



Region 7 JAG News Spring 2020

Career Development Conference

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2020 JAG Career Development Conference Results:

Chapter Marketing Campaign

- 1st Place - West Vigo
- 2nd Place - Terre Haute North
- 3rd Place – Northview

Team Entrepreneurship Plan

- 1st Place - David Robertson - Terre Haute South
- 2nd Place - Makenzie Stoltz, Kassie Wade, & Maci Jones - Cloverdale
- 3rd Place - Brayden Cagle, Nick Jones – Sullivan

Team Project Based Learning

- 1st Place - Chrissy Miller - Terre Haute North
- 2nd Place - Jasmine Salesman - West Vigo

Career Presentation

- 1st Place - Lilly Sanders - Riverton Parke
- 2nd Place - Dena Taylor - Sullivan
- 3rd Place - Peyton Gulley - Terre Haute North

Cover Design

- 1st Place - Noah Ravellette - Sullivan
- 2nd Place - Matthew Brown - Terre Haute North
- 3rd Place - Jordyn Kopp – Sullivan

Creative Solutions

- 1st Place - Logan Monroe - Sullivan
- 2nd Place - Michael Morgan - Sullivan
- 3rd Place - Morgan Ornduff - Terre Haute South

Critical Thinking

- 1st Place - Tori Rawlings - Sullivan
- 2nd Place - Damean Burnett - North Putnam
- 3rd Place - Macee Kuhn – Northview





Employability Skills

1st Place - Shadiamond Johnson - Terre Haute North
2nd Place - Emily Hartzler - Riverton Parke
3rd Place - Kiara Boyd – Cloverdale

Financial Literacy

1st Place - Kaylee Jones - Sullivan
2nd Place - Teddy Clark - Terre Haute North
3rd Place - Lela Potter - Terre Haute North

Public Speaking

1st Place - Amara Duncan - Terre Haute North
2nd Place - Sage Kinsey - Riverton Parke
3rd Place - Olivia Brown – Sullivan

Writing Skills

1st Place - Amariah D. Long - Terre Haute North
2nd Place - McKenna Speier - North Putnam
3rd Place - Kacee Peters - Terre Haute North

Outstanding Senior

1st Place - Olivia Daugherty - West Vigo
2nd Place - Brenna Henning - Parke Heritage
3rd Place - Addeline Moeller - Riverton Parke



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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

High school students take, meet the challenge



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A good experience for the real world: David Tucker, vice president for workforce development/community services at Vincennes University, tests Sullivan High School junior Andrew Shepler's interview skills during the employability skills competition on Friday for the 2020 JAG Career Development Conference at Ivy Tech Community College Terre Haute.

Three will move on to state JAG competition in March

By LISA TRIGG
TRIBUNE-STAR

Building a tape dispenser that can be used with only one hand was a challenge accepted by 21 high school students Friday morning.

Three of those students created tape dispensers so functional they will represent their schools in a state competition in March.

The challenge was part of the Regional Career Development Conference for students in nine area high schools operating a jobs for America's Graduates workforce skills and readiness program.

Students competed in a variety of skills such as interviewing, writing, public speak-

ing, financial literacy, critical thinking and career presentation.

Morgan Ornduff, a junior from Terre Haute South, won third place in Creative Solutions for her tape dispenser creation that hung around her neck to be hands free until she needed to pull off a piece of tape.

"I made it look like a little robot," Ornduff said of her design.

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The 21 students in the Creative Solutions classroom were given a small dowel rod, scissors, serrated edge strip, rubber bands, paper clips and binder clips, tape, and either a toilet paper roll, empty plastic bottle or a sheet of cardboard to make their tape dispenser.

With a little bit of guidance from Tad Foster, emeritus faculty member and former dean of the College of Technology at Indiana State University, the students had about a half-hour to make their item.

Allen Haire, a Terre Haute South senior, decided to use rubber bands to attach his dispenser to his wrist.

Maverick Summers from North Putnam High School, used a piece of cardboard to simulate a standard desktop tape dispenser.

"I like the teamwork," Summers said of being in the JAG program. "I like making a bond with new people."

JAG helps students develop skills such as problem solving, leadership, job seeking, team building and academics, which are all necessary to complete post-secondary training and success in today's job market.

More than 135 JAG programs operate in Indiana, and the schools participating at Ivy Tech were from Northview, Riverton Parke, West Vigo, North Putnam, Sullivan, Cloverdale, Parke Heritage, Terre Haute North and Terre Haute South.

David Tucker, vice president for Workforce Development/Community Services at Vincennes University, said many of the students in the JAG program come from challenging backgrounds and face barriers to graduating high school before they get involved in JAG.

"When we see them in the competition, applying the skills they've practiced, we know they are going to be successful," Tucker said. "That, for me, is the best thing. Their peers with no access to these skills are not set up to success the way these kids are."

Tucker led the interview session with students.



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Practical placement: Terre Haute South junior Morgan Ornduff shows judge Laurence Cross the tape dispenser she created and wore around her neck during the creative solutions competition of the 2020 JAG Career Development Conference on Friday at Ivy Tech Community College Terre Haute.

"One of the important traits of interviewing is to brag about yourself," Tucker said, noting that it is also important to be humble at the same time.

All of the students in the interview sessions came in with completed resumes and cover letters, as well as a good sense of how a good interview should go, he said.

Of the students in the Creative Solutions section, Ornduff will be joined at the state competition by Sullivan High School students Logan Monroe, who placed first, and Michael Morgan, who placed second.

Instructor Foster commended the students for their creativity, but noted that all of them made the first mistake that many trained engineers also make.

None of the students took a few minutes to first think about the challenge and sketched out their ideas.

"You all went straight to trial and error," Foster said. "Too often, professional engineers use trial and error more than using their brains."

In the Wabash Valley, the JAG program is supported by the local school administrations and the Western Indiana Workforce Development Board.



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COURTESY PHOTO - Northview's JAG team traveled to the JAG Regional Career Conference at Ivy Tech Community College.

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For more information about the JAG program, please contact Greg Lee glee@vinu.edu

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Cloverdale

Teachers Credit Union

Ms. Pam Lage and Ms. Amy Wells of Teachers Credit Union recently lead the Cloverdale JAG Classes in a discussion of "real world" concepts that will help students make wise and prudent life choices. Terms such as credit scores, secured loans, and collateral were covered in this informative session.



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North Putnam

Indiana National Guard

Sgt. Gardner and Sgt. Funk of the Indiana National Guard recently spoke to the North Putnam JAG classes about the leadership qualities needed for the armed forces and how those same qualities also transfer into our personal and professional lives. Their time and dedication to JAG students is greatly appreciated.



ASAP Program

North Putnam is proud of JAG students Ethan Mazur and Madison O'Neal who recently committed to attend Greencastle's Ivy Tech ASAP program. They will receive their associate degrees after one year and can then transfer to a university after that year.





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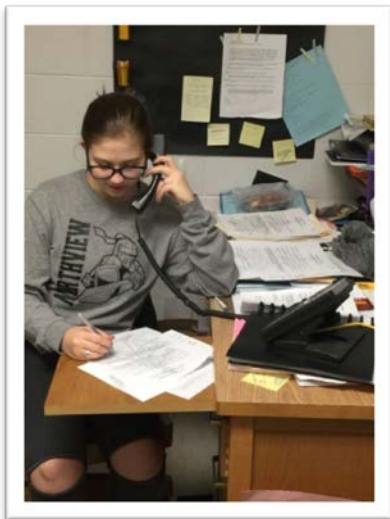
Northview

12 Trees of Christmas

The Northview JAGsters were busy the last few weeks of December finishing up details for the Twelve Trees of Christmas service learning project. For the past seven years, Northview JAG students have worked to provide Christmas trees and other holiday items to families in their community.

Mrs. Welton invited JAGsters to her Sophomore and Junior classes to talk about JAG and the Twelve Trees of Christmas service learning project. The students enjoyed learning about the project and Mrs. Welton's students then helped to make over 300 ornaments for the project.

As the delivery day approached, students called families to set up tree delivery appointments, wrapped stocking gifts, put together the activity book, made sure all the lights worked, glittered top knots, stuffed stockings, and packed boxes for each family.





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Riverton Parke

Donate Life Indiana

Andi Amburgey from Donate Life Indiana recently spoke to the Parke County students about organ donation. Students participated in a group activities that highlighted the need for organ donation.





Tears of joy were seen and giggles of excitement were heard in the halls of Riverton Parke High School when Addie Moeller and Emilee Hartzler each received a surprise visit from Indiana State University representatives and notified of their selection for a most prestigious award.

Both Moeller and Hartzler received the most prized scholarship awarded by Indiana State University: the President's Scholarship. The President's Scholarship is awarded to an elite group of 20 incoming freshmen, providing full in-state tuition and housing. Renewable for three years, this award has a value of more than \$78,000.00. Moeller and Hartzler underwent an extensive application process and on-campus interviews before being chosen. They were handpicked based on their academic performance in high school and personal accomplishments.





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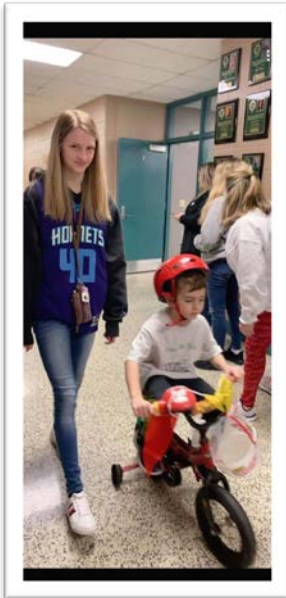


West Vigo

Vikes and Tykes

The West Vigo JAG students supported WVHS Vikes and Tykes preschool program to raise money for Riley hospital through a trike-a-thon. This is a standing tradition during homecoming week in which the Queen leads riders through the high school and middle school collecting coins.

JAG students, Britney, Katelyn and Haylee, in the early childhood graduation pathway guided preschoolers, as the JAG class cheered them on. The smiles say it all!





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State Career Development Conference

In past years, the winners of the Regional Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) career development conferences would gather in Indianapolis for a state wide competition.

As with a lot of things this year, because of COVID-19, this year's event was a little different. In a short amount of time, our State JAG staff was able to convert the event from an in-person event to a virtual competition. The virtual State Career Development competition was held on May 8th. Region 7 was well represented and earned two First Place Awards, a Third Place Award and an Honorable Mention.

Region 7 State Career Development Conference Award Winners:

- Shadiamond Johnson - Terre Haute North High School – First Place Employability Skills
- Kaylee Jones – Sullivan High School – First Place Financial Literacy
- Amara Duncan – Terre Haute North High School – Third Place Public Speaking
- Olivia Daugherty – West Vigo High School – Honorable Mention Outstanding Senior

Congratulations to our winners and to all of our JAG Students who participated in this event!





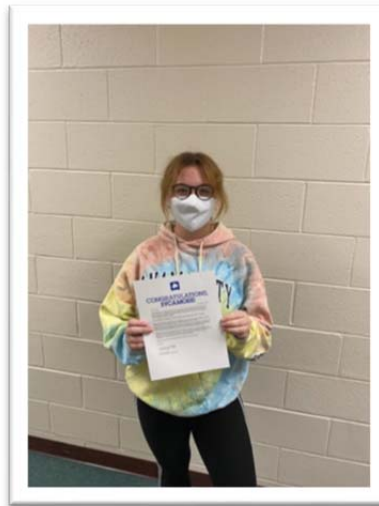
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Cloverdale

THE DECISION IS IN!!! MARCH ON! Congrats to class president PHOEBE MCDONALD on her acceptance to INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY!



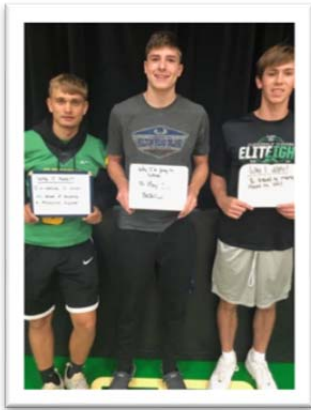


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COLLEGE GO WEEK

As part of College GO week Cloverdale JAG students share their reasons for applying!



What a better way to celebrate your birthday than a college acceptance letter! Congratulations and Happy Birthday Michaela Nees





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North Putnam High School



The Vincennes University JAG College Success Program made a stop to visit Mrs. Dickson's #JAGFamily at North Putnam High School recently. Mr. Brames had a blast talking about his plans for the 2021 VU JAG Summer Academy as well as our College Success Program.



Brandy Dickson

JAG Specialist | North Putnam High School

I am grateful for this opportunity with JAG and feel that it was meant to be. I enjoy connecting with my students and being someone they can rely on and talk to. I also love to see them take pride in their projects and volunteer work. While technically I only need to follow up with my students for one year after they graduate, I told them all on day that they better get used to me because I will still want to know what they are doing 10+ years from now.

Hobbies/Interests you enjoy:
I enjoy coaching girls and boys volleyball and unified sports. I am a fan of the Chicago Cubs, Bears and Blackhawks. I also love to support all North Putnam students in their sports and activities.

Favorite books and tv series:
I like to read coaching and motivational books. I enjoy watching comedy sitcoms like The Goldbergs and The Office.

Favorite Quote:
"People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."





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Terre Haute North High School

We have a future chef in our midst!! A recent Vincennes University JAG College Success student spotlight was Devon Pazera, a 2020 graduate from our JAGFamily at Terre Haute North High School. Devon participated in the inaugural 2019 VU JAG Summer Academy. He is a freshman at Vincennes University majoring in Culinary Arts. We are even showing off some of his culinary masterpieces. Congratulations, Devon, we are proud of you!!

