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Junior Achievement Students; Catherine Milone, President, Junior Achievement of New Jersey; Jacqueline Alonso, Director, Network Programs, Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of NJ; Barbara Koster, Senior Vice President & Chief Information Office, Prudential Financial; Marjorie Perry, President & Chief Executive Officer, MZM Construction; Nellie Borrero, Diversity & Inclusion Lead, Accenture (Moderator); Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Human Resources Director, Johnson & Johnson; Chanda Gibson, Vice President, Corporate Services & Real Estate, Goldman, Sachs & Co. and Lisa Robbins, Chief Financial Officer, AVS & CIO, Automatic Data Processing, Inc.

### Accenture and Junior Achievement Host Women's Future Leadership Forum to Provide High School Girls with the Skills to Succeed

**Elizabeth, NJ; January 31, 2012** - A panel of six female New Jersey executives and 50 women of diverse professional backgrounds inspired nearly 60 promising high school-aged girls from Elizabeth, Linden and Newark by sharing personal success stories and serving as mentors as part of the Women's Future Leadership Forum on Friday, January 27 at Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel in Elizabeth, NJ. The Women's Leadership Forum was presented by Junior Achievement of New Jersey and sponsored by Accenture for the fourth consecutive year.

During the Forum, the panelists participated in a question and answer session that was followed by a one-on-one mentoring session between the students and female executives where they discussed how to give a personal elevator pitch. The day concluded with Junior Achievement Personal Finance breakout sessions sponsored by BP Air, Cogen, ConocoPhillips, DuPont, Infineum USA L.P., and The Provident Bank Foundation. Archer & Greiner, LLP sponsored transportation for the students.

Nellie Borrero, Accenture's Diversity and Inclusion Lead, moderated the event and engaged the panelists in discussions relevant to the girls including confidence, risks and education. Both the panelists and mentors were impressed with the students' dedication and drive to enhance their skills.

"Accenture is proud to partner with an organization like Junior Achievement that is dedicated to providing students with the skills and tools to prepare them for the right job opportunities," said Borrero. "As senior leaders, we have a shared responsibility to mentor, coach and support the growth of next generation leaders."

The effort is part of Accenture's **Skills to Succeed** corporate citizenship initiative, which will equip 250,000 people around the world by 2015 with the skills to get a job or build a business.

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**About Junior Achievement® (JA)**

Junior Achievement's (JA) mission is to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy. Through a dedicated volunteer network, JA provides in-school and after-school programs for students in grades K-12. JA offers work readiness programs that focus on seven key content areas: business, citizenship, economics, entrepreneurship, ethics/character, financial literacy, and career development. JA programs reach over 4 million students per year, in 124 markets in urban, rural and suburban areas in all 50 states across the US. In New Jersey, JA will reach more than 46,000 students this school year. Visit [www.janj.org](http://www.janj.org).

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