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More News from the JMG program at Washington Academy!

“I am so glad I came, I really did have fun!”, these are the words from Laura Mills a Sophomore at Washington Academy JMG after participating in the Hall of Flags day. Laura, along with Stephanie Farley got a chance to be a Page in the House of Representatives on February 26th. Also visiting the State House that day was Amber Rose. Amber participated by meeting and greeting people in the Hall of Flags. Here she was able to talk with our local Representatives and other Representatives and Senators from around the State. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our local Representatives(Rep. Perry, Rep. Emery, Rep. McFadden, and Senator Raye) for taking the time to stop by and introducing themselves to us.

Another very important project we worked on recently was our annual winter blood drive. This years drive was held on February 28th. The drive was very successful! We ended up having 45 units collected. This helped 135 people! Not only did the JMG students work hard by hosting the drive and working in the different stations, they also took time and donated their blood. Some of the students were 1st time donors and others had donated in the past at our previous drives. There were other students from W.A. who got involved by donating blood. Many of these students were 1st time donors, as well. What a great way to get the whole school involved in a community service, by donating blood! Way to go W.A. for getting involved in such a great community service!

Upcoming events:
 Career Development Conference, April 30th at the Augusta Civic Center!
 Field Day at Husson College in May!
 Fund-raisers – Kidz First
 Raider Cards
 Uncle Jerry's Tees

Matt C. giving his gift of LIFE!



Preparing Maine's Future Workforce

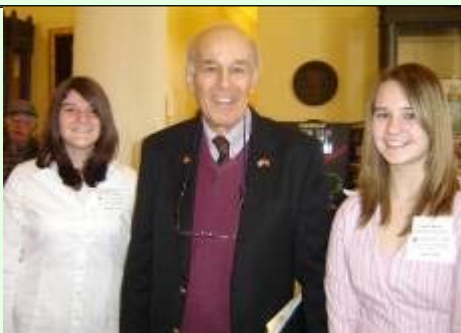
Exploring possible careers is an essential part of JMG's curriculum. Along with having Maine business people come to speak in JMG classrooms, students are encouraged to job shadow or intern at places that interest them. Heather Cyr, a senior at Wisdom High School participates in the JMG program at St. John Valley Technology Center in Frenchville. Heather is interested in a career as a veterinarian and is job shadowing at North Country Animal Hospital in Caribou.



JMG Students Visit State House

JMG students gathered at the Hall of Flags in Augusta on Tuesday, February 26th to see how state government works and to meet and greet Maine's lawmakers. Students from Newport, East Machias, Machias, Lewiston, Damariscotta and Brewer acted as ambassadors for JMG statewide.

Chair of the JMG Board of Directors, Jon Doyle, poses with JMG students from Washington Academy (East Machias) at the State House.



JMG's 16th Annual Career Development Conference

Wednesday, April 30, 9am – 2pm, Augusta Civic Center

*Don't miss this opportunity to connect with more than 500
career-ready, graduating Maine high school seniors!*

The Career Development Conference (CDC) celebrates the accomplishments of JMG seniors as they get ready to graduate from high school and decide what they will do next. During this full day of competitive events and workshops, students engage in competitions that measure their skills in interviewing, teamwork, communication and leadership. This event also features student Marketplace exhibits and a Career Expo with businesses and higher education institutions from all over Maine.

Event details as well as sponsorship and volunteer opportunities are available online at www.jmg.org

To participate, contact Maureen Duggan at 620-7180, ext. 216 or mduggan@jmg.org



Heating Things Up in Sanford

Sanford Junior High School Project Reach and the Academy of Basketball joined forces in February to help provide fuel assistance to Sanford families. Participants collected pledges as part of a Foul Shooting Contest at the Nasson Community Center. With home heating prices on the rise, the Project Reach students identified this as a community need and got to work planning the event and raising funds.



Imagine how warm these Project Reach students felt when they made their \$1,391 donation to the Imelda Fund to help provide heating assistance to Sanford area residents in need.

Hudson Foundation donates \$7,500 to JMG

The Hudson Foundation is an independent foundation dedicated to charitable giving in the six New England states. One of the foundation's priorities is supporting organizations that advocate for children. In that spirit, The Hudson Foundation has donated a first time grant of \$7,500 in support of JMG's Student Enrichment Learning Program. On behalf of the 2,600 JMG students statewide, thank you Hudson Foundation! For a complete list of JMG supporters, please visit www.jmg.org.

JMG Student Success Story



Ashley Hafford

2006 JMG Graduate

St. John Valley Technology Center

Just weeks after graduating from St. John Valley Technology Center, Ashley Hafford had secured a job with Synergy Solutions, Inc. and is now also attending the University of Maine at Presque Isle, majoring in Criminal Justice.

Ashley says JMG prepared her for life "through showing me how to become a more effective team leader. I learned to take control of situations in a calmer, more successful way." Ashley learned how negatively procrastinating can affect her life. "I was also very appreciative that I had the opportunity to learn so much about applying for a job, successfully attending an interview and correctly following up with employers to ensure the best possible result for employment."

Ashley says she'll always be glad to have been a part of JMG. "With all that it taught me, I believe that I would not have been as prepared to face the 'real world' without the skills and knowledge I learned through being a part of the program. I also want to give much credit to my JMG specialist, Tammie Lerman, because she became not only a teacher and leader, but also someone I knew I could turn to no matter what situation I was faced with. Mrs. Lerman was consistently there for me and always seemed to help me make the right decisions and I will never forget her true compassion for her students and her work."

Congratulations on all your achievements, Ashley!