

Tony Ressler Inducted to the Distinguished Junior Achievement of Southern California Hall of Fame

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LOS ANGELES, CA, UNITED STATES, December 1, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Junior Achievement of Southern California](#) (JASoCal) announces that Tony Ressler, Co-Founder & Executive Chairman of Ares Management Corporation & Principal Owner, of the Atlanta Hawks was inducted into the JASoCal Hall of Fame during the inaugural event for JASoCal on November 10th.

As part of the evening's event, Ressler spoke on an exclusive panel on how corporations can be a solution to the education and access gap. Joining Ressler on the panel was the CEO of [AltFinance Corporation](#), Marcus Shaw, JASoCal alumni, and Ph.D. Candidate, Warren Jones and moderated by Belva Anakwenze, Founder & Principal of Abacus Financial Business Management, Writer and Host of "The Earn Up" on YouTube, and JASoCal Board Member.

Junior Achievement has a long history of Hall of Fame Laureates recognizing the most respected leaders for their commitment to and investment in the community. Mr. Ressler was recognized as the 2022 Laureate for his commitment to creating educational pathways leading to more access and inclusion in alternative finance careers through his participation in the initiative: "Alt Finance-Investing in Black Futures".

Dr. Les McCabe, President and CEO of JASoCal said, "Tony Ressler has had a tremendous impact and influence in removing barriers that have limited underrepresented youth from being able to access opportunities in business and industry. He has done so by demonstrating how private



Tony Ressler speaks to panel moderator, Belva Anakwenze during the inaugural JASoCal Hall of Fame Fundraising Event on 11.10.2022

sector companies can work in partnership with higher education and nonprofits, like Junior Achievement, to remove barriers, and create more inclusion and diversity in their industries through financial support, mentorship, and skill training. This leadership by example, gives us hope that other businesses in our community will take an active role in the work we are doing at JA. Using his model, the private sector can help our society make significant advances in providing equitable access to life-changing opportunities, particularly in communities of color. It was an honor to have Tony as our Hall of Fame Laureate."

The JASoCal Hall of Fame Celebration benefits Junior Achievement of Southern California and their vision to systematically re-engineer education and expand economic mobility and opportunity for all students by empowering students with the skills, mindset, and connections to build thriving communities. The event is the largest fundraiser for the local Junior Achievement organization.

Included in the evening was a featured performance by Loren Allred, an American singer, songwriter, and actress who made her Billboard Hot 100 debut with the multi-Platinum selling "Never Enough" from the musical soundtrack to "The Greatest Showman".

Presenting Sponsors of the event included Mercedes-Benz, The Smidt Foundation, Moelis & Company and Ken & Julie Moelis. Additional event sponsors include Ares Management, Goldman Sachs, Jefferies, Harris



(L to R) Belva Anakwenze, Tony Ressler, Marcus Shaw, Warren Jones discuss the importance of providing equitable access to financial literacy education and opportunities in the alt finance sector during the inaugural JASoCal Hall of Fame Fundraising Event on 11.10.2022



Junior Achievement of SoCal President and CEO, Dr. Les McCabe addresses the audience during the inaugural JASoCal Hall of Fame Fundraising Event on November 10th, 2022 at the Skirball Center in Los Angeles

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Since 1954, non-profit organization, Junior Achievement (JA) of SoCal has been the leader in Financial Literacy, Entrepreneurship, and Work-Readiness education, inspiring and preparing young people to succeed in a global economy. JASoCal brings our local education and business communities together to invest in the success of K-12 students - the majority of which are considered socio-economically at-risk. With the support of volunteers, JASoCal provides relevant, hands-on learning experiences that connect what students learn in the classroom to the real-world -- knowledge critical to empowering students to own their economic success. Through a variety of programs and initiatives, JASoCal is shaping the college and career-readiness conversation and playing an important role in Southern California's economic development. Currently serving Los Angeles, Orange, Kern, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties, JASoCal HQ and JA Finance Park is located at 6250 Forest Lawn Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90068. Additional information can be found at www.jasocal.org | Instagram (@JA_SOCAL) | Facebook (@JASoCal) | LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/jasocal>

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