ANNUAL REPORT

Jobs for America's Graduates ★ Kansas

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A Message From The President

To Our Supporters

Thank you for your support of JAG-K! Because of you and other supporters, JAG-K continues to increase its impact across the state of Kansas.

For the class of 2024, we celebrated our best outcomes yet. After concluding their year of follow up, the graduation rate was 98% - in the same year, Kansas' statewide average was 89.5% full time.

This class also had the highest positive outcomes rate in the history of JAG-K. After 12 months, 90% of our 2024 graduates were in post-secondary education, military service, or in the workforce full-time!

The 2025-2026 school year brings another exciting development for JAG-K, the implementation of the micro-credential pilot program. This new pilot is bringing exciting opportunities to our students in Kansas. Through a partnership with GenUs and JMG, our students are earning verified, evidence based credentials that will be recognized by employers and post-secondary institutions as evidence of attaining transferrable and valuable skills.

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 & CEO
Jobs for America's Graduates - Kansas

Looking Back:

In the 2024-2025 School Year, JAG-K Served:

114 programs

54 School Districts

21,440

Students Served Since August 2013

Past Graduation Rates:

2023 - 96%

2022 - 93%

2021 - 95%

2020 -97%

Our 2025 Graduates Earned:

$10,884,040

in scholarships!

11

Consecutive years earning the 6 of 6 Award

Student Stories

Zach Roberts
Class of 2015

A fatal car accident, financial hardships, a lack of role models and the absence of structure all contributed to Zach's chaotic youth. His mother struggled with addiction and found it hard to hold a job, so the family moved a lot. "JAG-K came at just the right time in my life," Says the graduate of Concordia High School "I didn't care if I graduated. I wouldn't say I was a lost kid, but I didn't have any rules or guidance, and I just thought school was a waste of time." In JAG-K, Zach found an adult who provided mentorship, structure, discipline, and a vision of what was possible. Now, Zach is living in Hawaii with his wife and daughter, serving in the United States Army. "I wouldn't be where I am without JAG-K."

Hannah Gideon
Class of 2024

Hannah was already a strong student when she walked into the JAG-K classroom in 2021. She saw JAG-K as a unique opportunity to gain real life skills to push her toward the future of her dreams. "I was unconfident in my abilities, and I was too afraid to step out of my comfort zone for fear of failure," Explained the Russell High School graduate. "It took a year of failure, of realizations, and of growth to learn that I can do and achieve the feats that I put my mind to." JAG-K gave Hannah a space to blossom as a leader. Additionally, Hannah helped form meaningful relationships between JAG-K and the Russell community through Ogallala Commons internships. After her internships, she discovered a passion for water conservation, and is currently studying environmental engineering at Kansas State University. "I will always be grateful to the JAG-K organization for their dedication to growing and investing in the qualities of future generations to come."

More student success stories can be found on our website.

Big Success:
The Class of 2024

After a year of follow up, the JAG-K class of 2024 exceeded national standards in the top measured success categories:

98% Graduation Rate

90% FT Positive Outcomes

78% Employment

87% FT Employment

67% Further Education

99% Connectivity Rate

Demographics:

Students from Single Parent Households:

36%

Students of Color:

57%

Students in Bottom 25% of Class Standing:

44%

Students on Free or Reduced Lunch:

70%

National Awards
Students and Staff

Student Awards

This year, 30 students travelled to represent JAG-K at the National Career Development Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana. Out of those 30 students, 17 placed in the top ten of their competitive category.

Our highest placer was **Sauni Kishpaugh**, a junior from Kiowa County High School, who placed third in Prepared Speaking.

Sauni Kishpaugh after placing first in Prepared Speakingat the JAG-K State CDC.

Staff Awards

Outstanding Career Specialist:

- **Kylee Raigoza**, Newton HS 1

National High Performer Award:

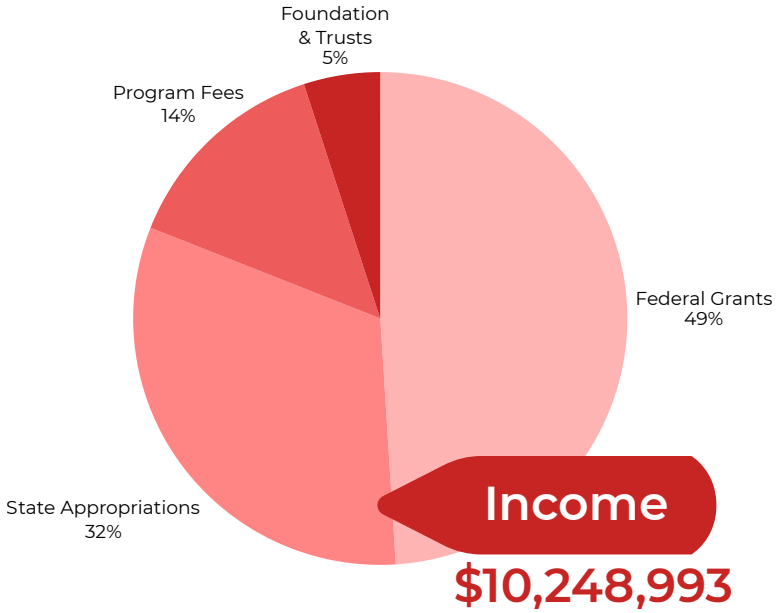
- **Ian Pittman**, JC Harmon HS
- **Shanna Groom**, Winfield HS
- **Marcus Moeder**, Hutchinson HS

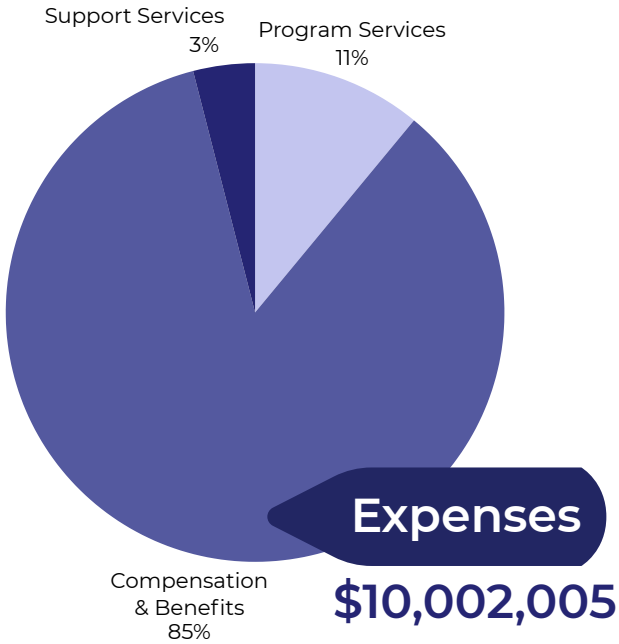
National 5 of 5:

- **Brenna Thompson**, Great Bend MS
- **Vianey Martinez**, Dodge City HS 1
- **Andrea Pletcher**, Augusta HS 1

Kylee Raigoza, Outstanding Career Specialist, with **Chuck Knapp**, President & CEO of JAG-K.

Financial Report





The FY 2025 JAG-K Budget which runs July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, 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 General Fund-Evidence Based Program Fund as well as grants 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 107 traditional JAG-K programs throughout Kansas and 7 programs that support students in foster care and justice involved youth. The FY25 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.

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