 | Franke, Hattery, Campbell; May 8,12,13 |
| 3626 | 3972 | 4360 | 3626 | A * 85\% (for poor economy, per F/H/C) |
| 690 | 805 | 2700 | 4767 | See next slide |
| 2936 | 3167 | 1660 | 1142 | B - C |
| 10.6 | 11.7 | 11.3 | 11.0 | Anderson; May 12 |
| 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | Anderson; May 12 |
| 185 | 204 | 144 | 45 | 0.038 * D + 9 * E + 44 * F - 59 <br> (per regression analysis) |

## Process Flow / Timeline



## The relative value of each alternative is similar, except for student contacts



- Conservative
- Overall best by a small margin
- Spends the most money in the classroom
- Gets the most student contacts
- Compared to business as usual
- Conservative is better in all ways
- Ambitious loss of student contacts more than offsets other gains
- Challenging Boundaries has a huge loss of student contacts

Conservative strategy is the dominant strategy because it maximizes the student contacts for the funding level


-     -         - Business As Usual ——Conservative - - Ambitious - Challenging Boundaries

Value determined from student contacts, volunteers, donations, school access, \& scholarships.
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## We did the normal sensitivity analyses

The Conservative Strategy is robust


Value of Conservative Strategy is driven by Volunteers


The advantage of Conservative over Business As Usual is not challenged, even by volunteers or revenues

Favors BAU <==> Favors Conservative
Vatuo score: Consorvatve - Blas Usual


## The Hybrid is the preferred alternative:

 formed from Conservative Strategy with Ambitious' multi-year support commitments and expanded capstone fund raising

- Ambitious with 3 mobile finance parks with no amortization shown
- With 5 year amortization the Ambitious strategy approaches the Conservative strategy, but the Hybrid strategy remains preferred


## There is a plan to deal with the uncertain economy: signposts



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## Questions?


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