

Graham Davis, JA Volunteer



All it took were a few pivotal words to convince Graham to take a closer look at JA Ottawa. The words that resonated the most were “instructing”, “development” and “life skills”. Graham Davis became a volunteer with JA Ottawa in early 2015 and has enjoyed the experience since.

Upon graduation from the Royal Military College of Canada, Graham was commissioned as an Army officer and proudly served our country for over 35 years. Graham had 13 relocations or postings with the military, to include 13 years out-of-country. As part, he was fortunate to experience Mexico and Central

America, gaining an appreciation of the rich culture. The thing that stood out most was the generosity and respect of the people he met. Graham consistently expresses these traits in the programs he facilitates for his students.

The military lifestyle did not stop Graham from obtaining two master’s degrees. Firstly, he obtained a Masters in International Services (MIS) from the American University in Washington, DC. He then attained an *Executive MBA from the Telfer School of Management* at the University of Ottawa from 2010-2012. Upon retiring from the Forces in 2012, Graham worked for TD Waterhouse for two years on the discount brokerage side as a licensed investment representative. After gaining experience in this field, he pursued other opportunities. In 2015-16, he spent 9 months with Global Affairs Canada. Since last June he has been with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada in both accounting operations and the international network.



Graham is a dedicated JA Ottawa volunteer. He has facilitated the Grade 8 JA Economics for Success (EFS) program a phenomenal six times in the short time he has been a volunteer. Graham appreciates how EFS enables JA students to learn about budgeting and to become more financially literate. Such skills are not taught by the Ontario public school curriculum. JA Ottawa is able to fill this gap and provide crucial real-life financial literacy skills to

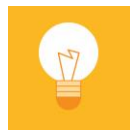
youth. Graham remarked that he wished something similar would have been offered when he was a young teen.

Graham chose to volunteer with JA Ottawa as he strongly believes that the programs that JA delivers to the youth of Ottawa will aid students in their careers, personal finance and in building an entrepreneurial mindset.

Providing mentorship to students and encouraging them to consider their future career opportunities are highlights for Graham on JA day. Graham knows that he has truly made a difference when he witnesses the proverbial student lightbulbs go off and the “ah ha” moments happen throughout his class day. JA Ottawa is fortunate to have such an amazing and kind individual on our volunteer team.

Thank you Graham!

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



VIDEO: Why I Volunteer <http://bit.ly/JAOttawaWhyVolunteer>