



Region 7 JAG News Spring 2018

JAG Students Participate in State Career Development Conference

On March 16, the first place winners from our local Career Development Conference attended and competed at the State JAG Career Development Conference.

Locally, Cadie Honaker of Sullivan High School placed 2nd in the Writing Skills competition. Parker Timberman of Northview earned Honorable Mention in the Outstanding Senior event.





Terre Haute Tribune Star Article:

Overcoming obstacles

Northview, Sullivan students honored at JAG State Career Development Conference

Apr 12, 2018

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Students from all over the state competed in 10 different categories that challenged their critical thinking skills, entrepreneurial savvy, public speaking and writing comprehension. More than 1,000 JAG Indiana students initially competed in the regional events before the field was narrowed to 160 with the capstone achievement being the Outstanding Senior recognition.

The criteria for Outstanding Senior included academic performance, participation in JAG Career Association activities, success in and out of the JAG classroom and a demonstration of perseverance through personal and academic challenges. Sidney Shoaf of Pendleton Heights High School was named the 2018 JAG Indiana Outstanding Senior, followed by runnerup Ilesha Young of Snider High School in Fort Wayne and Te'Airra Spencer of Calumet New Tech High School, who placed third.

"It's always gratifying to see Indiana's youth accomplishing such outstanding tasks and demonstrating their skills and abilities," said Indiana Gov. Eric J. Holcomb, who spoke at the event and is serving as the Chair of the JAG National Board. "The JAG Indiana program continues to inspire our state's students, and today's event was a great example of the bright future these students have."

Three awards also were presented to the school Career Association, which is a student-led service learning component of the JAG program, in the categories of marketing brochure, which promotes the career association and recruits new members, service learning blog that showcased bullying prevention initiatives by the JAG Career Association and a two-minute commercial to promote JAG Indiana to their peers.

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Beginning with just 12 schools in 2006, JAG Indiana has grown to the largest affiliate in the national network with more than 137 programs statewide. Since its inception, more than 18,000 Hoosiers have participated in JAG with 95 percent of these students graduating from high school. JAG students receive career preparation and life skills training while in school and one year of adult mentoring after graduation to ensure their continued success. Many students choose to continue their education after high school. In fact, JAG students secured more than \$26 million in scholarships for the class of 2017.

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Northview, Sullivan students honored at JAG State Career Development Conference

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Showing off her award: Writing skills second-place winner Cade Hosaker of Sullivan High School finished second in the writing skills competition at the 17th annual State Career Development Conference. Standing to her right is Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb.

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Meeting the challenge: Getting his picture taken with Gov. Eric Holcomb (far right) is Northview's Parker Timberman, who was an outstanding senior honorable mention.

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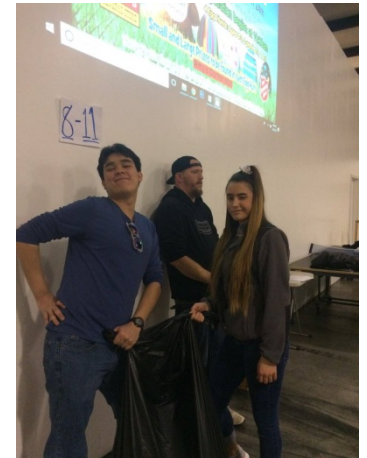
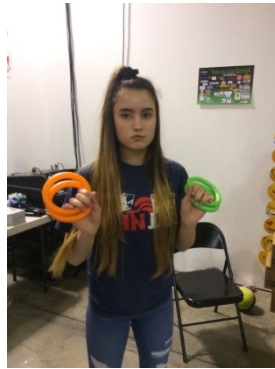
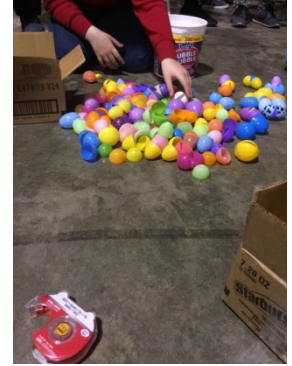


Terre Haute North Assists with Easter Egg Hunt



Once again, the JAG students at Terre Haute North assisted the Remnant Church prepare for their annual Easter Egg Hunt. The students helped stuff over 27,000 eggs. JAG students also attended and assisted during the event.

<http://www.mywabashvalley.com/news/local-church-showing-easter-spirit/1067013878>





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JAG Student Parker Timberman Selected to Speak at JAG Board Meeting

After competing in the State JAG Career Development Conference in the Outstanding Senior category, Northview Senior Parker Timber was invited to speak at the National JAG Board Meeting held this year in Indianapolis.



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Brazil Times Article:

Northview senior speaks at the JAG National Board meeting in Indianapolis, meets governor

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

By CAREY FOX Times Sports Editor



Northview's Parker Timberman has long been making strides as a member of Northview High School's Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) program. Recently, Timberman earned the opportunity to speak at the JAG National Board Meeting and the chance to meet Governor Eric J. Holcomb.

Governor Holcomb is the President of the JAG National Board of Directors and the board met April 10 in Indianapolis at the Heritage Center. Several governors, state representatives and Chief Executive Officers of major corporations sit on the board. Timberman, who was the JAG State Honorable Mention Outstanding Senior and Pendleton Heights' Sidney Shoaf (JAG State Outstanding Senior) were invited to speak at the meeting.

The JAG program at Northview, as explained by its teacher Dana Bottomley, is one that prepares its students for the next level after high school.

"Typically students (in JAG) have barriers in front of them graduating or maybe being successful once they have graduated. The program offers us staying on top of their grades, a resume, cover letters, interview skills, public speaking, how to find a career that matches their personality so they can be happy with the job," Bottomley said. "We help them determine

what college might fit them, help them with job applications and scholarship applications."

Timberman, who has been a talented member of the Northview musicals and community theater during his four years, has cerebral palsy, which impairs muscle control. "When Parker was enrolled in school he was identified as someone that could benefit from the program," Northview High School Principal Chris Mauk said. "We spoke to him to see if it was something that he wanted to pursue and that was how he got signed up for (JAG). Just like kids in any class, once they get in there it is what they put into it. Parker took the opportunity to take the bull by the horns and really become a leader in there. Parker Timberman has come along and has gotten a tremendous amount out of the program. He is someone that takes advantage of every opportunity he is given."

This year was Timberman's second in JAG and he, along with approximately 150 JAG students from nine participating schools, competed on the campus of Ivy Tech for the 2018 Career Development Conference. As



a junior he competed in the career presentation category. This year he joined competition for Outstanding Senior and won at the regional level and advanced to the state level. He finished as honorable mention at state and did so with the accustomed smile that brightens each room he enters according to Mauk.

"Not only does Parker represent himself and his family very well, but he is very much a big part of Northview High School," Mauk said. "He is involved with the JAG program obviously, but he is in the musicals, in the plays and he always has a smile on his face. The values of Northview High School just come through in him. He is a student leader and he gets the most out of every opportunity that he is given. I don't think that I could have picked a better representative of Northview High School as far as someone that loves Northview High School, Clay Community Schools. Just a fantastic role model for other students."

Not surprisingly, Timberman admitted there were a few jitters as he spoke to a large contingent of people that included the President of JAG along with Indiana's Governor Holcomb.

"It was very rewarding and I was very nervous," Timberman said with a laugh. "The people there are doing such a great thing and for them to ask me to come speak to them, I felt very honored. They know a lot more about the program than I do, but I guess they are impressed by what the program has done for me and other high school students. It was very humbling."

Timberman is also quickly realizing the opportunity to meet some very important people has its benefits when it comes to his own future.

"It was very rewarding. I think a lot of people when they think of Jobs for America's Graduates, first of all not many people know about it and they don't realize the networking you get to do when you are involved. What is funny is that the people I am meeting, my JAG Specialist, Dana Bottomley, does not even get to meet," Timberman said. "It is actually giving me people that I can use for references and letters of recommendation. Personally, as much as I like school, I am learning things that in the 12 years or so that I have been in school, that I haven't learned in the classroom. So that was what was cool."

The senior's academic career took a bit of a different turn over the last year as he has decided to forgo life on stage and keep his focus in the classroom, which he had a chance to convey to Governor Holcomb.

"When I started high school I wanted to be a theater major, but I got to be a student helper in the special education classroom here at Northview and got to work closely with their teacher, Broc Miller. It has been very rewarding," Timberman admitted. "I have gotten to talk to (Miller) about the things that have made him a successful teacher. Once I got in there I realized that the classroom with these kids is where I wanted to be. Having a disability and dealing with things everyday, I can then help these young children get through tough times because it is not always easy and I am very excited for the challenge."

"It was very eye opening to meet someone in his position and it was very awesome," Timberman said of meeting the governor. "Not only did I get to talk about the JAG program, but I also got to talk to him about things I feel are issues with the way education is going. It was great to talk to someone that might be able to make a difference."

Much like Timberman has in the JAG program and at Northview High School.





"He had the opportunity to become a student helper with a special needs class and he just exploded with confidence," Bottomley said. "Now, he wants to become a special needs mild interventions teacher, which is fantastic. He loves working with those kids and it is very fulfilling for him. He has been a great ambassador for us overall. He is such a positive light in class."



Parker Timberman Receives JAG Leadership Scholarship

From JAG Indiana Facebook Page:

Check this out! Last night, Director of Youth Initiatives, Brianna Morse had the honor of surprising #JAGIndiana Northview High School student Parker Timberman with a special Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) Leaders Scholarship! Best wishes to Parker in his future studies at Vincennes University this coming fall. Parker spoke at the recent JAG National Board meeting and got the opportunity to share what JAG has meant to him with Governor Eric Holcomb. He's on to amazing things!





West Vigo JAG Students Tour Vincennes University

Recently the students from West Vigo JAG attended a PreVU day at Vincennes University.

The students were able to hear presentations about the various programs available and take a tour of the campus.





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Northview JAG Hosts Annual Veteran's Picnic

On May 6th, the Northview JAG Students held their annual Veterans' Appreciation Picnic. This is the 5th year that the JAG students have hosted the event. In addition to serving and spending time with our local Veterans, the students also collected their names and mailing addresses. The students will then follow up with cards on Veterans' Day.

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Cloverdale JAG Takes on Bullying

Bullying and Suicide prevention are major components of this year's Service Learning initiative. Cloverdale JAG Students recently launched an Anti-Bullying campaign. The students took the time to leave inspirational notes all around the school for their fellow class mates.



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Former Cloverdale JAG Students Complete ASAP Program



Ivy Tech recently launched the ASAP program. The program is designed to help students complete their Associates Degree in one year rather than the normal two year process.

Two former Cloverdale JAG students, Lili Davis and Courtney Shadwick from the class of 2017 were recently honored for completing the program and will be receiving their Associates Degrees soon!



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JAG Students Participate in Junior Achievement Career Success Curriculum

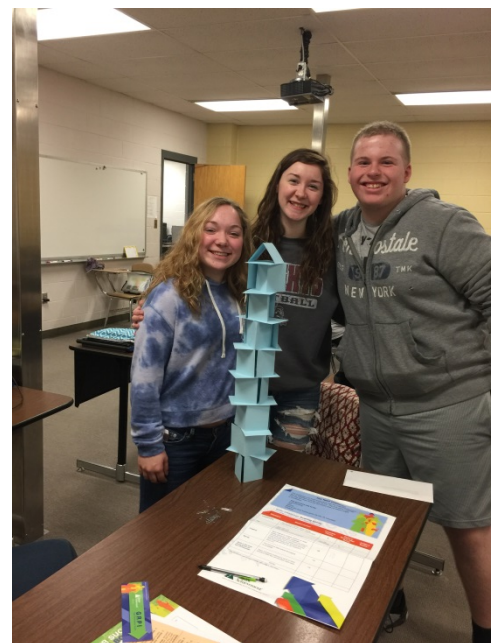
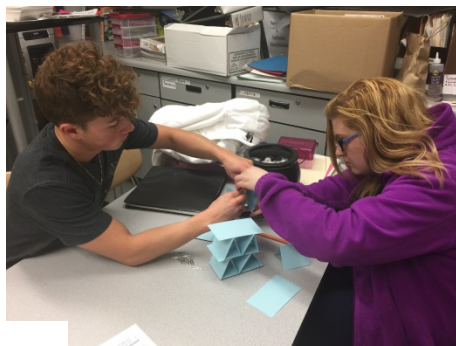
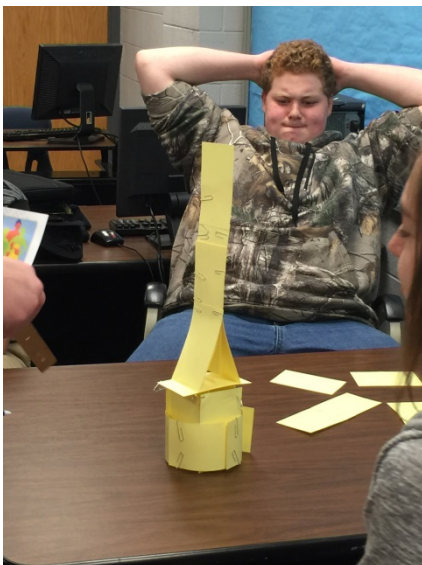
Regional Assistant Director, Greg Lee has been visiting the JAG Programs in our region and teaching the curriculum provided by Junior Achievement. The program reviews topics important to all new job seekers such as:

- 4Cs: critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity
- Strong soft skills
- Work priorities
- STEM and other high-growth industries
- Personal-brand and job-hunting tools—resumes, cover letters, interviews, and digital profiles



The curriculum also featured several interesting activities that highlighted important skills like, teamwork, communication and collaboration.

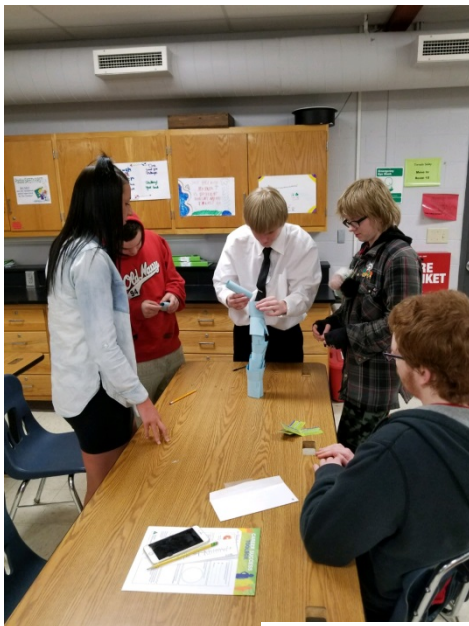
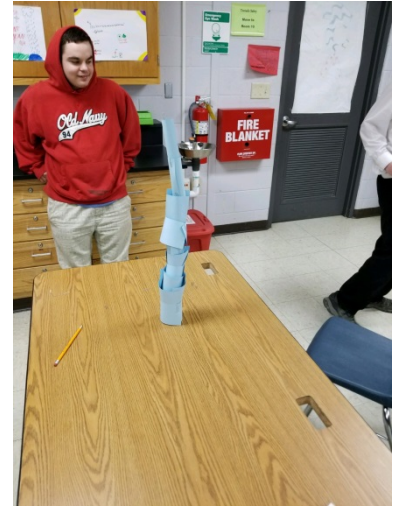
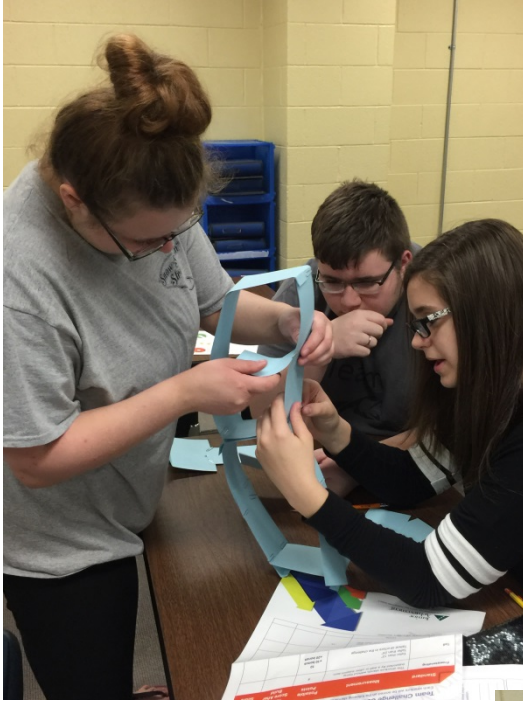
In one exercise, the students had to construct a freestanding structure that was at least 12 inches high using only 25 paper clips and 25 index cards.





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Cloverdale JAG Students Attend Career Fair

From Greencastle Banner Graphic:

Welcome to the Real World

Friday, May 11, 2018



With 132 high school seniors connecting with local employers, organizers are calling the recent Putnam County Job Fair a success. The seniors met with 26 different employers, making connections for summer jobs or permanent employment following graduation later this month. Employers like Walmart Transportation (above) had the chance to present their options to students like Cloverdale High School seniors (from left) Jake Wilkes, Nick Winders, Jerry Burton, Blake Willis, T.J. Hagymasi, Nick Smith and Steven

Allen. South Putnam Principal Mike Schimpf, who originally had the idea for the job fair, credited Lora Busch of Area 30 Career Center, Kristin Clary and Tami Van Rensselaer of the Greencastle Putnam County Development Center and Karen Heavin with the success of the event.





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Sullivan JAG Conducts Disability Awareness Event

On Friday, May 12, JAG students at Sullivan High School hosted a Disability Awareness Event. The program helped educate Sullivan Middle School students about various disabilities. The event featured simulators which gave students the opportunity to experience what it is like to have a disability.

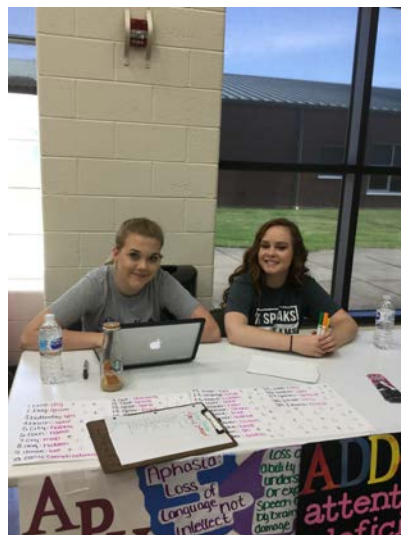
The JAG students also invited local extreme sport athlete Lonnie Bedwell who is blind to participate. Mr. Bedwell answered questions for the students and talked about his many adventures such as white water rafting through the Grand Canyon.





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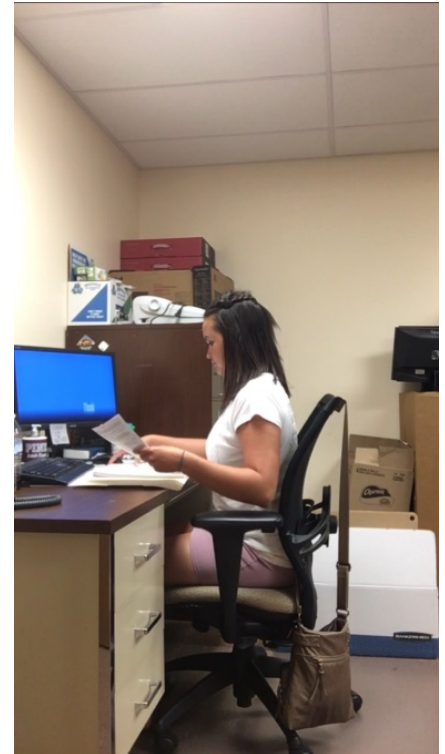




Job Offer

Cloverdale JAG Work Experience Leads to

Cloverdale JAG Student Jordan Harrell recently participated in Work Experience with a Cloverdale bank. At the conclusion of the conclusion of the Work Experience, the bank offered Jordan a permanent position with the Bank!



Cloverdale JAG Students Inducted into National Honor Society

Cloverdale JAG students Jordan Harrell and Haley Maners were recently inducted into the National Honor Society.

Congratulations Jordan and Haley!

