



Region 7 JAG News Spring 2022

Check out these highlights of the great things going on with our JAG programs!

2022 Career Development Conference

On January 21, JAG students from the nine programs in our area held their annual Career Development Conference. After hosting the event virtually in 2021, this year the event returned to in person competitions. The students were able to attend the event at the Ivy Tech Campus in Terre Haute. Local employers and business leaders once again volunteered their time to serve as judges for the event.

The students competed in numerous events that utilizes the skills that they have been building on throughout the school year. In addition to the competitions, the students were able to take a tour of the Ivy Tech campus and learn more about the school.

The first place finishers in each competition will move on to the State competition later in the spring.

Entrepreneurship Plan

- 1st - Kyla Willis & Camryn Wolf - North Putnam
- 2nd - Annabelle Gross & Ashley Weir - North Putnam
- 3rd - Kyle Thomas, Isiah Ramsey, & Xavier Evans – Cloverdale

Cover Design

- 1st - Elijah Strahley - Sullivan
- 2nd - Jesse Clark - Sullivan
- 3rd - Cody Blythe – Sullivan

Career Presentation

- 1st - Nathaniel Reedy - Northview
- 2nd - Emily Scott - Sullivan
- 3rd - Ethan Storms – Sullivan

Creative Solutions

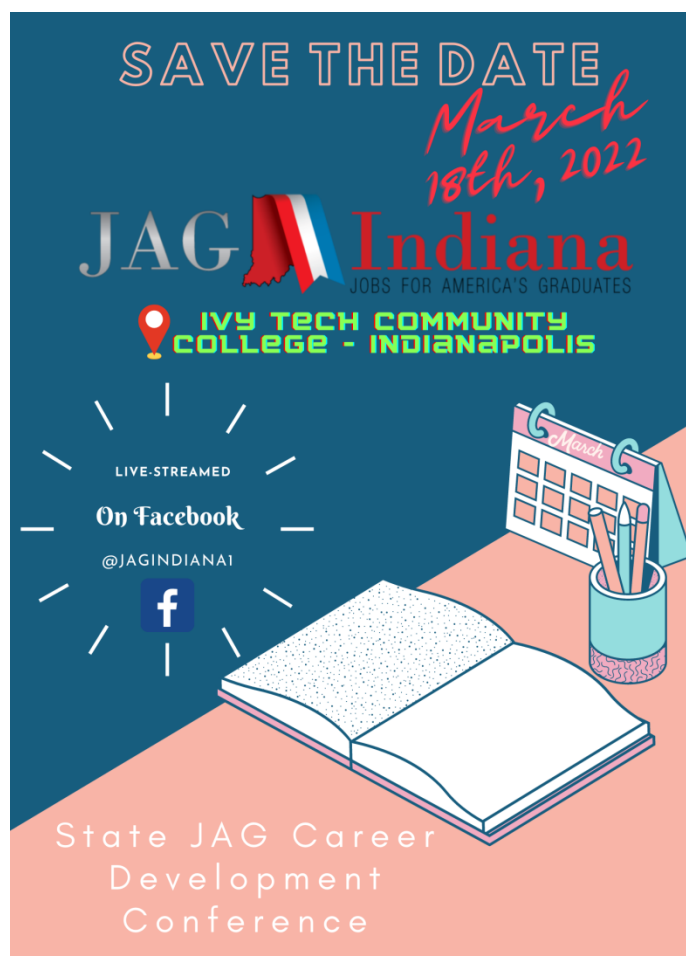
- 1st - Joseph McGowan - Sullivan
- 2nd - Hannah Walton - North Putnam
- 3rd - Issac Nees – Cloverdale

Critical Thinking

- 1st - Bailey Duke - Riverton Parke
- 2nd - Haven Kersey - Northview
- 3rd - Lilly Skaggs - North Putnam

Employability Skills

- 1st - Keyairah Gadd - Terre Haute North
- 2nd - Emma Lighthizer - Sullivan
- 3rd - Harley Dowell - Terre Haute North





Financial Literacy

- 1st - Veronica Carter - Cloverdale
- 2nd - Hayden Tipton - Terre Haute North
- 3rd - Brayden Polley - North Putnam

Public Speaking

- 1st - Jayda Holmes - West Vigo
- 2nd - Lorenzo Montgomery - Terre Haute South
- 3rd - Jake Moncur - North Putnam

Writing Skills

- 1st - Kendra Wineinger - Sullivan
- 2nd - Haley Dickson - North Putnam
- 3rd - Shawn Feece - Terre Haute North

Outstanding Senior

- 1st - Chloe Pugh - Terre Haute North
- 2nd - Sydney Myers - Parke Heritage
- 3rd - Lilly Hagy - Sullivan

Thank you to all of our Judges:

- Daryl Andrews – Glaxo Smith Klein
- Gerald Beuvelet – GE Aviation
- Shaun Brames – Vincennes University
- Taree Cavaso – Great Dane
- Yi Chew – Union Hospital
- Bob Grewe – Vermillion Rise
- Faith Haley – Indiana State University
- Ryan Hughes – Terre Haute Electrical JATC
- Nancy Inman – WorkOne Western Indiana
- Jennifer Isbell-Scott – Vectren
- Jackie McDonald - JOINK
- Karen Nelson Heavin- Heavin College & Career Readiness
- Mary Caye Pfister – Pfister and Company
- Mike Smith – WorkOne Western Indiana
- Greg Stewart –GE Aviation
- Claudia Tanoos - Terre Haute EDC
- Cyndi Todd – Parke County EDC
- Dave Tucker – Vincennes University
- Susan Turner – Terre Haute Children's Museum
- Chris Williams – Ivy Tech Community College
- Charlene Wright – Ivy Tech Community College
- Gail Wright – Parke County Extension
- WorkOne and Vincennes University Staff



Outstanding Senior Chloe Pugh





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Reedy places first at regional JAG competition

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Nathaniel Reedy of Northwestern was first place in the Career Presentation regional competition on Jan. 21 in the annual JAG Jobs for America's Graduates Career Development Conference at Ivy Tech in Terre Haute. Reedy will now advance to the state competition in the spring.

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employees volunteered their time to attend and participate as judges for the event.

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The competition lets students use the skills they have been developing over the school year," said Brad Trapier, business consultant for WorkOne Western Indiana.

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The students participated in events such as Employability Skills, Career Presentation, Entrepreneurship, Financial Literacy and others.

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Haven Ramsey of Northwestern finished second in Career Presentation.



ASCENSION ST. VINCENT CLAY TO HOST BLOOD DRIVE
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Ascension St. Vincent Clay Hospital in Brazil will be sponsoring a community blood drive on Thursday, February 6, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Submitted photo
Eight Northwestern students competed in the regional Jobs for America's Graduates competition recently at Ivy Tech's Terre Haute campus.

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Here's spaghetti ... build a tower

JAG competition involves creative problem solving

By DAVID KRONKE
TRIBUNE STAR

It was the most peculiar assignment of Hannah Walton's academic career. The North Putnam senior, who has been accepted into Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, was attending the Jobs for America's Graduates career development conference at Ivy Tech on Friday to participate in the Creative Solutions competition.

She and her fellow competitors had been given a Ziploc bag filled with marshmallows, uncooked spaghetti and penne noodles, rubber bands, duct tape, string, a paper plate and a pair of scissors, along with instructions to construct a two-foot-tall tower sturdy enough to cradle a candy bar or a bag of Skittles. The contestants would have 25 minutes to complete the task.

Afterwards, one of the judges would concede that this was the most difficult challenge in this contest in years. No one came close to erecting anything two feet tall.

"The first thing that I thought was, 'This is going to be impossible' because spaghetti noodles are not very strong," Walton said. And indeed, when a number of students tried to put the candy bar atop their sculpture, the whole thing toppled.

West Vigo High's Bryce Weir's structure was one of the few that remained standing with the candy bar atop it. "A design like the Eiffel Tower was my first train of thought," he said, but decided not to be too fancy and to focus on supporting the candy.

Creative Solutions was one of 10 competitive events derived from the JAG curriculum that students from the nine high schools of Region 7 participated in Friday at Ivy Tech, said Greg Lee, Vincennes University professor and JAG manager for Region 7.

"They've been preparing for this since September," Lee said. "Today's kind of the payoff." Creative Solutions is one of the most popular events, he said.

Other popular events were Employability Skills, "where they create a cover letter and



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Tower building: North Putnam senior Hannah Walton constructs a tower from spaghetti and marshmallows during a Creative Solutions competition during Friday's Jobs for America's Graduates conference at Ivy Tech.

resume and then they go through a mock interview and they're judged on that," Lee explained, and "Entrepreneurship's a popular one where they write business plans for products or businesses that they think would be good."

Friday's winners will move on to the state conference in Indianapolis in mid March for another round of competition. The winners were:

■ **Entrepreneurship Plan:** Kyla Willis and Camryn Wolf, North Putnam

■ **Cover Design:** Elijah Strahley, Sullivan

■ **Career Presentation:** Nathaniel Reedy, Northview

■ **Creative Solutions:** Joseph McGowan, Sullivan

■ **Critical Thinking:** Bailey Duke, Riverton Parks

■ **Employability Skills:** Keyairah Gadd, Terre Haute North

■ **Financial Literacy:** Veronica Carter, Cloverdale

■ **Public Speaking:** Jayda Holmes, West Vigo

■ **Writing Skills:** Kendra Wineinger, Sullivan

■ **Outstanding Senior:** Chloe Fugh, Terre Haute North

Back to Walton's tower of spaghetti and marshmallows:

It didn't collapse, but it couldn't hold a bag of Skittles; still, it was good enough for second place in the competition. "It didn't go as planned, but it was certainly better than I thought it would be" is her final assessment.

Walton, plans to study mechanical engineering in college; her father is a 1999 Rose-Hulman alumnus. "I want to go into engineering



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Career presentation: 2022 JAG Career Development Conference Judge Daryl Andrews helps Terre Haute North student Joslin Harrison set up her career presentation on Friday at Ivy Tech Community College.



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Photography as a career: Terre Haute North student Kenneth Whitecotton discussed the career path of a photographer during his career presentation for the 2022 JAG Career Development Conference on Friday at Ivy Tech Community College.

because I've watched my dad be an engineer my whole life and I've picked up some of the skills he has," she said. "I really enjoy math and creating things and making it your own."

And Rose-Hulman proba-

bly doesn't mandate the use of spaghetti noodles in its engineering. "I don't believe so," she said with a laugh.

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Students compete in JAG conference at Ivy Tech

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TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (WTWO/WAWV) — Highschool students of the Wabash Valley attended a career conference at Ivy Tech Community College Friday.

The conference was hosted by *Jobs for America's Graduates*, also known as JAG.

Students who attended the conference came from 9 schools across 6 counties.

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Grads get a chance to showcase their job skills in competition

By Staff Report Jan 21, 2022

JAG Performance Outcomes : Graduation

JAG Seniors	96.8%
U.S. High School Seniors	84%

82%
Full-Time Employment

93%
Full-Time Placement

41%
Post-Secondary Education

64%
Employment Rate

By Chris Casco:

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TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (WTHI) - Terre Haute Jobs for America's Graduates students are getting the chance to showcase their job skills.

It's thanks to a competition for the Career Development Conference. Competitors from nine schools will come to Ivy Tech in Terre Haute.

They compete in 10 different events that relate to employability skills.

The top three winners will win scholarship money. The Jag program has been around for about 11 years in Indiana.



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Katie Watson Earns Rural Health Scholarship!

Katie is currently a senior at Riverton Parke and is one of ten recipients to receive the Rural Health Scholarship! This scholarship pays for the first four years of undergrad school tuition, and she is guaranteed an interview with the IU School of Medicine. She plans to attend either ISU or IUPUI to study biology. Her future plans are to become a pediatric doctor for a NICU or work for Doctors Without Borders.



Learning About Financial Future

Nate Eslinger of Edwards Jones recently spoke to the Parke County JAG Classes. He explained investing and Roth IRAs.





Chloe Sprinkle Signs With Lincoln Trail

Chloe Sprinkle from Cloverdale JAG announced her commitment to Lincoln Trail. We are so proud of you Chloe!



Kyle Thomas Named to All Star Game!

Kyle Thomas of Cloverdale was named to the 2022 HBCA All Star Game! Kyle also recently announced that he will be attending Cedarville University in the Fall!

