

## Connecticut JAG students say:

"JAG activities helped me cope, accept others' opinions, and changed the way I looked at some things."

"JAG helps me be positive towards everyone, including other employees and customers. At other jobs I had in the past I wasn't as motivated to keep the job and to actually work. This time around, it is much different and I know it's because of my experience in JAG."



"There is more to JAG than just being able to work. You can learn communication skills and how to work with others."

"My high school experience before the JAG program was basically a horrible blur. Before JAG, I didn't care about going to any colleges or working or even completing school work... One day my mom asked me what changed my attitude. I told her that the JAG program made me more mature... It made me think about the future and how I want to live. "

"It's changed my outlook on a lot of things like my future. [My JAG Specialist] is the reason why I chose to be a guidance counselor in [a] high school setting. She's such a good teacher."



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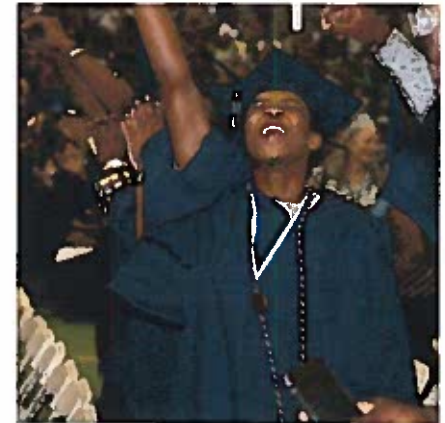
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## Jobs for America's Graduates

**JAG** is a state-based national nonprofit dedicated to helping at-risk students graduate from high school and move on to meaningful work and postsecondary success.

Youth unemployment has reached crisis levels, both in Connecticut and nationally – even while employers struggle to find the trained and skilled workers they need.

**JAG is a proven solution.**

JAG has evolved over 35 years of services into a comprehensive program with consistent and compelling outcomes.

**JAG CT** launched in 2014 as a program of the Hartford Consortium for Higher Education with support from the CT Department of Labor and numerous state agencies.

Business, community and government leaders – and students – give JAG a hearty thumbs up!

JAG has an all-star lineup of corporate partners who vouch for the program's effectiveness:



## The JAG Program

The JAG program is carefully designed to teach needed skills, offer project-based learning and provide needed mentoring and support. **JAG CT** works with partner school districts to serve high school seniors.



Dedicated JAG CT Specialists work with 35 to 45 students in each school. The Specialists are equal parts instructor, counselor and mentor.

**Core elements of JAG include:**

- An elective credit course teaching professional or "soft skills," including leadership and self-development.
- Student-led Career Association carrying out civic engagement and community service projects
- Personalized counseling and mentoring
- Individual assistance in identifying career and educational prospects
- Community outreach
- Job development and placement
- Twelve months of follow-up after graduation to support students on the job or in postsecondary studies

## JAG Specialists, Students, Curriculum Deliver

Specialists receive extensive training to adapt the curriculum as needed. JAG National monitors all programs to ensure accountability, track outcomes and continuously improve services.

### JAG Performance Outcomes Class of 2014

Graduation – 93%
Employment – 59%
Positive Outcomes – 80%
Full-time Jobs – 72%
Full-time Placement – 89%
Postsecondary Education Enrollment – 43%

The results strike a positive chord with JAG partners.

"We are proud to continue to invest in JAG's high-outcome model of connecting with at-risk youth and guiding them through the school-to-work process," ~Chris Masingill, Federal Co-Chairman, Delta Regional Authority, announcing \$300,000 in funding to cap a \$1 million investment in local JAG programs.

Want to be part of this exciting mission in Connecticut as a mentor, speaker, partner or employer?

Contact a Specialist or our main office to find out how you can help and build a relationship with JAG CT and its students.

**When They Succeed, We All Succeed!**