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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 - <a href="https://jag.org/ncdc/">https://jag.org/ncdc/</a>

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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#### ALABAMA JAG ACHIEVES AT NATIONAL CAREER DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

- 3<sup>rd</sup> 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/

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 <a href="mailto:mnichols@ALSDE.edu">mnichols@ALSDE.edu</a>