



Region 7 JAG News Late Spring 2019

5 of 5 Award

Congratulations JAG Indiana!

The results are in and we've broken every record in the books! JAG Indiana is 5 of 5 for the 5th year! Attached you'll find the official results- we couldn't be prouder of all of your hard work and efforts helping your students achieve such amazing results!

We have a staggering

- 77 individual 5 of 5 sites! (17 more 5 of 5 sites than last year!)
- 108 sites with a UC rate at or below 5%
- 107 sites that met or exceeded the graduation target
- A state wide graduation rate of 96%- another all-time high!
- A state wide Unable to Contact rate of 2%!!
- 2 Alternative Education 5 of 5 Regions!
- 12 Multi Year 5 of 5 Regions!





WIWIB Hosts JAG Recognition Breakfast

On April 16th, the Western Indiana Workforce Investment Board (WIWIB) hosted a recognition breakfast for the 9 JAG programs in our Region. In addition to celebrating the great work of our JAG instructors, the program also honored local employers who have supported the JAG program over the years. Terre Haute Mayor Duke Bennett read a proclamation declaring April 16th, JAG Day in Terre Haute. Former JAG Student and Sullivan High School graduate, Braelyn Wence spoke to the attendees about the impact JAG has had on her life and what she has accomplished since graduation. The event closed with Doug Dillion of the Vigo County School Corporation being honored the Outstanding Leadership Award for his continued championing of the JAG program.





2019 State JAG Career Development Conference

The winners from February's Regional JAG Career Development Conference competed in the State JAG competition on March 15th.

All of the competitors did a great job representing our Region. Haley Maners of Cloverdale was the highest placed, finishing in Third Place in the Career Presentation competition.



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Haley Maners is recognized by Indiana Department of Workforce Development Commissioner Fred Payne after presenting at the state competition.

Courtesy Indiana JAG

CLOVERDALE -- Continuing a stretch of successes for the Cloverdale Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) program, senior Haley Maners recently added another top result at the state level.

Attending a state competition at the Ivy Tech campus in Indianapolis earlier this month, Maners took third place in the Career Presentation category. Cloverdale senior Kierra Gilliam also competed in the Writing Skills competition. Both took first place in these categories respectively at the regional Career Development Conference in February.

"I was so blessed to have the opportunity to go the State JAG competition," Maners told the *Banner Graphic*. "It not only allowed me to improve my presentation skills, but I was also able to make friends with students from all over Indiana."

"I am especially thankful for the advice, guidance and support I received from my JAG teacher Mr. Turk," she added.

Cloverdale's JAG program is advised by coach Karl Turk, who expressed that the rigors of the competition have inspired growth in Maners' confidence and overall personal growth.

"I am so immensely proud of Haley," Turk said. "She would be the first to admit not feeling the most comfortable speaking to an audience, but through the vehicle of this competition, I have seen her flourish and gain confidence in her speaking ability, a confidence that I see permeating into all her endeavors."

Turk also commented that he was excited to see Maners' peers help her prepare for the state competition, and suggested that this contributed greatly to all of their success.

"As a specialist, I am so proud of the interaction of the different years of JAG cohorts in the preparation for the contest," he added. "Jordan Harrell from the Class of 2018 finished second in the regional competition, and was instrumental in helping Haley and Chelsie Edwards (who finished third in this year's regional) experience their success this year."

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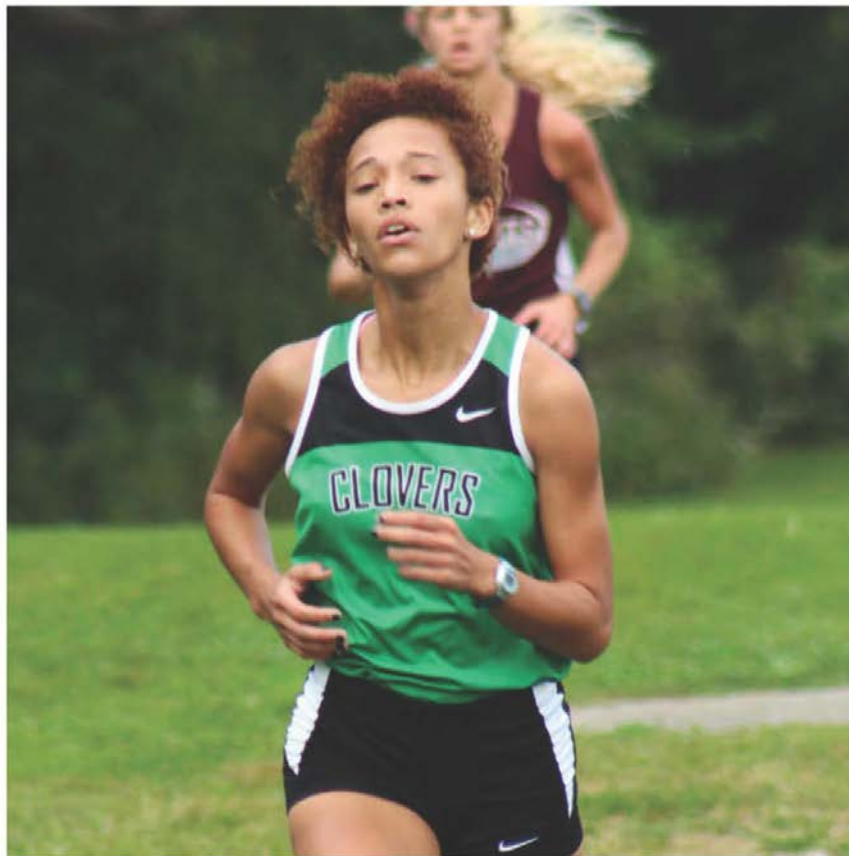
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By JOEY BENNETT, Sports Editor



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Chelsie Edwards has overcome several obstacles to be a standout runner for Cloverdale.

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Chelsie Edwards is a senior at Cloverdale and participates in cross country and track and field.

Banner Graphic: How important are sports to you, and what have you learned from them?

Chelsie Edwards: "Family. Since fifth grade, I have had family issues at home. Running found another family for me until mine became more stable. I have learned to be more patient through sports. You don't always get what you want, and you have to work for it. It has helped me to be more determined and goal-oriented. There is always that point where you achieve something, and then you want something more."

BG: How did you get started in running?

CE: "I've been running track since fifth grade and cross country since eighth grade. In elementary school, I remember asking people if I could race them. I just always loved to run. It just clicked with me."

BG: Summarize your successes in sports.

CE: "I went to the semistate in cross country my sophomore and junior years. I just missed it last fall. I had these huge knots in my legs, and I was rolling them all out. I was three spots off; I was close. Those knots in my legs made it harder than the previous years. I was told they think the muscle on top and the one underneath were trying to grow together. It's still there, but it's a lot smaller now. I have made it to the regional in track, in the 400 my first two years and 800 last year."

BG: Do you like cross country or track more than the other?

CE: "I like track better. There are more opportunities to win. I love winning."

BG: Running against Emma Wilson every year has made that kind of tough, hasn't it?

CE: "Yes, but she made me better."

BG: What goals do you have for track this year?

CE: "I hope to make it out of the regional this year. I was fourth, and was less than a second short. Last year I ran a 2:24 in the 800, and I'm already down to 2:28 even though we haven't been able to practice outside much."

BG: How did the WIC indoor meet go last week?

CE: "Pretty good. We ran the 4x800 and won it, and my split improved by three seconds from the week before. In the 4x400, we were second and my split was one second better."

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BG: Do you have any certain rituals or superstitions you follow?

CE: "I have lucky socks. I wear the same pair for every meet. I got them about two and a half years ago."

BG: What else do you do at school besides things involving sports:

CE: "I am in choir, student council, FCCLA and PIE coalition. I like being part of a group, and I like being around people. I think if I had done more things my first two years of high school things would have gone better."

BG: What do you like to do outside of school and sports?

CE: "I hang out with friends a lot. I like watching movies and reading, although not as much as I want go."

BG: What are your favorites in movies, TV and music?

CE: "I love the Harry Potter books and movies. In music, I listen to older pop and R&B stuff back to 2005. It's better than the newer stuff. I've read the Harry Potter books several times, and I find something else new every time. It took me two months to read the whole series."

BG: What is something you have never done before that you would like to do someday?

CE: "Skydiving. I like the adrenaline rush. I've been skiing and snowboarding, and I think dropping out of their would be the next step."

BG: What is your biggest fear?

CE: "My mom is very important to me, so my biggest fear is not being able to live up to the goals she has for me. I always want to make her proud. She's had a rough life, and she didn't always make the right decisions. Making her proud is my big thing."

BG: What are your favorite and least favorite foods?

CE: "My favorite is chicken alfredo, and my least favorite food is shrimp. It's rubbery, and I don't like it."

BG: Do you have any pets?

CE: "I just got a new puppy, a black Lab named Luna. She is extremely hyper and bounces a lot. Any time she gets scared, she sits between my feet. She's the biggest baby sometimes. She's really bouncy. I walk around with her a lot."

BG: If your house was on fire, and all living things were already out, what is one thing you would go back and get?

CE: "I have a box of my medals and ribbons in it, and I would go get that."

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BG: If you were to describe your personality in one word, what would that word be and why?

CE: "Determined. I am very goal-oriented, and I keep myself busy. I don't like sitting around being bored."

BG: What has been your favorite place to visit?

CE: "Colorado. I got to go to many beautiful places out there. It was very nice."

BG: How important is support from your family and classmates to your success?

CE: "My mom has been one of my biggest supporters. She's always there. She tells her boss when my races are and does everything she can to be there. My coach [Andy Tyler] and Mr. [Karl] Turk have been my best male role models. Having them there and having my back, no matter what, is very important."

BG: When you went to South Putnam for your junior year, I remember seeing coach Tyler congratulate you after a race for doing well even though you weren't on his team at the time. How did that transition go?

CE: "Everybody was like that. No matter what, Cloverdale people were cheering me on even though I wasn't on their team."

BG: Describe your overall school experience, both academically and athletically.

CE: "I wish I would have done more my first two years. I had so much going on I wasn't worried about school. My grades weren't bad, but they weren't where I wanted them to be."

BG: What are your plans for after high school, and what career are you headed toward?

CE: "I recently paid my admission fee to Hanover College, and will be running track and cross country there. I will be majoring in kinesiology and integrated physiology. I know I want to be in the medical field, but I'm not sure yet exactly which part."

BG: You mentioned Mr. Turk [Jobs for America's Graduates teacher] earlier. What has he done for you specifically?

CE: "In teaching, he helps so much because he uses real-life situations. He's always been there for me, and he always knows when there's something wrong. He listens, and that's really important."

BG: After college, do you have plans to live somewhere in the mountains or on the beach, or do you want to live around here?

CE: "I imagine I'll wind up somewhere outside of Indiana. This is all I have known, and I want to see what else is out there and do something different."

BG: Do you think high school has gone fast, and are you going to miss it?

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CE: "When I first got here, I thought my freshman year went by pretty slow. Now that I'm a senior, it's flown by. It's ridiculous how fast it's gone by. I still remember things from my freshman year, and now I'm getting ready to graduate."

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Putnam County Career Fair.

Putnam County hosted a job fair for Seniors from all of the Putnam County High Schools.

Cloverdale JAG not only came dressed to impress but helped break down tables and chairs and clean up after the event.



Parker Watts to Attend Vincennes University

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Fortunate circumstance connects Watts, Blazers

Thursday, June 6, 2019

By JOEY BENNETT, Sports Editor



Cloverdale's Parker Watts signed earlier this year to play baseball for Vincennes University. Witnessing the signing were (from left, front) father David and mother Shawn; (back) CHS principal Sonny Stoltz, CHS coach Kurt Kyle, CHS assistant coach Gary Hoffa and CHS athletic director J.J. Wade.

Banner Graphic/JOEY BENNETT

CLOVERDALE — When Cloverdale played a high school baseball doubleheader at White River Valley in early April, Clover senior Parker Watts had no idea how much that day would change his life.

The Clovers lost both games to the Wolverines, but — unbeknownst to Watts — a recruiter from Vincennes University was present to scout a player from the home team.

Watts had an outstanding day at the plate, however, and attracted the interest of the VU coach.

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One thing eventually led to another, and Watts signed about a month later to play for the national junior college powerhouse program.

"It's a dream," Watts said. "My grandmother and I talked about this a lot. She passed away my sophomore year during basketball, and we talked about it all the time.

"It gives me cold chills because it's happening," he added. "I'm not done playing baseball, and I get to continue playing it."

The Clovers have not been particularly successful as a team during Watts's career, and had a different coach for each of his final three seasons.

The chance meeting with the VU recruiter seemed to come at a bad time, although the season had just started.

"I had been struggling hitting the ball," he admitted. "My bat came alive that day, and I had a home run, a triple and a couple of doubles. I made numerous plays in the field at shortstop. We exchanged information after the game, and it went from there."

Watts excelled on the mound, in the field and at the plate for the Clovers but he knows his pitching days are over.

"I have a good arm, but I want to go and transfer somewhere else after two years," he said. "I would like to play middle infield, either shortstop or second base. I think I'd prefer second base if that works out."

Watts batted .485 this season (16 for 42) with two homers, three doubles, two triples and 11 RBI. He also scored 11 runs, and made only three errors in 60 total chances in the field.

The Clovers finished the season with a 4-18 record, but improved as the season went along. They lost only 7-3 to regional champion South Vermillion, and were the only Putnam County team to win a sectional game.

"This year has been a little bit of a struggle," Watts said in early May. "We have a lot of people who haven't played baseball in a long time, or at all. Some of the guys are coming around and improving big-time."

He likes the fact that VU is a successful program, and has sent numerous players on to play at four-year schools.

"They have been pretty successful," he said. "I think in 2011 and 2014 they went to the Junior College World Series."

Watts plans to study sports medicine and earn his associate's degree.

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Lillian Brown

From Job Fair to 1st Job, from JAG class college visit to becoming JAGuar, all while doing it in stride. Lillian Brown, senior at Cloverdale High School has made major moves this 2018-2019 school year. After using the JAG Advantage to visit colleges, she has decided to study Dental Hygiene at IUPUI next school year. Recently she utilized a class trip to the Putnam County Job Fair to find her first job as a Barista at Starbucks of Greencastle. When she's not studying or working, she is an instructor and performer at TDP Dance Company



Turk to lead workshop at national JAG conference

Friday, May 24, 2019

Highlighting his success as a specialist for the Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) program at Cloverdale High School, Karl Turk has been selected to lead a best practices workshop at JAG's National Training Seminar and Professional Development Workshops in Orlando, Fla.

The event will be held July 7-12, and will be the 36th year that JAG specialists, managers, trainers and administrators have convened from across the United States to network and learn about strategies to connect students to opportunities.

The National Training Seminar focuses on professional development for members of the JAG National Network, which is comprised of at least 34 state JAG organizations and 1,250 program affiliates nationwide.

In an email to the *Banner Graphic* informing of Turk's selection as a workshop leader, Superintendent Greg Linton said that his attendance was a "great opportunity" for the Cloverdale JAG program.



Karl Turk

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North Putnam

Thank you to Jake Widner for coming to NPHS and speaking to our JAG students about the ASAP program at Ivy Tech in Greencastle. Through ASAP, students can earn an associate's degree in only 11 months.





Service Projects

Proud of my JAG students! Each group had to work together to choose, plan and complete their own school service project ideas. They did a great job by helping our custodians and making them a large thank you card, cleaning up the lunch room for our cafeteria staff, making teacher appreciation gift bags and notes, baking cookies and making cards for our administrators and support staff, and helping out our coaches by cleaning the weight room.









Patterson Advances to State Track Meet

From the Banner Graphic:

Payton Patterson

Patterson did not envision himself as a state finalist after a fifth-place sectional finish.

But, after making some modifications in the week before the regional meet, Patterson was able to add more than 20 feet to his personal-best toss and finish fourth.

"After coming in fifth in the sectional, I knew I had some issues to fix," said Patterson, whose best sectional throw of 130-6 increased to 152-11 at the regional. "I knew with my body type and my build that I was capable of throwing farther. I came out here and practiced when it was rainy, cold and windy.

"I came out here every day and just worked on my form and focused on getting better and more comfortable," he added. "I knew this was my chance to go to the state meet."

Patterson has thrown the discus enough to recognize how it feels when it leaves his hand, and he knew his best regional throw was good as soon as he released it.

"When I release, and feel it come off my finger, I can either feel no pressure off of it or a lot of pressure," he said. "When I feel a lot of pressure, it goes a lot farther. I didn't know it was that far, but I thought it was going to be good."

Only the top three in each event automatically advance to the state finals, but there are three "wild card" spots available for call backs to reward the top three participants not finishing in the top three at a regional.

"I stayed up until about 1 a.m. looking at the IHSAA website and checking every 10 minutes to see if they posted the results," he said. "They didn't do it until the next morning. It was worth it, and I'm really excited."

Patterson is happy with being the 17th seed.

He would need to add 5.6 feet to his career-best throw to surpass the ninth-seeded athlete and reach the medal stand.

"I'm very excited to see how I do on Friday and I'm very prepared," he said. "I think I have at least 10 more feet in me if I keep working on my form and improving."

Patterson, a junior, admits he wishes he had made such adjustments earlier in his career.

"For sure," he said. "I wish I started doing that the first day I came out here. I was too worried about throwing far, and not on improving."



Update: Patterson finished 25th at the state meet.



Northview

Veterans' Picnic

Veterans' Picnic

- **May 11th**
- **Noon – 2 PM**
- **All Clay County Veterans' & families**
- **FREE**
- **Cow Dalace @ Forest Dark**
- **6th Annual**
- **Sponsored by:**
Northview Jobs for Americas Graduates



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In May, Northview JAG Students hosted their 6th annual Veteran's Picnic.

Approximately 50 people attended and had a great time. In addition to the decorations, the students prepared handmade thank you cards and gifts for the Veterans. The gift bags included hand painted decorative stones thanking the Veterans.





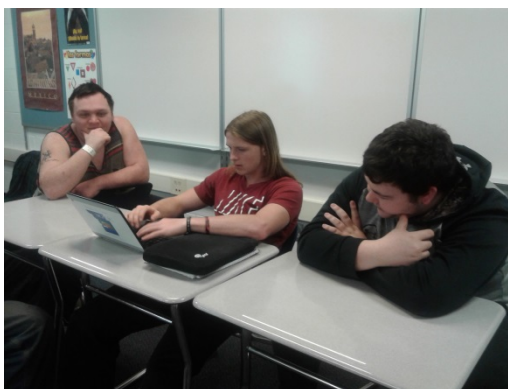
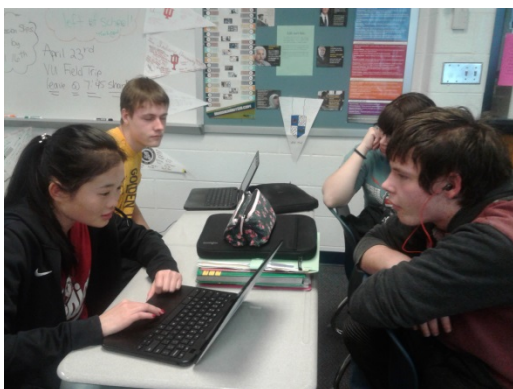
After the picnic, the students provided local nursing homes with the remaining gift bags to share with Veterans who were unable to attend.





Parke Heritage

Parke Heritage students recently competed in the AdCapChallenge. 4 groups competed and submitted their projects for judging. 2 groups picked the Technology topic and chose the question about reducing cell phone addiction in teens. The other 2 groups picked Hungry for a Change and picked the question about how to reduce and reuse pizza boxes. All will get certificates and may win prizes if their project is picked. I will let you know if we win anything.



Vincennes Univeristy Trip

Parke Heritage students recently visited Vincennes University. It was a gorgeous day and they had a great tour guide. The students really loved being able to eat in the cafeteria.





Students Complete Ivy Tech Start as Sophomores Program

Parke Heritage JAG seniors Katie Snodgrass and Ling Xiong graduated from Ivy Tech on May 9th and received Technical Certificates in General Studies. They were part of Ivy Tech's "Start as a Sophomore" program. Katie received Magna Cum Laude honors and Ling received Cum Laude. Both students will have a block of at least 30 credits transferred to Indiana University Bloomington, where they will be starting in the Fall. Way to go Katie and Ling!!!!



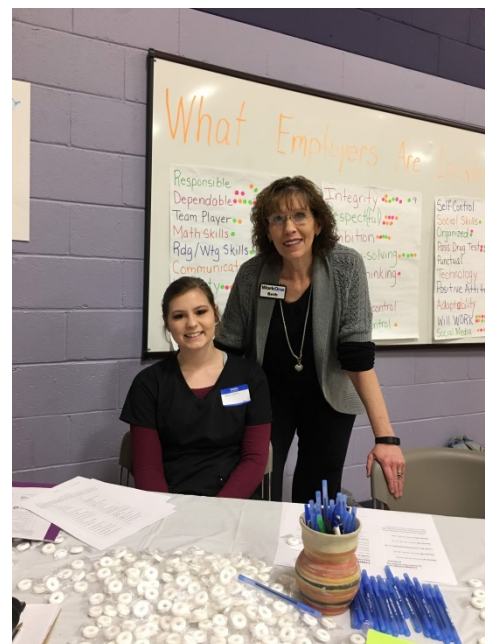
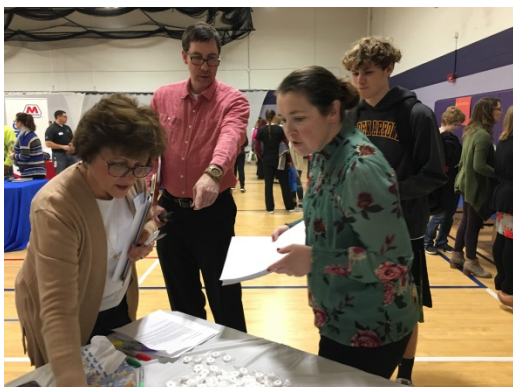
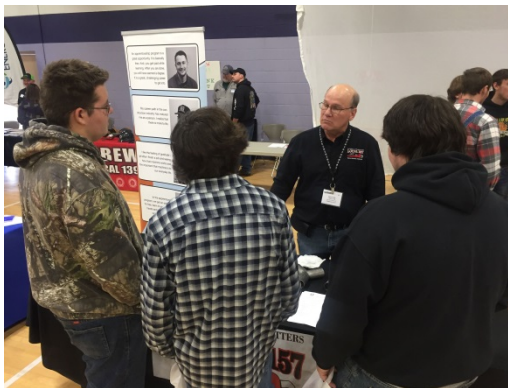


Sullivan

Job Fair

The JAG Students at Sullivan recently attended a Career Fair hosted at the Sullivan Civic Center. Numerous employers were there from a wide range of careers. In addition to employers, numerous College and Military representatives were also on site to discuss future opportunities.







Terre Haute North

Cheyenne Cox Wins Ken Smith Scholarship



Press Release: Five Indiana high school seniors are among just 25 participants nationwide in the Jobs for America's Graduates program (JAG) to be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

The Kenneth M. Smith Scholarship Fund was established by the JAG Board of Directors to recognize the extraordinary leadership and service of the first and only president and CEO of JAG.

Of the 172 JAG seniors who submitted applications for the scholarship, only 25 were selected, including five from Indiana. They are:

- Cheyenne Cox, Terre Haute North High School
- Brason Dobson, New Albany High School
- Grace Dodson, Twin Lakes High School, Monticello
- Caleb Duke, Sheridan High School
- Paige Willms, Impact Institute, Kendallville

No other state in the nation had as many JAG scholarship winners as Indiana.

"The fact that five Indiana seniors were among the 25 selected to receive such a prestigious award speaks volumes about the JAG students and staff," said Fred Payne, commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD). "We are proud of the program and the contributions it has made to helping Indiana youth prepare for their futures after graduation."

JAG is a state-based, national not-for-profit organization active in 35 states that assists high school students by helping them overcome academic challenges and achieve graduation. JAG Indiana is administered by DWD.

JAG Indiana has grown to be the largest affiliate in the national network, with 139 programs statewide. Governor Eric Holcomb, who serves as chairman of JAG's National Board of Directors, has a goal of expanding the program throughout the state. Since 2006, 20,000 students have participated in JAG Indiana with 95 percent of them graduating from high school.

Happy Spring

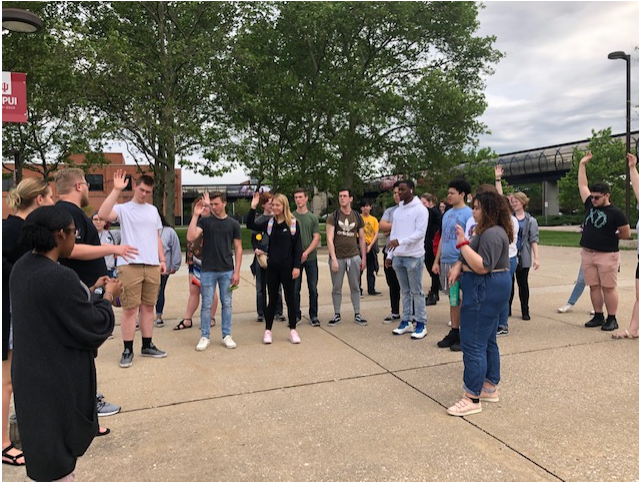
Terre Haute North students recently created "Happy Spring" cards that were delivered to Signature Healthcare Nursing facility. The students worked together to create 150 cards, one for each resident at Signature.





IUPUI Tour

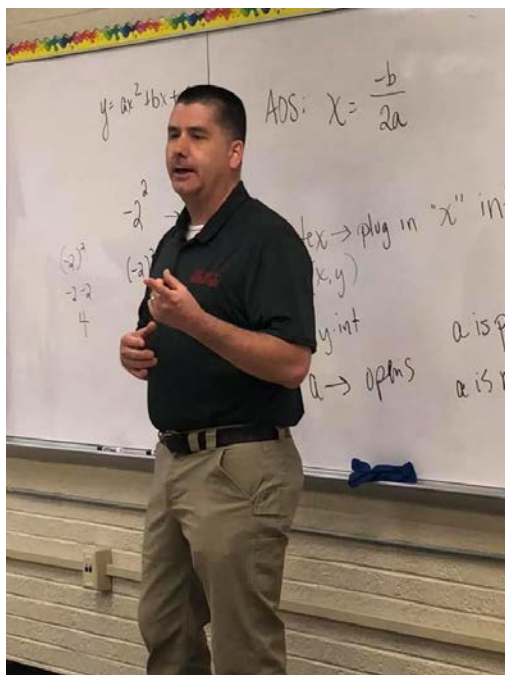
Terre Haute North JAG Students recently toured the IUPUI campus.





West Vigo

Carpenters Local Union 133 Visits



Jason King from Carpenters Local Union 133 stopped by JAG class to talk about the construction field.

He explained that more than one construction "job" makes up the trade such as, tile work, and millwork.

He shared a couple different options to begin this career, even telling his own back story. In addition, he explained how the apprentice program works in order to receive a Journeyman certificate, which would allow a Carpenter to take his/her tools anywhere to work...State to state, or even to the Dominican Republic

Thanks again, WVHS Graduate Jason, for helping our seniors explore a great trade!! (He even confirmed the math on the classroom share whiteboard is needed.



West Vigo Celebrates Earth Day

Happy Earth Day!! To celebrate, on Saturday, JAG students volunteered during The Town of West Terre Haute's annual Clean Up day!!

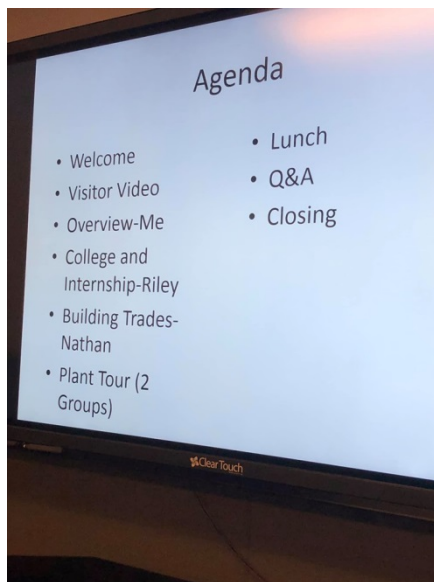
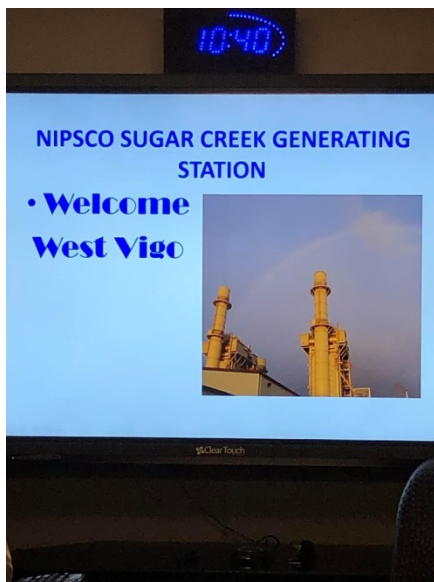
After tending to their street zone and flower box, an area on Darwin Road coming from I-70 overpass was cleaned up! And when we say cleaned up....20 bags!!! Our community of Town Board members, West Terre Haute Police, local supporters, and JAG made quite the impact!!





West Vigo Visits Sugar Creek Power Plant

The West Vigo JAG students recently made a trip to the Sugar Creek Power Plant Station!! As the FIRST JAG class to attend, students received one-on-one instruction to learn the safety presence expected onsite and an introduction to each job career duties. Secondly, students received an awareness lesson on drinking and driving and marijuana use through simulation experiences. And don't forget the amazing lunch they provided!!!









Air National Guard Visits West Vigo

The Air National Guard Air Force recently visited JAG class! Education and opportunities to pursue Security Forces was explained by Steven Denny, a current senior at WVHS. He shared details of when he swore in and his plan for what he will be achieving by joining.

To get started:

15 days of training during summer

240 days in uniform

Relationship with recruiter

Work towards future

Smith explained how his broken home experience only allowed him to be developed into who he is today. He explained to the students that there are opportunities to be sought after, whether choosing Air Guard or another branch of service. Overall, the SSgt's wanted ensure students have a perspective of joining the Air National Guard is a great option for their future!





JAG Students Receive Awards

Congratulations to JAG Seniors who received The Helping Hands Scholarship on May 28th, Kaitlynn Boerner, Chris Fritz, Zach Hines, Gunner Smith, Jarakah Padgett, and Kayle Guin.!!! (Not pictured, Jacob Flak, Hannah Stevens, Gavin Lamb, Josh Kellams, Griffin Pershing)



Congratulations to Kayle Guin and CJ Large for receiving their FCCLA cords, which represents their service and dedication to the program.

Congratulations to Hannah Stevens for receiving the Indiana Blood Center Scholarship and cord. (Not pictured)

Well done WVHS JAG Seniors

