



Ready for the New School Year "Achieving the 6 of 6"

We are gearing up for another successful JAG year! We will be serving more students during 2022-2023 with additional programs in Newark, and new out-of-school programs in Atlantic City, and Vineland. This year, JAG NJ Specialists will be focusing on enhancing post-secondary opportunities to increase the number of students who will attend 2- or 4-year institutions or training programs.

NEW SITES SLATED TO JOIN THE JAG NJ NETWORK

FEDERAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND SITES



Covenant House
New Jersey



The New Jersey Chamber Foundation secured support for JAG New Jersey through the federal community projects funds program. Two out-of-school programs will be joining the network with our partners from the Covenant House New Jersey in Atlantic City and PathStone in Vineland, NJ.

EXPANSION CONTINUES IN NEWARK



Our partnership with the Newark school district continues to strengthen with the addition of two JAG NJ programs, Malcolm X Shabazz High School and West Side High School. JAG NJ is now in five of six comprehensive high schools. The JAG Newark infrastructure includes district facilitation and oversight led by Brooklyn Holt, Newark district High School Leadership Team Coordinator. Welcome to the network!

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Welcome New & Returning JAG NJ Specialists!

Our 2023 graduates will be ready for all that life after high school has to offer-- employment, college, and training. We're thrilled to have these new heroes in the classroom on our team!



Stacey Ragin
Central High School



Valaida Doyle-Smith
West Side High School



Rafeeza Shahabudeen
Malcolm X Shabazz High School



Dr. Alyson Holt
Weequahic High School

Donna Custard, President of NJ Chamber of Commerce Foundation, makes NJ-ROI's Top 50 in Education for a Third Year in a Row



Donna Custard, President of the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce Foundation, has made the NJ-ROI Power 50 List in Education for a third year in a row! Mrs. Custard has been instrumental in securing funding for the program and increased employer engagement for the state and local JAG programs. Congratulations!

2022 JAG National Training Seminar Las Vegas Lookback

The celebration of our first national performance outcome award continues. Congratulations to the entire JAG New Jersey team for their commitment and hard work!



NJ Specialist to take on New Role at Plainfield School District Plans Underway to Expand JAG Programs



Congratulations to Elizabeth Clark, who served as a JAG Specialist in Newark Public Schools for over a decade. Ms. Clark will lead post-secondary education programming and JAG NJ expansion in Plainfield Public Schools. "Ms. Clark has contributed mightily to JAG New Jersey's growth and expansion over the years", said Sandra Strothers, Executive Director. "Her national awards and the hundreds of students that she has impacted are proof of her leadership and commitment to our JAG leaders. We wish her great success in her new role with Plainfield."



**Former JAG Leader
Joins the JAG NJ
Team as a 2022
NJCCF Payne Scholar**

Iyanna Clarke, JAG alumnus from Carteret High School, has joined the team as an intern for the school year. She will be assisting with program planning and development. Iyanna joins the JAG NJ team following a one-year paid internship with AIG through our partner organization, the Shine Collective. Ms. Clarke plans to pursue her degree in nursing.



Investors Bank Sponsors Venue to Support JAG NJ Team Training for the 2022-2023 Year

Many thanks to Investors Bank in Robbinsville, NJ for providing their training facility for the annual JAG Specialist 2-day training in August. National trainers, Christine Shaffer and Melissa Lanham, led group discussions and hands-on database system training.



JAG NJ Advocate to Retire from Deloitte



Long-time JAG NJ partner and advocate, Christine O. Wade, will be retiring from her illustrious 30-year career at Deloitte this November. As Deloitte's Manager of Community Involvement, Christine has been instrumental in leveraging time, talent, and treasure through volunteers and Deloitte's Foundation to impact the lives of thousands of young adults on their educational journeys. Christine provided numerous opportunities for JAG NJ participants over the past several years to learn more about careers in accounting and finance and to participate in Deloitte Impact Days. We thank Christine for her dedication to JAG NJ and young adults across the state and we wish her much health and happiness in her retirement.

Best Wishes...

Sending best wishes to JAG New Jersey team members who are moving on to new roles. Thank you for your contribution to the program!

- **Dr. Dorothy Handfield**
- **Zarinah Raheem**
- **Jennifer Bogar-Richardson**



JAG New Jersey is the flagship program of the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce Foundation (NJCCF). Visit our webpage at www.NJChamberFoundation.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**JAG National Student Leadership Academy
December 1-3, 2022
Washington, D.C.**

**JAG NJ Leadership Development Conference
December 13, 2022
Rider University**

**Jobs for America's Graduates New Jersey
New Jersey Chamber of Commerce Foundation**

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