

November 2007 Edition

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LOCAL NEWS: The students have been busy here at Washington Academy. They started the year off with their interviews for the JMG officer positions. Amber Rose is our President, Amy Stevens is our V/P of Career Preparation, Kameron Hanson is our V/P of Community Service, Kari Cline is our V/P of Social Awareness, Laura Mills is our Secretary, Fawn Clark is our Treasurer, Jessica Johnson and Krista Chandler are our Historians. Each student gave a brief message at this years Induction Ceremony held on November 1st in the alumni gymnasium about what their positions entail. Many people attended showing their support to the students. Linda Howe, Senior Vice President of Down East Credit Union spoke to the students and guests about the importance of career choice, attitude and appearance. Special presentations were given to Judy Mitchell and Linda Howe for their support and continued help with the advisor/advisee program and JMG program at W.A.. The finale was a raffle, which went over great...never having done this before we were a little afraid that it would not be successful, however everyone spoke about the gifts that were raffled off and how much fun it was to include the audience in that manner.

Students have been working on their fund-raisers which include: Ghoully Grams, Yankee Candles, and the Raider Power Cards. They are trying to make enough money to go on a year end trip.

Community Service projects that the students have been working on are: Veteran Day Cards, Face Painting at Blue Bird Restaurant, Thanksgiving Food Drive and our upcoming Luminaries. We also will be helping with the decorating of our local towns at Christmas time. We are studying Physical Appearance and how it affects the way we look at our own identities as well as others. We are also working on our Career Direction Portfolios by studying what our interests are and matching those interests up with our future career

JMG Students Receive Youth in Philanthropy Award

The students of Jobs for Maine's Graduates (JMG) have been named Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy for Maine by the Association of Fund raising Professionals of Northern New England. JMG students are being recognized for demonstrating commitment to their communities through direct financial support and development of charitable programs.

The JMG students were nominated for the award by Kate Vickery, Volunteer Director of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. In her nomination letter Ms Vickery states, "The example set by the students of JMG across the state of Maine not only serves as one for other programs under the Jobs for America's Graduates national program to follow – but also for any youth group or school group to follow. The community service efforts of the Jobs for Maine's Graduates program are an outstanding example of youth becoming actively engaged in their communities."



Leadership Training for JMG Students

Officer Leadership Conference

October 2-4, 2007

Learning to be a leader is one of the key elements of the JMG program. To that end, students are elected to officer positions in their student-led Career Associations. In October, JMG officers from all over Maine gathered at the Pine Tree Camp in Rome to participate in leadership workshops and team building initiatives.

Approximately 200 JMG students had the opportunity to brainstorm with officers from other schools and make a plan for this school year's activities. The JMG officers also had the chance to interact with business people from a variety of industries and learn from their expertise.

Workshop facilitators included volunteers from Cianbro, Unum, Bangor Savings Bank, Geiger, Women Unlimited, Volunteers of America and Common Good Ventures.



June Koegel (center), JMG board member and president of Volunteers of America, participated in the Officer Leadership Conference by facilitating leadership workshops with JMG students who have been elected president of their Career Associations. Pictured with Ms. Koegel are Career Association presidents Taryn Green (Brewer High School) and Adam Gallant (Biddeford High School).

Initiation and Installation (I&I) Ceremonies

Every fall, JMG high school students throughout the state host I & I Ceremonies where students pledge to uphold the values of the JMG program. Family, friends and local business folks are invited to the ceremonies which include the installation of the Career Association officers.



Belfast Area High School I & I Ceremony – October 24.
Pictured: Maine Senator Carol Weston, Career Association President Arica Heroux, and keynote speaker Cathy Reynolds from Bangor Savings Bank.

JMG Student Success Story



Alex Doherty

2005 JMG Graduate

Hall-Dale High School

“I joined JMG at the beginning of my senior year because I was going into my last year of high school not knowing what it was that I wanted to do after I graduated. I had heard so many good things about the JMG program that I knew it could be a great asset to me during a confusing year. This proved to be very true as is shown through all of the knowledge and skills I gained and my current position as an estimator for EJ Prescott in Round Lake, New York. I would like to give a special thanks to my JMG Specialist, Mr. John Burgess, for introducing me to the people at EJP and for first giving them my name for what was my future enrollment in the University of Prescott program. The JMG program has been helpful to me in many ways. In the classroom we spent time on exercises that helped to build a strong work ethic and taught us all how to become and remain professional while working with co-workers in an actual work setting.”

Alex Doherty, JMG Graduate

Bob Moody, Safety Manager for EJ Prescott, selected Alex for the University of Prescott program and has this to say about Alex. “Alex is the youngest estimator in our industry that we can remember and it is well earned. Alex is the type of employee that any employer would want to have. He has been extremely self motivated to learn and accepts any challenge that we have given him with a great attitude and a can do spirit.”

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