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Online Center Helps Students Plan For College

(NAPSA)—There's good news for high school and middle grade students looking for guidance on how to plan for college and a career.

A new online student resource center has been created to provide middle grade and high school students with a virtual "map to tomorrow" while they learn about the "economics of life."

An organization described as the world's largest institution dedicated to educating young people about business, economics and entrepreneurship—Junior Achievement—has created the JA Student Center.

This online resource (<http://studentcenter.ja.org>) is said to offer information and assistance geared to help teens become workforce ready in the 21st century. Through interactive sections, students can navigate the site to gain knowledge on how to find a college, pay for college, plan a business, handle their money, find a career, and much more, making the online destination a one-stop resource for students planning for a successful future.

Students can search for industries, careers and occupations that align with their interests. The Career Center includes sections on the "16 industry-specific clusters" as outlined by the Department of Education, offering details such as job outlooks, education requirements and industry trends as they relate to each of the 16 "clusters."

Students can also enhance their experience by first taking an



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online career assessment designed to provide them with direction and guidance as they select a career.

"JA Worldwide is proud to offer students an expanded online resource to help them plan for college, engage in career exploration and planning, and learn more about starting their own business," said Dr. Darrell Luzzo, senior vice president of education for JA Worldwide.

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JA reaches 4 million students in the U.S. and over 2.5 million students in nearly 100 countries. For more information, visit www.ja.org or write JA Worldwide Headquarters, One Education Way, Colorado Springs, CO 80906. You can also contact the nearest JA office.