

Lighting Our Future With Inspiration at WA

Washington Academy's Jobs for Maine Graduates (JMG) held their 11th Annual Career Association Induction and Initiation Ceremony, under the theme "Lighting our Future with Inspiration," on November 1, 2007. The guest speaker of the evening was Mrs. Linda Howe, Senior Vice President of Down East Credit Union, who spoke following the induction of students and officers by Mr. Tom Hart and the reading of the JMG Mission, History, and Creed by Krista Chandler, Jessica Johnson, and Laura Mills. Mrs. Howe encouraged each and every student to attain a good work ethic once they enter the workforce by making full use of their time while at work and being an honest employee.



Maine's Legislature created the private, non-profit organization JMG in 1993 to help high-school seniors reconnect to school and successfully graduate and transition into the workforce. Since then, JMG has matured into a statewide organization serving more than 2,500 students per year in more than 50 school-based sites. At Washington Academy, the JMG program is housed in a classroom

within the school, and is delivered as a year-round, one-credit course. Mrs. Lori McBriane, the head of the JMG Program at WA, has been teaching the course for 11 years. JMG teaches 37 core competencies comprised of six skill sets: personal skills, leadership skills, communication skills, job attainment skills, job success skills, and career development skills. JMG's experiential-based curriculum combines classroom learning with student enrichment activities that help to nurture leadership development, oral and written communication skills, career development skills, and community service learning.

The JMG Students for 2007-2008 are Matthew Carlson, Deidre Cline, Matthew Cote, Dawna Cservak, Matthew Cservak, Alan Cummings, Adam Cushing, Gary Dennison, Quinton Dill, Amber Eisenhauer, Angela Geel, Karissa Hawkins, Kyle Howard, Stefani Jones, Colby Kilton, Justin Kuritz, Spencer Lord, Zachary Mahoney, Megan Olsen, Jay Preston, Joshua Pulk, Tamra Pulk, Shelby Reed, Colby Richardson, Marco Rier, Sierra Scraders, Felicia Sebastiao, Shawn Smith, Deirdre Thompson, Randae Usher, and Garel Wray. The 2007-2008 JMG Officers are Amber Rose, President, Amy Stevens, Director of Career Preparation, Kai Cline, Director of Social Activities, Kameron Hanson, Director of Community Service/Citizenship, Laura Mills, Secretary, Fawn Clark, Treasurer, Jessica Johnson, Historian, and Krista Chandler, Historian.