



Region 7 JAG News Summer 2019

5 of 5 Award

Press Release:

Indiana's Jobs for America's Graduates program continues to shine as a national leader among its peers, earning a prestigious award for the fifth consecutive year.

JAG Indiana, which is administered by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD), received the "5 of 5" Award July 10 at a national JAG conference in Orlando, Florida. The award recognized the Indiana program for exceeding five goals set at the national level relating to graduation rates, post-secondary education, job placement and other significant milestones.

"The Jobs for America's Graduates program impacts the lives of young people in an extraordinary way, and I'm thrilled to see Indiana's proven results honored with the '5 of 5' Award," Gov. Eric J. Holcomb said. "Indiana leads the nation with more JAG programs (139) than any other state, and by helping students complete their high school diplomas, we keep young Hoosiers on the path to lifelong success."

JAG Indiana's achievements for the 2018-19 school year include:

- 96% graduation rate (national goal is 90%);
- 74% job placement, including military (national goal is 60%);
- 90% positive outcome rate, meaning either landing a job, joining the military or going on to post-secondary education (national goal is 80%);
- 92% full-time placement (national goal is 80%);
- 79% in full-time jobs (national goal is 60%).

In addition, 77 individual JAG programs statewide achieved "5 of 5", a state record; and all 12 DWD regions throughout Indiana earned "5 of 5" awards for the second consecutive year.

"The JAG Indiana program continues to soar to new heights with a fifth consecutive 5 of 5 award, and we are so proud of how it is helping Hoosier youths find success," said Brianna Morse, DWD's director of youth initiatives. "The dedicated JAG staff around the state work tirelessly year-round to transform the lives of their students in and out of the classroom, and it's those relationships that make all the difference."

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 has grown to be the largest affiliate in the national network, with 139 programs statewide. Gov. Holcomb, who recently served as chairman of JAG's National Board of Directors, has a goal of expanding the program throughout the state. Since 2006, more than 30,000 students have participated in JAG Indiana with 95 percent graduating from high school.



Last school year, more than \$35 million in scholarship money was awarded to JAG Indiana students, another record and best in the nation.

Region 7 JAG Staff Receive Awards at Conference

Each summer JAG Specialists from around the state gather for their yearly conference.

In addition to discussing program updates and sharing best practices, there is an awards ceremony highlighting all of the great activities and accomplishments of the 133 JAG programs throughout the state. Region 7 was well represented when it came time to hand out the awards.

Kim Snodgrass received the Specialist of the Year award for her work with JAG programs at Parke Heritage and Riverton Parke High Schools.

Dana Bottomley recieved a Second Place Award for Service Learning projects at Northview High School such as the 12 Trees of Christmas and their Veterans Picnic. Dana was also recognized with an award for her 5 years of service.





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Greg Lee was awarded a Manager of the Year honor as well as a 5 Year Service Award.

Audrey Harbison of Terre Haute North High School was honored with the 10 Year Service Award.

In addition to the awards, Cloverdale JAG Specialist Karl Turk led a session about delivering invigorating, relationship-building concepts and activities to teach the JAG curriculum and appeal to multiple intelligences. Greg Lee was part of a group

that gave a presentation about successfully using social media to increase employer, student, school and community involvement.



Congratulations! Region 7 has a great group of Specialist and we thank you for all you do!



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2019 Summer Camps

During the summer, Region 7 youth had the opportunity to attend an Electrical camp to learn more about electricity and careers in the electrical field.

The group completed several different projects.

In one activity, the students learned about the role of magnets in electricity generation by building a pendulum with a magnet, steel plate and copper wire.

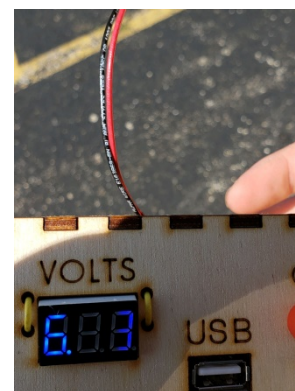




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In another project, the students assembled their own solar powered USB charger. When placed in the sun, the finished product would be able to charge a phone, iPod, or any other thing that uses a USB port to be charged.





Vincennes Success Academy

JAG Region 7 students from Terre Haute North, Terre Haute South, Terre Haute, Sullivan, Riverton Parke, and North Putnam got to spend a week at the JAG Success Academy at Vincennes University.

At the camp, they learned about college life, curriculum for college credit. They participated in team building and other fun activities including a trip to Holiday World!





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Congratulate North Putnam High School JAG students Abby Kimes and Bailey Proctor for being named Most Valuable Students at the JAG Summer Academy at Vincennes University, along with Calvin Sowers from Riverton Parke HS. In addition to Abby and Bailey, Justice Boulton and Alexander Featherston earned two college credits this week and were presented with their certificates on stage tonight. It was so great to see their genuine excitement and to hear about all of the fun they have had this week. Off to Holiday World tomorrow to end the week with some



more fun!



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Cloverdale

Girls State

While school is out in the traditional setting, the summer is the perfect opportunity for authentic learning experiences! Meet Cloverdale JAG's own Olivia Johnson, Hailey Thomas, Joeli Hamilton, as well as their CHS classmate Megan Miller. These ladies are getting a hands-on experience in government as delegates to Indiana's 2019 Girls State Cohort!



Jalen Moore and Craig Porter Attend National JUCO Showcase

Recent Cloverdale JAG Graduate Jalen Moore was recently named the National Junior College Player of the Week. Moore is currently attending Olney Central College.

Alumni of Region 7 JAG, students Craig Porter formerly of Terre Haute South Vigo HS/JAG and Jalen Moore formerly of Cloverdale High School/JAG were invited to participate in the prestigious 2019 Junior College Showcase in Atlanta, Georgia July 13 and 14, 2019. The event will be attended by NCAA coaches, NBA and international personnel, and covered by national and local media. Porter currently is a student athlete at National Champion Vincennes University while Moore currently attends Olney Central College.



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West Vigo



Today's Vincennes University JAG College Success student spotlight is for my buddy, Gunner Smith. Gunner is a 2018 graduate from our #JAGFamily at West Vigo High School. Gunner is also a graduate of the inaugural Vincennes University JAG Summer Academy. He showed the #JAGAdvantage during the Summer Academy with his county charm and his willingness to help others. He is majoring in Law Enforcement at Vincennes University. Congratulations, Gunner!!



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Lost at sea....what would you need, to help you with certain items that are provided? Individual decisions, team decision.... number 1 item needed, a shaving mirror!!!! What??? Because it would be a tool to allow help in being rescued!!

Staff Sergeant Hornick, United States Army, spoke to JAG seniors today. It was a great presentation!!





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Parke Heritage



Today's VU JAG Academy student spotlight is for Calvin Sowers, a #JAGFamily senior at Riverton Parke High School. Calvin was named a Most Valuable Performer at the VU JAG Academy. After graduation, Calvin plans to join an apprenticeship program to fulfill his career goal of being an electrician. Calvin demonstrated the #JAGAdvantage by being a conscientious student who was always willing to lend a hand. He was also everyone's favorite ice cream buddy! Congratulations Calvin!!



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North Putnam



Our first Vincennes University JAG Summer Academy student spotlight is for Bailey Proctor, a #JAGFamily senior at North Putnam High School. Upon graduation, Bailey will be attending Vincennes University to major in Nursing. At North Putnam she participates in volleyball, swimming, softball, and the Champions Together unified sports program. She has also served an internship in the pediatric center at Putnam County Public Hospital. She was named a Most Valuable Performer at the VU JAG Summer Academy. Bailey demonstrates the #JAGadvantage with her exceptional servant leadership, academic excellence, and a willingness to always help others. Congratulations Bailey!!