



Region 7 JAG News Summer 2023 (June 1st – August 29th)

JAG End of Year Conference



WABASH VALLEY, Ind. (WTHI) - Western Indiana's Jobs for America's Graduates programs closed out the 2022-23 academic year with students earning more than \$2.7 million in scholarships and grants, the Western Indiana Workforce Development Board.

Region 7's JAG programs also were recognized by the State of Indiana for meeting and exceeding national benchmarks, including a 92 percent high school graduation rate.

The JAG programs earning top honors for scholarships are:

- Terre Haute North, approximately \$247,000
- Riverton Parke Junior/Senior High School and Parke Heritage High School, approximately \$205,000

Western Indiana's JAG programs and leaders were also recognized by the State of Indiana during a two-day conference in Indianapolis, June 19-20. Local recognition went to:

- Brandy Dickson, North Putnam, placed first for community service;
- Dana Bottomley, Northview, placed second in community service; and
- Brandy Dickson, North Putnam, ranked second for employer engagement.

Additionally, Diana Lighthizer, who leads the JAG program at Sullivan High School, was honored for her ten years of service. Both Lighthizer and Cloverdale High School JAG leader Karl Turk led roundtables at the conference, sharing their expertise with other Hoosier JAG specialists.

Finally, Region 7's JAG specialists were recognized for the 6 of 6 Awards, which honors programs that meet or exceed the standard in the following metrics: graduation rate, job placement/military service, total positive outcomes, full-time placement (work, military, full-time school), and total full-time jobs. Cloverdale, North Putnam, Riverton Parke/Parke Heritage, and Sullivan all earned these awards.

Region 7 consists of Northview High School in Brazil, Riverton Parke Junior/Senior High School in Montezuma, West Vigo High School in Terre Haute, North Putnam High School in Roachdale, Sullivan High School in Sullivan, Terre Haute North Vigo High School, Terre Haute South Vigo High School, Cloverdale High School and Parke Heritage High School in Rockville.

Jobs for America's Graduates is a national workforce skills readiness program for high school students. It focuses on the importance of earning a high school diploma and acquiring skills required by employers. Skills which are developed





include problem solving, leadership, job seeking, team building, and academic skills; all necessary to complete post-secondary training and success in today's job market.

More than 135 JAG programs operate in Indiana. In the Wabash Valley, JAG programs are supported by the local school administrations and the Western Indiana Workforce Development Board.

Indiana's Economic Growth Region 7 received the 6 of 6 Award once again for the performance of its JAG programs. The following metrics were achieved:



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CDL License

Congratulations to Colton Stone of Parke Heritage JAG. Colton became the first student to complete the Parke Heritage CDL program and earn his CDL.



Work Experience

Heath Kennelly, graduate of the class of 2023, is enrolled in work experience with the Cloverdale Community Schools Maintenance and Transportation Department. Along with repair and maintenance, Heath is learning how to manage a vehicle fleet. Today's task is upholstering seats on the district's buses before-the annual inspection.



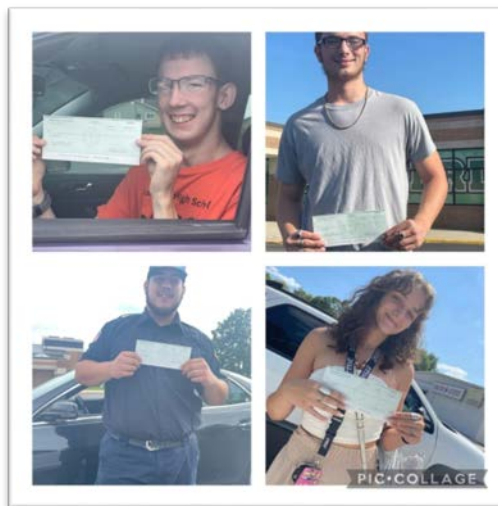
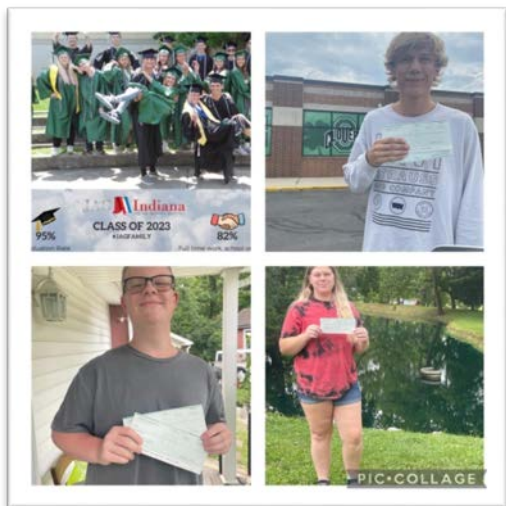


Hoosier Boys State

Cloverdale JAG students Eli and Noah participated in the 84th annual Hoosier Boys State. HOOSIER BOYS STATE at Trine University! As delegates, Eli and Noah collaborated to establish platforms for two made up parties, participated in elections, proposed laws, negotiated bills, and enforced established legislation from local up to the state level!"



Graduation Incentives

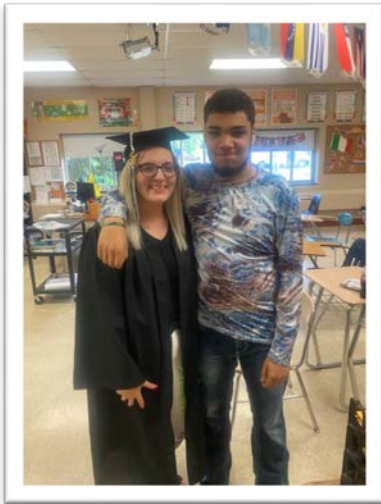




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Congratulations Graduates!

West Vigo



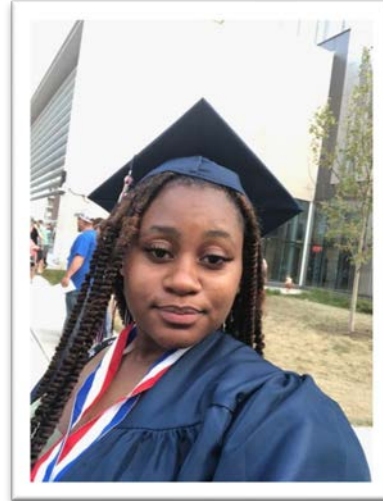
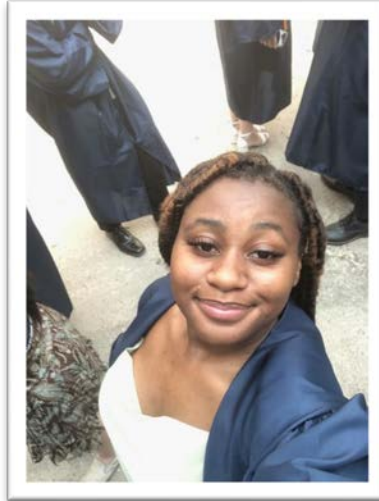
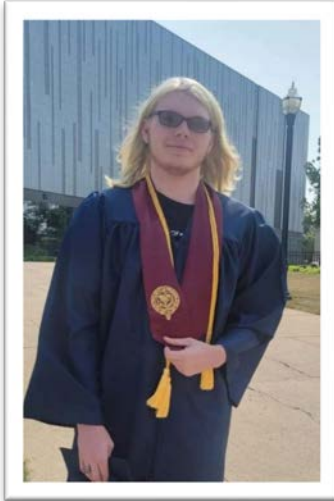
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Terre Haute North





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Terre Haute South Baby Shower

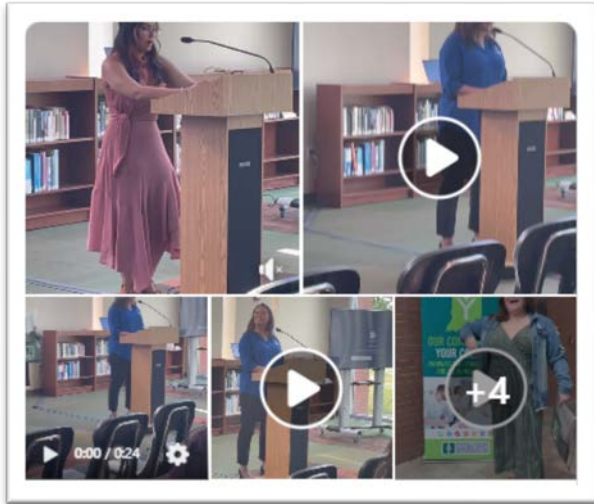
Before starting her maternity leave, our Terre Haute North JAG Specialist Cree Ibrahim was treated to a baby shower hosted by her students.





Ivy Tech ASAP Program

Cloverdale JAG graduates Deelaynee, Kendal and Kylee were honored for their completion of the ASAP Program at Ivy Tech. These students completed an Associate Degree in just ONE YEAR!



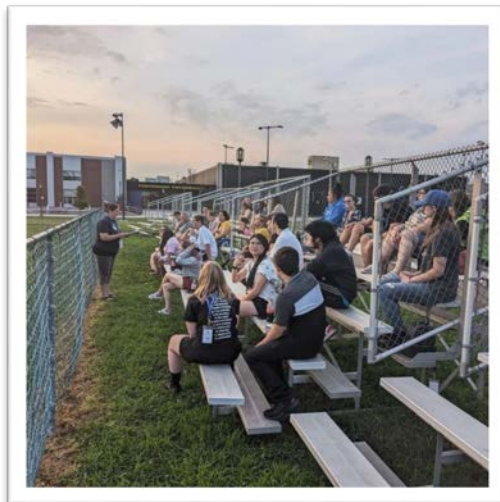
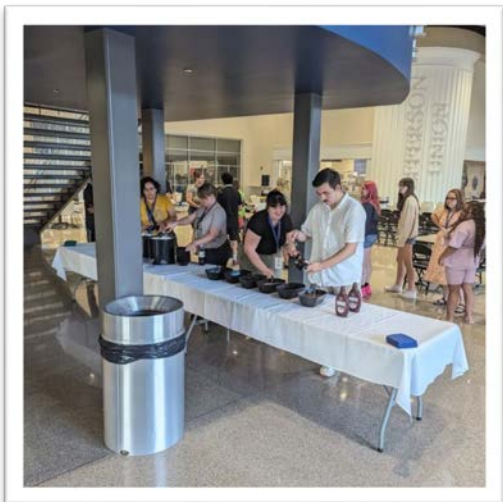


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JAG Summer Camp

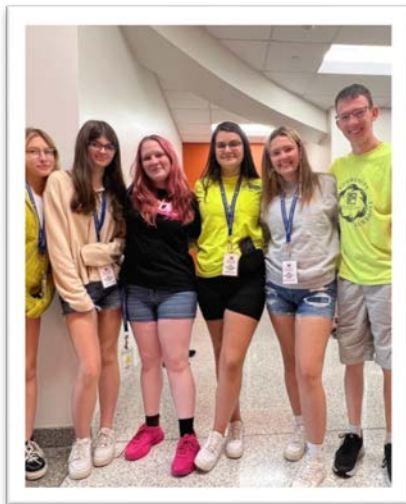
JAG participants throughout the state spent a week at the Vincennes University JAG Summer Camp Under the direction of Shaun Brames, JAG participants networked, earned college credit, performed community service, made friends, and spent a day at Holiday World.





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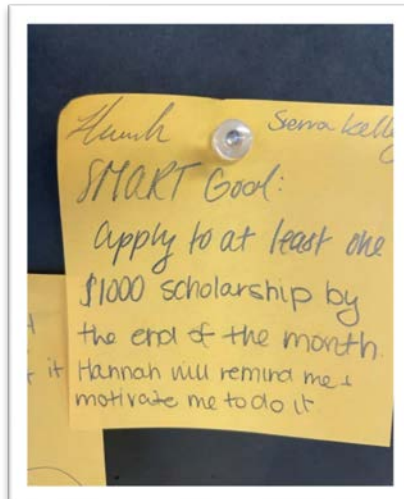
Trauma Care

Trauma Informed Care is at the core of the JAG curriculum and pivotal to personal development. Today in our opening Career Association meeting, we participated in the Line-Game where we noted experiences we have in common, those we didn't, and for a moment took a walk in someone's shoes.



SMART Goals

Cloverdale JAG students learned about setting SMART goals.



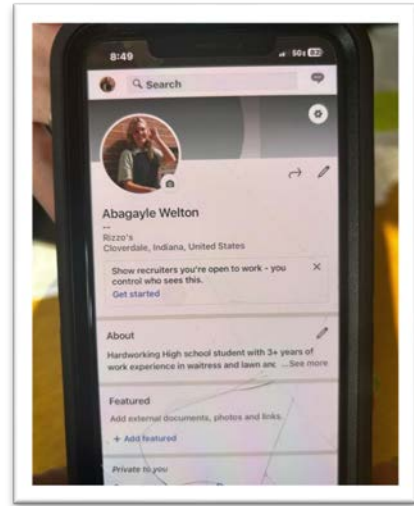
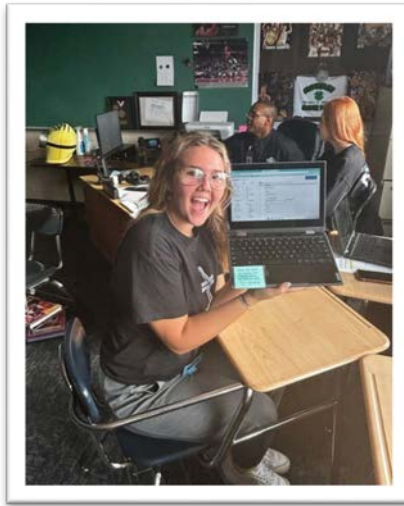
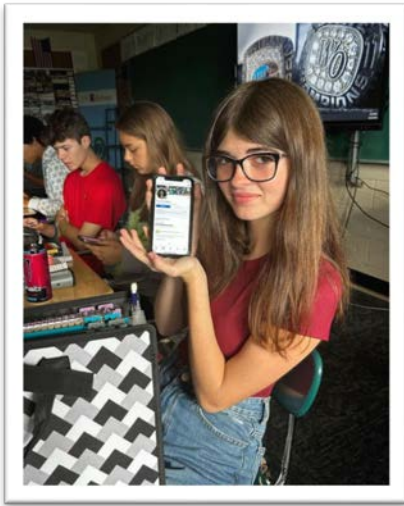


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Resume Development

Cloverdale JAG recently created resumes and created professional LinkedIn profiles.



National College Board Award

Congratulations to our class of 2024, Katie Dicken, on her ACADEMIC HONOR AWARD from the National College Board! Katie, who aspires to study Business Management, was honored for meeting and exceeding the qualification criteria of:

-3.5 GPA

-PSAT score on Top 10% of test takers STATEWIDE

