

# 2024 Annual Report



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### TO OUR SUPPORTERS...

Thanks to support from government, corporate and private donors and workforce partners, the staff of JAG-K continues to increase its impact across the state of Kansas!

We added seven programs for the 2023-2024 school year, and are adding four more - Ulysses HS, Buhler HS, Circle HS, Russell MS – for this year. Over the past 11 years, we have served 20,189 students.



We are proud of the Class of 2023, which, after a year of follow-up, reported a 96% graduation rate and an 84% positive outcome rate (which means 84% of JAG-K graduates are either in post-secondary education, military service or in the workforce full-time one year after graduation).

In addition to our traditional evidence-based programming in classrooms, JAG-K serves system-involved youth through our Transition Services. Using a curriculum designed specifically for youth in foster care or residing in a juvenile correctional environment, we help them overcome challenges unique to their situation. We also had a traditional alternative education program located in the Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex in Topeka, which was managed through our Transitions program. We had a total of six Transition Services programs in 2023-24 and will be expanding services in the upcoming year.

A highlight of the past school year was the performance of students at the National Career Development Conference in St. Louis. Junction City students James Lamar, Jae'Lynn Dennard and Jaden Exantus brought JAG-K its first national championship since 2020!

A sign of the great work of JAG-K Career Specialists is the organization's receipt of JAG's highest award for the 10th consecutive year. JAG-K was presented the national 6 of 6 Award for meeting or exceeding performance measures in six categories, including graduation rate and full-time positive outcomes.

JAG-K helps prepare students for successful futures. We couldn't do it without the dedication and support from our employees and investors. Thank you for helping JAG-K and the students we serve succeed.

Sincerely,

Chuck Knapp, President and CEO

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# BY THE NUMBERS



Graduation Rate 96%



Eligible for Free and Reduced Lunch 67%



Number of Programs 112



Students of Color **57%** 



Students Served 5844



Single-Parent Household 54%



Kansas Adjutant General Michael T.
Venerdi and Speaker of the House Dan
Hawkins joined students for a career
exploration event at Fort Riley.

In the past school year, JAG-K served:

- 85 High Schools
- 15 Middle Schools
- 6 Transition Programs
- 6 Alternative Schools

After Follow-Up, 2023
Grads recorded:
84% positive outcomes
70% employment rate

805 students graduated from the class of 2023 after a year of follow-up

JAG-K students from Kansas were awarded \$4,951,594.25 in scholarships, which ranked 8th among affiliates across the nation. 20,189

Students Served Since
August 2013

Kansas was the fastest affiliate in JAG National history to reach 100 programs

Previous
Graduation Rates:

**2022 = 93**%

**2021 = 95**%

**2020 = 97**%

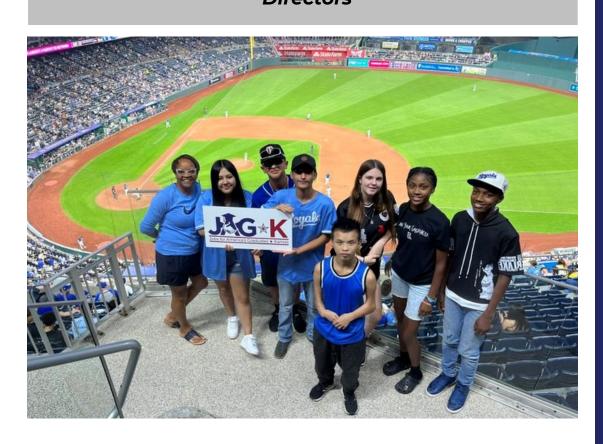
2019 = 96%

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Consecutive years to earn 6 of 6 (formerly 5 of 5) Award

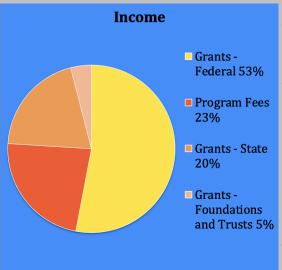
Each of the past three Kansas Governors

- Brownback, Colyer and Kelly served on the JAG National Board of
Directors



### **FY 2024**

The FY 2024 JAG-K Budget which runs July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, funds programming and operations through various revenue sources. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant funds administered through the Department for

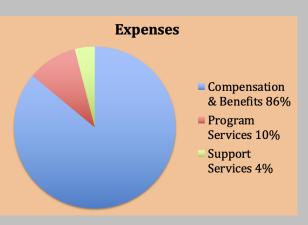


Children and Families (DCF) is the primary funding source in addition to funding from partnership agreements through school district affiliate and program fees. JAG-K also received funding from the State Evidence Based Program Fund as well as a grant from the Kansas Department of Corrections.

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 106 traditional JAG-K programs throughout Kansas and eight programs that support students in foster care and justice involved youth. The FY24 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.

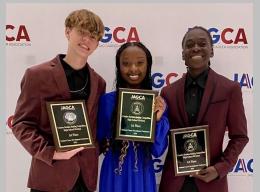
The proven outcomes of student success continue to highlight the benefits that a JAG-K program brings to a school. Evidence-based programs that include computerized tracking of all students served, services delivered, and performance results are a critical component of every



program. Programming Services provides JAG-K students employability skills, career and leadership development opportunities, academic remediation, and community service projects. In addition, JAG-K Career Specialists maintain contact with students throughout the summer months and most notably continue to work with students after high school. This unique 12-month follow-up program allows JAG-K to continue providing support to the student for the first year after graduation.

### **STUDENT AWARDS**

The Junction City High School Creative Decision-Making team consisting of **James Lamar, Jae'Lynn Dennard** and **Jaden Exantus** placed first at the national Jobs for America's Graduates competition in St. Louis. The Junction City students gave Kansas its first win at nationals since the state claimed three first place finishes in 2020.



**Leonardo Hernandez** of Hays High School was runner-up in the Employability Skills competition.

**Analicia Aquino** from Shawnee Mission North placed third in Prepared Speaking.

A team from Junction City High School consisting of **Noah Maldonado, Jonae Conover** and **Alani Burks** placed third in the Project-Based Learning event.

### STAFF AWARDS

### **JAG National Outstanding Career Specialists:**

- Ashley Baughns, Wichita Southeast HS
- Dana Chance, Eudora HS
- Israel Hagerman, Larned HS
- Jay Macy, Minneapolis HS
- Marcus Mitchell, Kiowa County HS
- Kareema Williams, Wichita North HS

**Barnett Thompson**, Shawnee Mission North HS, was named a JAG Headrush Trailblazer.

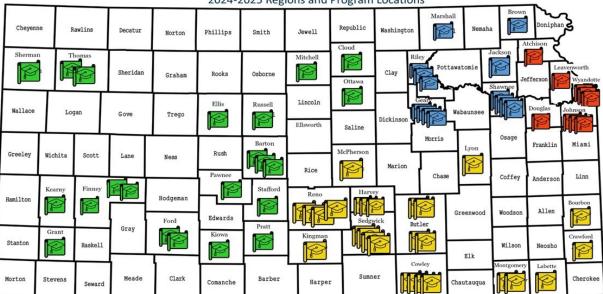
**Brenna Thompson**, Great Bend MS, was presented the JAG Peak Performance Award.

### **PROGRAM AWARDS**

Eight Kansas programs were recognized as Outstanding Career Association Chapters, which honored chapter excellence in Leadership Development, Career Development, Civic Awareness, Community Service, and Social Awareness:

Minneapolis HS (Jay Macy), Russell HS (Raina Tomlinson), HD Karns Innovations HS (Willie Woods), Augusta HS 1 (Mindy McCormick), Kiowa County HS (Marcus Mitchell), Winfield HS (Shanna Groom), Wichita SE HS (Ashley Baughns), Kingman HS (Andrea Woods).

# Jobs for America's Graduates \* Kansas 2024-2025 Regions and Program Locations



Region 1
Beloit HS
Colby MS
Colby HS
Concordia HS
Dodge City HS 1
Dodge City HS 2
Garden City AE
Garden City HS
Goodland HS
Great Bend HS 2
Great Bend MS
Great Bend HS 1
Greensburg Kiowa Co HS
Hays HS
Holcomb HS
Lakin HS
Larned HS
Minneapolis HS
Pratt HS
Russel MS
Russell HS
St. John HS
Ulvsses HS

Region 2
Hiawatha HS
Junction City HS 1
Junction City HS 2
Junction City HS AE 1
Junction City MS
Junction City MS AE 2
Ft. Riley MS
Mahattan Anthony MS
Mahattan Eisenhower MS
Manhattan HS 2
Manhattan HS 1
Manhattan HS 3
Marysville HS
Royal Valley HS
Seaman HS
Shawnee Heights HS 1
Shawnee Heights HS 2
Shawnee Heights MS
Topeka High HS
Topeka Highland Park HS
Topeka West HS

	Transitions Programs
West	JCAB
Topeka	KJCC 1
Kansas City	KJCC 2
Wichita 1	KJCC Transitions
Wichita 2	

Region 3
Atchison HS
Basehor-Linwood HS
Eudora HS
KCK Carl Bruce MS
KCK Harmon HS 1
KCK Harmon HS 2
KCK Harmon HS 3
KCK Harmon HS 4
KCK Harmon HS 5
KCK Harmon HS 6
KCK Schlagle HS 1
KCK Schlagle HS 2
KCK Schlagle HS 3
KCK Schlagle HS 4
KCK Washington HS 1
KCK Washington HS 2
KCK Washington HS 3
KCK Wyandotte HS 4
KCK Wyandotte HS 1
KCK Wyandotte HS 2
KCK Wyandotte HS 3
KCK Wyandotte HS 5
Shawnee Mission North HS 1
Shawnee Mission North HS 2
Shawnee Mission West HS 1
Shawnee Mission West HS 2
SM Hocker Grove MS
SM Westridge MS
Turner HS 1
Turner HS 2
Turner MS

Region 4
Ark City HS 1
Ark City HS 2
Augusta HS 1
Augusta HS 2
Buhler HS
Chisholm MS
Circle HS
El Dorado AE
El Dorado HS
Emporia HS 1
Emporia HS 2
Field Kindley HS
Ft. Scott HS
Hutchinson HS 1
Hutchinson HS 2
Hutchinson MS
Independence HS
Kingman HS
McPherson HS
Newton HS 1
Newton HS 2
Parsons HS
Pittsburg HS
Wichita North HS
Wichita Northwest HS
Wichita South HS
Wichita Southeast HS
Wichita West HS
Winfield HS
Winfield MS

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