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## Teens See Summer Jobs As A Way To Pay For College

(NAPSA)—Increasingly, young people are turning to summer jobs as a way to pay for higher education. For the first time in six years, teens say saving for college has become the number-one reason they will be working this summer.

According to the 2005 Junior Achievement Interprise Poll<sup>™</sup> on Teens and Summer Jobs, just over 33 percent of teens identified “save for college” as their primary motivation for summer employment. “Extra spending money,” the top reason in prior JA Interprise Polls, garnered 31.2 percent. A total of 1,155 teens participated in this year’s national poll, with 79 percent indicating that they planned to work this summer.

“Rising tuition costs may be one reason why a larger percentage of teens are working to pay for college this summer than simply for disposable income,” said Dr. Darrell Luzzo, senior vice president of education for JA Worldwide. According to the nonprofit group The College Board, tuition at public universities increased nearly 11 percent this year.

Added Luzzo, “Fortunately for teens, the recent employment situation is still very favorable for those seeking summer jobs, and these poll numbers show that a vast majority of the nation’s youth plan to work this summer.”

The particular types of jobs teens say they will be seeking follow the typical areas of teens and summer employment including:

- restaurants/fast food (25.3 percent),
- retail/sales (24.2 percent),
- babysitting (11.3 percent),
- office/clerical (8.9 percent),



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- lifeguard/recreation (8.3 percent), and
- lawn care/landscaping (4.4 percent). Another 17.6 percent chose “other.”

Regarding wages, just over 26 percent of teens expect to earn more than \$7.50 per hour in their summer jobs, which is comparable to last year’s expectations.

The 2005 Junior Achievement Interprise Poll<sup>™</sup> on Teens and Summer Jobs was conducted in classrooms nationwide in February through early April. This is the sixth time JA has conducted a poll of teens and summer jobs. To read full details of this poll, visit the Research Center on [www.ja.org](http://www.ja.org) under “Student Center.”

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