



Annual Report 2021



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TO OUR SUPPORTERS



The 2020-2021 school year was unlike any in history, but what a story we have to tell.

JAG-K is a 501(c)3 organization that helps

students prepare for successful futures.

JAG-K specialists invest time, compassion, understanding and love into the program and their students. Not only do JAG-K specialists maintain contact with students throughout the summer months, the specialists also continue to work with students for a full year past high school.

Our specialists work to provide internships, job shadowing opportunities, guest speakers, and college and business visits.

2020 brought the COVID-19 pandemic and threw the entire world on its ear. But JAG-K was perfectly positioned to respond to the crisis. With a Career Specialist at every program equipped to work with students outside of the tradition building, and with an

intimate knowledge of our students' needs already well formed, our staff was ready to adapt on a moments' notice.

While schools and education programs were caught in the whirlwind (understandably, I might add), JAG-K thrived. We recorded an astounding graduation rate of 97.05% for the class of 2020, the cohort which saw its senior year interrupted at the onset of the pandemic. While schools across the nation lost track of their students, JAG-K reported an "unable to contact" rate of just 2.55%.

JAG-K earned the JAG Five of Five Award for the seventh consecutive year, and every year we have been eligible. This means we meet or exceed the required performance measurements in five categories.

We certainly could not do it without the dedication and support from our employees and investors. Thank you for helping JAG-K and all our students thrive under the most bizarre of circumstances.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chuck Knapp". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Chuck Knapp

FACTS & FIGURES

3,800

Students Served

\$1,500

Cost Per Student

97.05%

Graduation Rate

6

2021 NSLA

Medalists

43

District Partners

79

Programs

820

2020 Graduates

5

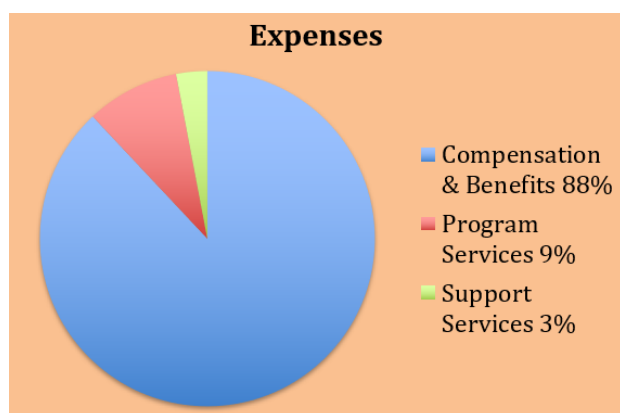
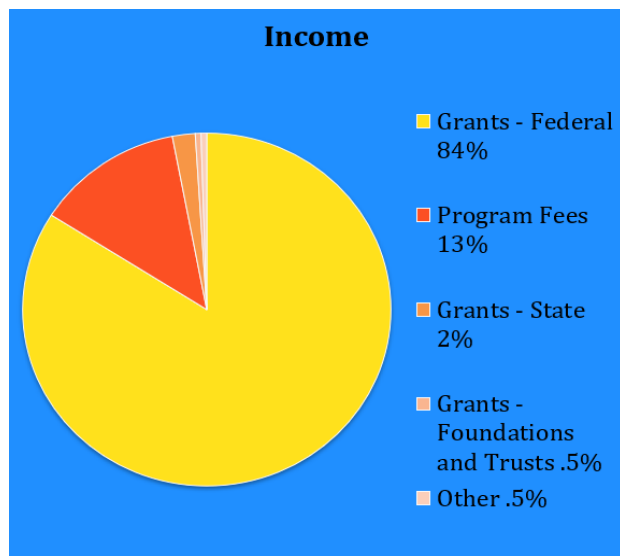
*Transition Services
teams for System-
involved Youth*

Over
2.357

*million in scholarships
received by JAG-K Students*

6.327

*Million-dollar
Budget*



FY 2021

The FY 2021 JAG-K Budget, which runs July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, funds programming and operations through two primary revenue sources. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant funds administered through the Department for Children and Families (DCF) is the primary funding source. The secondary source of funding comes from school districts through a program fee.

JAG-K continues to build upon partnerships with state and local foundations and grants to secure additional funding sources for growth in the future. Our budget allowed us to support 83 programs throughout Kansas which included 4 programs for youth in foster care. The FY 21 budget is not only aligned with the Strategic Plan, it is strategically designed to put JAG-K in a strong position to expand our outreach to youth.

Due to COVID 19 mandates in FY 21, our programming activities adapted to ever-changing requirements by our affiliate partners, as our activities were remote-based for the majority of the year. Our budget was adjusted in order to support these remote-learning environments through the use of virtual classrooms, virtual job shadowing and remote state and local leadership development events for our students.



Figures represent September 2020 to August 2021

NSLA NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

If a national champion were crowned for Jobs for America's Graduates' national competition, Kansas would have won by a landslide in 2020.

Of the 12 entries who placed in the National Student Leadership Academy (NSLA) competitive events, six were from Kansas.

"We are so proud that our students persevered through the pandemic to prepare their virtual presentations and demonstrate the skills they are learning in their local programs," said JAG-K President and CEO Chuck Knapp. "No overall champion is awarded at NSLA, but Kansas students certainly represented JAG-K and our state well."

Ten JAG-K students reached the 2020 finals of virtual competitions that culminate the Regional and State Career Development Conferences. The four competition categories are Public Speaking (presenting a prepared speech), Employability Skills (participating in a mock interview that includes a resume, cover letter and job application), Financial Literacy, and Project-Based Learning (the student gives a presentation about a project they created and implemented in the current year).

The six JAG-K students who placed in the competitions were:

Employability Skills 1st Place: **Ariana Jimenez**, Holcomb

Financial Literacy 1st Place: **Erica Zhou Wang**, Emporia

Public Speaking 1st Place: **Chrishayla Adams**, Topeka High

Financial Literacy 3rd Place: **Jonathan Rupe**, Hays

Project-Based Learning Showcase 3rd place: **Mariala Martinez**

& Evonni Martinez, Salina South

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Beloit HS
Colby HS
Colby MS
Concordia HS
Garden City AE
Garden City HS
Goodland HS
Great Bend 9-10
Great Bend 11-12
Hays HS
Holcomb HS
Kingman HS
Kiowa Co HS
Larned HS
Liberal HS
Pratt HS
Russell HS
Salina Central HS
Salina South HS
Stafford HS

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Chanute HS
Emporia 9-10
Emporia 11-12
Field Kindley HS
Independence HS
Labette Co HS
Manhattan 9-10
Manhattan 11-12
Parsons HS
Pittsburg HS
Royal Valley HS
Seaman HS
Shawnee Heights 9-10
Shawnee Heights 11-12
Topeka High 9-10
Topeka High 11-12
Topeka Highland Park HS
Topeka West HS

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Atchison HS
Basehor-Linwood HS
Hiawatha HS
Hocker Grove MS
KCK Carl Bruce MS
KCK Schlagel 11-12
KCK Washington
KCK Wyandotte
KCK Wyandotte
KC Wyandotte
KC Wyandotte
Shawnee Mission North 9-10
Shawnee Mission North 11-12
Shawnee Mission West 9-10
Shawnee Mission West 11-12
Turner HS 9-10
Turner HS 11-12
Turner MS
Westridge MS

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Arkansas City 9-10
Arkansas City 11-12
Augusta HS
Chisholm MS
El Dorado AE
El Dorado HS
Hutchinson HS 1
Hutchinson HS 2
Hutchinson MS
Junction City AE
Junction City AE
McPherson HS
Newton 9-10
Newton 11-12
Wichita Heights HS
Wichita North HS
Wichita Northwest HS
Wichita Southeast HS
Wichita West HS
Winfield HS
Winfield MS

TRANSITION SERVICES

There are approximately 7,000 youth in the Kansas foster care system. Just 31% of students who age out of the Kansas foster care system graduate from high school.

Through its recently developed Transition Services program, JAG-K is providing new support to students in foster care across Kansas.

JAG-K's Transition Services is a multi-phase project to help increase successful outcomes for youth in the custody of the Secretary of DCF. When possible, these students participate in the traditional JAG-K program at a high school.

Because students in foster care often change schools, however, this isn't always possible. When a traditional JAG-K class is not available to them, students in Transition Services participate in a modified program.

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