



## Volunteer Spotlight

Volunteer Name: **Michael Schneider-Christians, MBA**

Title: **Business Owner, Elite Realty Team, PA and Cape Coral Insurance Group, LLC.**

**Q: How long have you been a volunteer with Junior Achievement?**

**A: I think it might be for about 10 years. I have taught at Cape Coral High School, at Cape Coral Gulf Middle School and now teach at Coronado High School. It is a different experience every time because of the interesting mix of students.**

**Q: What made you decide to become a JA volunteer? How did you find out about the opportunity?**

**A: I found out about JA when I read about it in the News-Press. I thought that my business experience would be beneficial to teach business to students, as I have always been a business owner, never an employee. Basic money and business skills are crucial to anybody's success in life. The sooner a student is faced with the money and business world, the more information might stick with them for the long haul.**

**Q: How has your experience been as a JA volunteer?**

**A: Great. I take each class and student as they are. I prepare well and try to tell examples of my life during each class, reflecting real business life. The students like to play the games offered by the JA class plan in reference to each subject, even if they are up to 21 years old like at Coronado High. I add one class of my own liking about body language and personalities. I want to make the students aware of which type of person they are and how important body language is as non-verbal communication. At the high school level I tell the students also about world issues facing them during their life.**