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Ethan Hemming Named President and CEO of Junior Achievement-Rocky Mountain

Respected Colorado nonprofit and education leader to succeed longtime CEO Robin Wise

DENVER (Sept. 28, 2026) – Junior Achievement-Rocky Mountain (JA-Rocky Mountain) and Warren Village today announced that Ethan Hemming has been selected as the next President and CEO of JA-Rocky Mountain following a national search conducted by the JA-Rocky Mountain Board of Directors. Hemming will succeed Robin Wise, who announced her retirement earlier this year after decades of leadership and service to the organization.

Hemming currently serves as President and CEO of Warren Village, a position he has held since 2016. During his tenure, he led strategic growth initiatives, expanded community partnerships, and oversaw the development of a third campus serving families across the Denver metro area. Prior to Warren Village, he served as Executive Director of the Colorado Charter School Institute and held several leadership roles with Denver Public Schools, where his work focused on expanding educational opportunities and supporting young people and families.

“Ethan leaves Warren Village with a strong foundation, financial stability, and deep relationships across our community,” said Tasha L. Jones, Warren Village Board Chair. “His leadership has expanded Warren Village’s impact while keeping our mission and the families we serve at the center of our work. I am incredibly grateful for the partnership that Ethan and I have shared and for the leadership, care, and commitment he has brought to this organization. As we look ahead, our Board is committed to identifying a leader who will honor that foundation while guiding Warren Village into its next chapter. We will miss Ethan tremendously, and we wish him every success as he brings his leadership and vision to JA-Rocky Mountain.”

Warren Village’s Board of Directors will begin a search for the organization’s next President and CEO in the coming weeks. Throughout the transition, Warren Village remains focused on its mission, its families, and the programs and services they rely on. Additional information about the search process will be shared as it becomes available.

Hemming will officially join JA-Rocky Mountain on December 1, 2026. Wise will continue in her role through the end of the year, working closely with Hemming to ensure a thoughtful and seamless transition. She will continue to support the organization during the transition period and beyond.



Wise announced earlier this year that she would retire following a distinguished career spanning more than three decades with JA-Rocky Mountain. Under her leadership, the organization grew into one of the largest and most innovative Junior Achievement operations in the country, expanding its reach across Colorado and Wyoming while launching transformative learning experiences such as JA Finance Park and JA Dream Accelerator and helping hundreds of thousands of young people prepare for success in work and life.

"Robin leaves JA-Rocky Mountain with a strong foundation and a bright future," said Darrin Foster, JA-Rocky Mountain Board Chair. "As the Board considered the organization's next chapter, we were looking for a leader who could build on that momentum while bringing fresh ideas and energy for the future. Ethan impressed us with his commitment to mission-driven leadership, passion for creating pathways to opportunity, and belief in the power of strong community and business partnerships."

Foster added that Hemming's experience leading impactful nonprofit and education-focused organizations aligns closely with JA-Rocky Mountain's mission. Beyond his professional leadership roles, Hemming is actively engaged with the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce through Leadership Denver, the Leadership Foundation Alumni Committee, and Leadership Exchange (LEX), reflecting his longstanding commitment to civic leadership and cross-sector collaboration.

"Serving Warren Village and the families who place their trust in us has been one of the most meaningful experiences of my career," said Hemming. "I am deeply grateful to our staff, board, donors, partners, and the remarkable families whose resilience and determination inspire our work every day. While it is difficult to leave an organization that means so much to me, I am honored by the opportunity to join JA-Rocky Mountain and build on the extraordinary foundation Robin and her team have created. I look forward to working alongside JA's staff, volunteers, educators, donors, and partners to help even more young people discover pathways to opportunity and success."

"JA-Rocky Mountain's mission has always been about creating opportunities for young people, and I am incredibly proud of what we have accomplished," said Wise. "Ethan is a thoughtful, collaborative leader whose values align closely with JA's mission. I am excited to support a successful transition and confident he will lead the organization to even greater impact in the years ahead."

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About JA-Rocky Mountain

JA-Rocky Mountain is dedicated to driving economic mobility for young people by helping them build the skills, experiences, and connections needed for future success. Through career-connected learning and volunteer-powered experiences, students gain practical knowledge in financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and career readiness while developing the confidence to thrive in work and life. Working alongside schools, businesses, and community partners, JA-Rocky Mountain helps create opportunity-filled futures for students across Colorado and Wyoming. Learn more at www.JARockyMountain.org.

About Warren Village

Warren Village is more than a housing provider; it's a catalyst for lasting change. Based in Denver, Warren Village empowers low-income, single-parent families to build a brighter future through a



nationally recognized two-generation approach. By combining stable housing, early childhood education, and wraparound support services, Warren Village equips families with the tools and opportunities to achieve lasting self-sufficiency. Learn more at www.WarrenVillage.org.