

Dave Rose, JA Volunteer



Dave's career with TD Bank started as a part time job while he was at university. Over the years, Dave has enjoyed and learned from many different roles at TD; it took him 19 years to find his best fit, now he counts himself very lucky to truly love his position at TD and wouldn't trade it for any other. Dave adds: "We tell the students we see that they will probably have 5 or 6 different careers, I'm one of the dinosaurs who will retire with over 35 years' service."

For over 20 years, Dave has been an inspirational and reliable Junior Achievement volunteer. Dave has delivered countless *Economics for Success* (grade 8) and *Dollars with Sense* (grade 7) programs in our Ottawa school community. In addition, Dave has mentored new JA volunteers and recruited friends to deliver the programs with him. Dave loves sharing his experience and knowledge with students, he is grateful that the JA programs allow him to do just that!

Dave has many memories and anecdotes from delivering JA programs in classrooms. He recalls many funny stories that students have told specifically about their families. Dave is very proud of the impact that he has made on students learning and experiences, here is one of his favourite memories: "The one thing a student said to me that has stuck in my mind the most was about 15 years ago. At the beginning of the day as the students were coming into the class I was greeted by a young lady who asked what the day would be about. I asked her what she planned to do after high school. She said, and I quote "after I get my PHD in aeronautical engineering from MIT I think I'd like to work for NASA" I was stunned with this answer and

asked the teacher about it. She told me this class was the 20 most gifted students in all of Ottawa east. I delivered the program and they still got a lot out of the budget and job interview skills. It may have been my best day out ever.”

When we asked Dave what he has learned from volunteering this dedicated community member shared his thoughts: “I've learned that I do like to teach and share my experience. The old cliché "knowledge is power" is true and I see no reason not to share it and hopefully help our younger people be a little more successful. I've also learned that I like the feeling that contributing gives me.”

We are very fortunate to have Dave as an ONFE volunteer, here are his final thoughts on volunteering with Junior Achievement: “When I was voluntold I was doing a JA day years ago I had no idea how much I would like it, how much I would get out of it and now I feel I'd be missing something if I didn't keep doing this.”

Dave is looking forward to retiring in five years with the respect of his peers. Dave and his wife are planning to maintain their lifestyle when they transition out of the workforce; we truly hope that this lifestyle always includes being an ONFE volunteer.

JA programs inspire youth to make better financial decisions, start up a business and create a career plan. For more information about volunteering with JA, please visit our website www.jaottawa.ca

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