



November - I & I Month

On November 17, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. forty students from the JILG Career Development classes were initiated into the Jersey Community High School chapter of the Illinois Career Association.

This year Mr. Steven Davis, Entertainer and Elvis Impersonator, was the guest speaker. Mr. Davis spoke of the challenges the students will face as they strive for their goals. And that their success will not be measured by the amount of money they make or the position they hold; but by how they treated others on the way to reaching their goals.

The officers, Chelsea Long, Ellen Murphy, Jordan Crump, Jessica Modene, Paige Radcliff, and Leah Sherman and all participated in the various speaking parts of the ceremony. Nichole Nevlin, Doris West, Sam Mueller, Matt Kettenbach, Emily Godar, Dan Rogers and Liz Retzer also read short inspirational speeches for the members. Courtney Walsh and Samantha Thornton lead the members and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Dennis Hartman, Ashley Bowman and Nichole Nevlin accompanied on guitar by Stephen Fox and Randy Trisler sang their rendition of the Beatles, "Love, Love, Love".

This year's decorators were Ellen Murphy, Kevin Hans, Mick Wilderman and Megan Mouser.

Mrs. Mindy Murphy prepared our meal, Mrs. Barb Kirbach donated a cake, and other members brought items for our reception.

By Paige Radcliff



The members enter to "Time of My Life", sung by David Cook, American Idol.



Mr. Steven Davis, I & I Speaker
Mr. Davis stated that he does 420 gigs as Elvis, this was his first as Steve Davis



The Pinning of our new ICA Members

Guest Speakers

This month, Karyn Lutz from Ranken Tech spoke to the students about the benefits of attending Ranken, the various courses offered, how to apply for and finance an education at Ranken.



Karyn Lutz, Ranken Tech

Staff Sergeant James Proffitt, U.S. Air Force, spoke to the students about the requirements to enter the Air Force, as well as the various careers available in the Air Force. Sgt. Proffitt took the students through an expenditure exercise to demonstrate the cost of college compared to an on the job education in the Air Force.



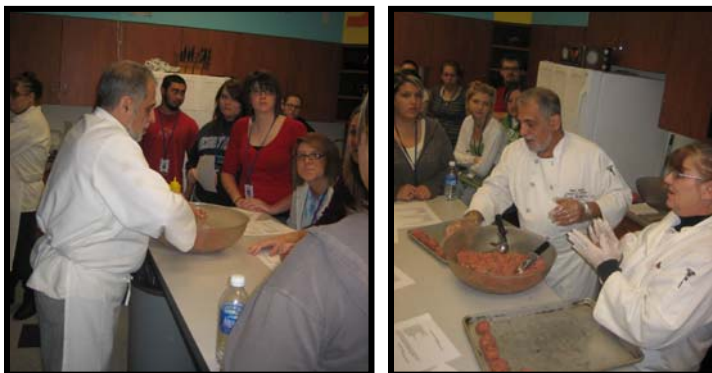
Sgt. Proffitt, Courtney Walsh and Liz Retzer

Staff Sergeant Scott Blech, U.S. Marine Corps, spoke to the students about being a Marine, about the need for intelligent, healthy and civic minded individuals to enlist as a Marine, and the benefits of being a Marine.

Mrs. Emilee Schnefke, Patricia Stevens College, spoke to the students about the courses offered at Patricia Stevens, the job placement opportunities they offer and the value of earning a post-secondary degree, diploma or certificate.



Emilee Schnefke, Patricia Stevens College



We love having Chef Gabe as a Guest Speaker!!

Service Learning

From November 3rd through the 13th, the JILG Career Development classes held a fund-raiser for the American Red Cross Hurricane and Flood Relief. The fund-raiser was made into a competition between the JCHS 2nd period classes. It was called the "Pennies vs. Silver War". The JILG students passed out collection jars, boxes and containers to the faculty requesting they allow students to deposit pennies. Each penny earned the class a point toward victory, however, if another class added silver coins to the pennies, points were deducted.

The 2nd period Career Development students collected the containers daily and would begin counting the coins. The 3rd period Career Development students completed counting and returned the containers daily.

The JCHS students really got involved in the competition. It was quite a competition between Mrs. Morgan's English class and Mrs. Kapetanovich's Math class. At the end of the fund raiser, Mrs. Morgan's class had donated a total of 19,641 points or \$196.41, Mrs. Kapetanovich's class donated 11,810 points or \$118.10 and Mrs. Brunaugh's math class donated 10,409 points or \$104.09.

The service learning project collected nearly \$900 for the American Red Cross. Mrs. Morgan's class earned a donut party hosted by the JILG students.

Upon completion of the project the JILG students reflected upon this fund-raiser, why it was chosen, the need for community involvement, how they felt being a part of something that will help others, and if they thought the project was worth their time and effort.



Megan Mouser and Mick Wilderman counting coins



This was just after the first week. The second week was just as full.

