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ALABAMA JAG EARNS TOP HONORS AT RECENT EVENT – ALABAMA STUDENTS WIN NATIONAL AWARDS

Montgomery, Ala. – The state’s Jobs for Alabama’s Graduates (JAG) program had an impressive showing earlier this month during the Jobs for America’s Graduates National Career Development Conference, which was held in Dallas, Texas.

This was the first-time that this exciting national event had been held - https://jag.org/ncdc/

Alabama’s JAG program earned the nation’s overall Largest State Delegation Award during the event and placed nationally also in every other competition held. Below is a summary of our state’s final award results.

Congratulations to the following Alabama students who earned national awards:

**Business Plan – National JAG Top 10 Award Winner**
- Fairfield High Preparatory School – Georghetta Conaway, Fatumata Diallo, Donielle Rhodes, and Paris Thompson
- Straughn High School – Mallory Hall, Hallie Goodman, and Hayden Blair
- Morgan County Schools Technology Park – Micah Steffan, Ethan Newcomb, Raul Aviles, and Zane Orr

**Career Preparation – National JAG Top 10 Award Winner**
- Abbie Tomlinson – Monroe County Career Technical Center
- Shelby Horton – Etowah High School

**Creative Decision Making – National JAG Top 10 Award Winner**
- Headland High School – Haleigh Richardson, Deanna Loyd, Kaylen Nell, and Alyssa Hall

**Employability Skills – National Award**
- 1st Place – Emilee Pierce – Blount County Career Tech Center

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- 3rd Place – Meigs Roberts – Headland High School
- National Top 10 – Sabrina Crysell – Highland Home High School

**Financial Literacy – National JAG Top 10 Award Winner**
- Dalton Hunter – New Hope High School

**NCA Knowledge Bowl**
- 1st Place – Highland Home High School – Cheyenne Kinman, Savannah Edgar, Amber Majors, and Dayanna Acosta
- Top 10 – Central High School – Caleb Risner, Alex LeClair, Kaden Miller, and Garrett Myers
- Top 10 – Morgan County Schools Technology Park – William Shaneyfelt, Cody Walker, Gabe Parrish, and Rainie Phelps

**Prepared Speaking – National JAG Top 10 Award Winner**
- Grace Dean – Highland Home High School
- Jeremiah Richardson – Conecuh County Schools Workforce Development Center
- Elijah Frost – Blount County Career Tech Center

**Project Based Learning Showcase – National JAG Top 10 Award Winner**
- Straughn High School – Jaycie Coleman, Summer Brown, Shaylee Harrison, and Cameron Wambles
- New Hope High School – Santina Collier, Reynan Prince, Olivia Schrimsher, and Destiny Morrison

**Outstanding State Chapter – Blount County Career Tech Center**

**NCA Service Project** – Blount County Career Tech Center
(This program now has over 500 community service hours)

**Additional Information**

*Jobs for Alabama’s Graduates* pairs students with highly committed JAG Specialists, who provide excellent instruction to help each student through their *personal* journey to earn a high school diploma, secure a quality career, and pursue their college education after high school.

Alabama JAG has seen nearly a 99 percent graduation rate for students - [https://www.alabamajag.org/](https://www.alabamajag.org/)

To learn more about this innovative initiative focused on developing student leadership, academic achievement, and future career success, contact Alabama State Department of Education JAG Coordinator Mandy Nichols at mnichols@ALSDE.edu

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