

Avnet Helps Tempe Students Achieve



With the help of Junior Achievement (JA), Avnet is helping students in Tempe, Ariz. The company recently presented JA with a check for \$10,000. The money will be used to help fund JA's programs, which focus on financial literacy, work readiness and entrepreneurships.

Specifically, programs include: Ourselves, Our Community, Our City, Our Region and Our Nation. With the support of a teacher, each of these programs is facilitated by a community volunteer.

Along with funding, Avnet's Marta Jones and Shirley Staten have volunteered in JA classrooms and provided consultation for JA BizTown. Here, students combine in-class learning with a day-long visit to JA's fully-interactive simulated town facility. The program helps students connect the dots between what they learn in school and the real world. Also, Steve Phillips, Avnet's CIO, has helped JA develop a program focusing on information technology.