



JOBS FOR MONTANA'S GRADUATES

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JMG News

SEPTEMBER 2012

EDUCATION FOR LIFE!

JMG Piloting Updated High School Curriculum

Jobs for Montana's Graduates is excited to announce that the pilot version of the updated JMG High School Curriculum is ready to be used by JMG High School Career Specialists. Available on the JMG website, the updated curriculum has a beginning and advanced lesson plan for each of the 37 core competencies. Each lesson plan is made up of a variety of teaching tools including activities, handouts, worksheets, and powerpoints depending on the competency and many have supplemental references for those who want to dig deeper.

Also being piloted is the JMG lesson plan calendar. Each lesson plan of the new curriculum is mapped out by week so that teachers can look ahead, read through the lesson plan and print off the necessary materials from the website to more easily prepare for class. Included in the calendar are various JMG reminders like database deadlines and conference preparations so specialists can better balance lessons with JMG duties.

Each JMG High School Career Specialist has received an email with the log-in and password information that will take you to the pilot curriculum and calendar on the website. Also posted there is a simple, short survey regarding the lessons. As this is a pilot year, we want each teacher to use the lessons and tell us what you think especially if you have ideas for improvements! We will review these at year-end and make changes to the lessons accordingly based on the feedback we receive.

Thank you to all of the JMG Career Specialists who spent many training sessions working on the updated curriculum and calendar and especially to Lisa Parker, Helena High School JMG Career Specialist, for pulling it all together! We look forward to you teaching the updated materials and hearing your thoughts.

JMG FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 30, 2012

RED LION COLONIAL HOTEL – HELENA, MT

Look for the registration information which will be emailed and sent out to you next week for more details!

Send us your:

***Registration forms**

***Competitive event entries**

DUE Monday, OCTOBER 1st

Your students should be working on their logo and national JAG letter – use the guidelines for the logo event included in your registration information!

*Make your hotel reservations as soon as possible to ensure the JMG rate! The room block at the Red Lion will be held until October 5th. Call 1-800-733-5466



Featured left, NTS Montana delegation. Left to right: Jim Lambert (JMG State Staff), Louise Martin (Troy High School/Middle School), Janice Rorvik (Nashua High School), Jill Page (Glasgow High School).

JMG Specialists Enjoy JAG National Training

Three Career Specialists from Montana were chosen by JMG state staff to attend the Jobs for America's Graduates National Training Seminar (NTS) held in July in Orlando, Florida. Louise Martin (Troy High School/ Middle School), Jill Page (Glasgow High School), and Janice Rorvik (Nashua High School) along with Jim Lambert (JMG State Program Manager) joined approximately 400 other teachers and staff from around the country in order to learn more about JAG and how to motivate students.

The group attended pre-NTS sessions called "JAG University Courses" followed by three days of best practices workshops and activities. "It is an event that really shows you the whole picture," said Jill Page. Being right next to the Disney parks, they were also able to make some time for fun too!

Each year JMG sends a select number of Career Specialists to the JAG National Training Seminar. While the state program can only pay to send so many teachers, it is possible to raise funds in other ways in order to attend. Be thinking about your plans for July 2013 and if you'll be the next specialist attending JAG NTS!

COPES, COPS, CAPS Now Online!

Good news for High School Specialists! The COPES, COPS, CAPS interest, aptitude, and ability assessment system is now available in an online version. We are hoping to transition to the online version this year and the majority of the tests we have purchased are in this format. However, we still have some hard copies of the materials if you want to use them this year.

Later this fall we will be asking how many tests you will need and which format you want. The tests are expensive and will only be available to students on your JMG roster. We will be interested to know how you like the online system!

JMG Materials and Monitoring

Toward the end of September, JMG state staff will be delivering JMG materials and checking in to see how your year is starting out. Supplies such as certificates, the 2012-13 JMG Calendar, etc. will be on the list this year. Respond to the email which will be sent out this month and let us know what you need. Program staff would also like to check in with your principals to make sure all is going well with JMG, so please encourage your administration to reserve a few minutes during the visit.



A Few JMG Summer Training Pictures 2012



Welcome, New Career Specialists!

As a new school year begins, several programs have added new specialists. Many of these new specialists attended New Career Specialist Training in Helena this past July/August. Following are new school and teacher additions to the JMG team:

NEW SPECIALISTS AND NEW SCHOOLS

- Belgrade High School – Gary Kidd and Patricia Ramler
- Belgrade Middle School – Jim Tweet
- Medicine Lake High School – Ginny Bjorge
- Medicine Lake Middle School – TJ Smith
- Paris Gibson Education Center – Yenta Jaques
- Paris Gibson Middle School Academy – Char Bunker

NEW SPECIALISTS IN EXISTING PROGRAMS

- Dodson High School – Tianna Bloomer
- Fromberg High School – Jim Goltz
- Helena Capital High School – Haley Selch
- Whitefish High School – Barb Sorenson and Patty Strellnauer
- Whitehall Middle School – Rodney Head

SPECIALISTS IN RETURNING SCHOOLS

- Absarokee High School – Carolyn Story and Katrin Chandler
- Brockton High School – Jeff Ralston
- Plenty Coups High School – Shannen Clark
- Poplar High School – Teresa Turner

PLEASE WELCOME THESE SPECIALISTS AND PROGRAMS TO THE JMG FAMILY!



Featured above: Middle School Training. Left to right: Jim Tweet (Belgrade Middle School), Char Bunker (Paris Gibson Middle School Academy), Rodney Head (Whitehall Middle School),



Featured above and left: High School Training.

Above, left to right: Haley Selch (Capital High School) Jim Goltz (Fromberg High School).

Left, left to right: Gary Kidd (Belgrade High School), Shannen Clark (Plenty Coups High School), Katrin Chandler (Absarokee High School), Carolyn Story (Absarokee High School), Ginny Bjorge (Medicine Lake High School), Pat Ramler (Belgrade High School), Yenta Jaques (Paris Gibson Education Ctr), Patty Strellnauer (Whitefish High School), Barb Sorenson (Whitefish High School), Tianna Bloomer (Dodson High School).



JMG Awarded Nationally by JAG for Positive Outcomes

At the National Training Seminar, Jobs for America's Graduates awards state affiliates for excellence by analyzing the data in the eNDMS database system. For the most recent complete data year 2010-11, JMG was given the following awards:

STATEWIDE

5 for 5 JAG Performance Goals

PEAK PERFORMANCE AWARD

MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMS

STATE ORGANIZATION

Graduation Rate
Positive Outcomes Rate
Employment Rate
Lowest Unable to Contact Rate
Total Participants
Return-to-School Rate

PEAK PERFORMANCE AWARD

SENIOR-YEAR PROGRAMS

STATE ORGANIZATION

Graduation Rate
Positive Outcomes Rate
Lowest Unable to Contact Rate

PEAK PERFORMANCE AWARD

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS

STATE ORGANIZATION

Return to School Rate

OUTSTANDING SPECIALISTS

Sara Kinney – Dawson County High School
Louise Martin – Troy High/Middle School
Jill Page – Glasgow High School
Janice Rorvik – Nashua High School

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS – 5 FOR 5

PERFORMANCE GOALS (20 SCHOOLS)

Billings Career Center	Libby High School
Bridger High School	Lodge Grass High School
Butte High School	Malta High School
Cascade High School	Nashua High School
Columbia Falls High School	Plains High School
Columbia Falls Learning Center	Roberts High School
Culbertson High School	Sidney High School
Dawson County High School	Troy High School
Frenchtown High School	Whitefish Independent
Helena High School	Whitehall High School

REMINDERS

FOR SEPTEMBER:

- **Middle School:** Students decide on civic project, hold elections/assign positions for Reach Council
- **High School:** Plan Program of Work, start on fall competitive events, hold MCA officer elections, plan Initiation and Installation Ceremony

Database due September 21st

- eNDMS database entry:
 - o Student retention – September 30th update
 - o Roster for 2012-13
 - o Student profiles entered
 - o Senior follow ups – include job and school placement
 - o 8th grader follow-ups – transition to high school
 - o Model services

FOR OCTOBER:

- **Middle School:** Students plan civic project in Reach Council
- **High School:** Register and attend Fall Leadership Conference, submit fall competitive events, start on Program of Work, hold I&I.
- **FLC Registration due October 1st**
 - Registration
 - Logo Event
 - National JAG Letter Event
 - National Cover Design Event

FOR NOVEMBER:

- **Middle School:** Work on civic project
 - **High School:** Work on Program of Work
- ### Database due November 23rd
- eNDMS database entry:
 - o Senior follow ups – include job and school placement if changed
 - o 8th grader follow-ups
 - o Model services

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