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## **Sierra Grant Supports Junior Achievement of Northern California**

**Porterville, CA** —Bank of the Sierra is pleased to announce a Sierra Grant in the amount of \$1,500 has been awarded to the Junior Achievement of Northern California (JA). JA inspires and prepares young people to succeed in a global economy by engaging adult mentors to teach students about their expanding roles as individuals, consumers, employees, employers, and productive members of our society. Grant funds will be used to support Project \$AVE (Succeed, Achieve, Value, Educate). Project \$AVE is designed to help ensure 8,000 underserved youth in the Central Valley are provided with financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and workforce readiness skills to prepare them for the future.

### **About The Sierra Grant Program**

The Sierra Grant Program is designed to improve the quality of life for the families, especially the children, who reflect the diversity within Bank of the Sierra branch communities. The Sierra Grant Program is focused on three areas: community services, park preservation, and education. Anyone involved in a non-profit program that is interested in a Sierra Grant can pick up an instructional brochure at any Bank of the Sierra branch, or visit the bank web site at [www.bankofthesierra.com](http://www.bankofthesierra.com).

### **About Bank of the Sierra**

With over \$1.3 billion in assets and strong performance ratios, Bank of the Sierra is the largest independently owned community bank headquartered in Southern San Joaquin Valley's Heartland. The bank serves 15 different communities with 25 branches, two Ag Centers and one SBA Center. For more information visit the web site at [www.bankofthesierra.com](http://www.bankofthesierra.com) or call (888) 454-BANK.

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