

Jobs For Arizona's Graduates

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JAG Exceeds National Outcomes for the Eleventh Year

National and State Outcomes	Standard	2012-2013
Increase GPA (compared to last year)	60%	71%
Passed all Classes	60%	65%
Returned to School Rate	95%	98%
Transition to High School Rate	95%	98%
On Time Graduation Rate (class of 2013)	90%	90%
Graduation Rate (class of 2012)	90%	94%
Employment Rate	60%	75%
Full Time Employment Rate	60%	68%
Postsecondary Enrollment	40%	47%
Postsecondary Retention	80%	87%
Total Positive Outcomes	80%	91%

JAG received 16 awards for the 2012-2013 academic year at [Jobs for America's Graduates National Training Seminar](#). These awards were highlighted by JAG's eleventh consecutive Five for Five Award (exceeding all the national performance outcomes). JAG was also recognized for the second highest total in scholarships awarded (\$1,025,206) to the 2013 JAG Seniors in the JAG Network. In addition to state awards, the following JAG Coordinators were recognized: Sommer Meza, Tanya Moulton, Wendy Paez, Kristin Phelps, Jarrod Wenger, Keake Williams and Andrea Jimenez.



New Awards and Partners Allow JAG to Expand Services

Through generous awards and creative partnerships with AT&T, the Workforce Development Division of the Maricopa Community College District, and the Walmart Foundation JAG will increase the number of students served by 20% and provide all our students will additional resources and opportunities. [AT&T's financial support](#), part of their [Aspire Initiative](#) allowed JAG to launch four programs in the Phoenix Union High School District which will serve approximately 200 students. Financial support from the [Walmart Foundation](#), as part of their [Global Women's Economic Empowerment Initiative](#), will allow JAG to implement the Walmart Job Readiness and Job Placement Initiative that will increase the range and intensity of skills and job placement support for over 500 juniors, seniors and graduates this year. Building upon the Walmart Initiative JAG is very excited that [Maricopa Community Colleges Workforce Development](#) office has selected JAG as the first partner to participate in a series of "How It's Made Tours" intended to promote advanced manufacturing careers to high school juniors and seniors. Through this partnership, approximately 100 students will gain first hand exposure to science, technology, engineering and math focused occupations.



News From the JAG Board!

JAG Partners with VSUW to Increase Graduation Rates

Valley of the Sun United Way and JAG are

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committed to preparing youth to succeed in middle school, high school and on the path to graduation. Through United Way's Destination Graduation program, JAG intervenes with individualized support and resources for students at the earliest signs they are falling behind in school. Together, United Way and JAG ensure Destination Graduation students are college and career ready.

This school year Destination Graduation programming will support over 400 students at select schools in the Phoenix Union High School District and the Balsz and Phoenix Elementary School Districts.



Chanel Dudon from DeVry University, both of whom are valuable additions to the Board.



JAG Students Give Back as AmeriCorps Associates



This summer four JAG students participated in a six week HandsOn Greater Phoenix AmeriCorps Summer Associates program. Students were placed at partner host sites in Maricopa County and directly served youth. The goal of the program was to keep at-risk youth engaged over the summer and prevent learning loss. For their work the students earned a \$1,175 education award. JAG is so proud of their accomplishments and their willingness to give back to the community.

Earsell Daniels and Leslie Duarte from Tempe JAG and Cherrille Rubell and Jesse Hernandez from Compadre JAG.

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