

Kenwood Urban-Rural Policy Exchange

By: Jenae Brown

The Urban-Rural Policy Exchange sponsored by State Senator Kwame Raoul of the 13th Legislative District and Country Financial was a life changing experience. The trip to Jefferson County cleared up a lot of misconceptions. When the word rural is said, people automatically think of farmers in overalls in southern states. When actually, there are rural communities right here in Illinois and farmers who dress just like we do. They are not the hay chewing stereotypical farmers we may know from television. People we met on this trip were hard working, and have many of the same joys and concerns as we do.

I traveled to Jefferson County along with my JILG classmate Thomas Lenoir, III along with three other Kenwood students. We visited three schools in the area. One thing we noticed when comparing our school experiences is that the system in Jefferson

our school alone.

Our visit to Jefferson County left us with several points to discuss upon our return to Kenwood and share with our friends. Along with talking about the school system, we also told people about our observations in the Justice Center and jailing system.

In sum, we had a great learning experience doing things we would never do in the city like riding on a combine or visiting a silo and grain collection facility. This was the beginning of a great exchange, and we are looking forward to the experience our counterparts will have when they visit Chicago later this month!



County is much less protective. In a school of 1500 students, there is only one security person patrolling the entire high school campus whereas here at Kenwood, in the city, we have many security guards and on-duty police officers at

State Legislators Visit PORTA JILG

When Senator Bomke came to talk to PORTA JILG, he had a very good vibe. He told us that, "Luck is the key to success, and the harder you work, the better it pays off". He also suggested that we be careful who we hang out with and we should never give up on a goal, because it could pay off in the long run.

Lastly, he said we should

always be enthusiastic in a job or in an interview. Overall, he is my favorite guest speaker that has come to talk with us JILG students.



PORTA JILG held its annual Initiation and Installation Ceremony on October 27th. Representative Rich Brauer spoke to the members to remind them to set a plan for their future. He challenged them to write down where they want to be in ten, fifteen, and twenty years, and to give that to their teacher.

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DeVry Presents to Antioch JILG



With college right around the corner for the seniors in JILG, the next best thing than visiting a college is having a college visit us. Leea Glasheen, from DeVry University, was nice enough to visit ACHS and give the students a lesson in personality type, career choices, and how to pick the right college.

To get the students more involved in the presentation, each of us got to use a palm pilot. With the palm pilot each student went through a series of questions to help figure out our individual personality types. After eve-

ryone knew what their personality type was, a list of jobs was matched to our personality. Even though our first choice job might not have been on the list, it still gave the students an idea of where they would best fit in working America.

Ms. Glasheen also taught us how to pick the right college. She went through what would be done on a college visit and what questions we should keep in mind. Some of the questions were, "what will you do for me after graduating to get a job" and "how many students did you

place in this work area last year".

After going through jobs, statistics, and college choices, Leea ended her presentation by handing out information cards and giving each student a bracelet to match their personality type. The students in JILG learned a lot of important information from this visitor and will benefit in the long run from meeting her. College is right around the corner and Ms. Glasheen made it that much easier on us by showing us her presentation.



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Benton Student of the Month: Hannah Bradshaw

Hannah Bradshaw has been selected as our student of the month for October. Hannah is an outstanding young lady with a tremendous amount of potential.

Not only is Hannah in JILG, and headed of to college very soon, but she is also becoming very active in her community. Hannah has been selected to serve on Representative John Bradley's Youth Advisory

Council has arranged for him to speak at our upcoming Initiation and Installa-

tion Ceremony.

Congratulations Hannah and we would like to wish you all the best!



Little Caesar's Collaborates with East St. Louis



Mr. John Thornton, Owner/Operator, of the newly opened Little Caesar's in East St. Louis, IL has agreed to make the East St. Louis High School JILG Program his official source for potential teenaged employees.

Mr. Thornton met with Ms. Loretta Brock-Longstreet, E. St. Louis High Career Specialist. He informed Ms. Brock-Longstreet that he was impressed with the quality of

the students who he had interviewed from the JILG program, and he asked Ms. Brock-Longstreet if the program would continuously send students for training and employment.

Five JILG students are currently employed with 15 more in training. There are 45 students in the JILG Program at E. St. Louis High this year and the potential for all who are unemployed

to work at Little Caesar's is very possible. Mr. Thornton said that once all the JILG students has been trained, he would like the Ms. Brock-Longstreet to recommend other Career Technical Education students from the school.

Good Luck to Mr. Thornton, and thank you for the wonderful opportunity.

Anna-Jonesboro Visits Southern Illinois University

On Thursday October 23, students participating in the JILG programs throughout southern Illinois were given the opportunity to learn more about Southern Illinois University at Carbondale (SIUC). After a general session at the SIUC Student Center, students attended various informative sessions given by professors from the various departments within the College of Applied Sciences and Arts (CASA). The Allied Health Department

provided information about Dental Hygiene, Technology, Physical Therapy Assistant, Mortuary Science, Physician Assistant, Radiological Sciences, Respiratory Therapy, and Health Care Management programs. The Architecture Department shared information about Architectural Studies, Interior Design, Fashion Design and Merchandising. The Information Systems and Applied Technologies and Transportation Department

explained the many career options students have within their departments.

A campus tour was given following the CASA sessions. A buffet lunch was served at Trueblood Dining Hall. After lunch, students toured the Student Center, then boarded buses to tour the Aviation Technologies, Aviation Management, and Aviation Flight facilities at the SIU airport.



South Shore Holds Blood Drive

On October 21, 2008, the School of the Arts and the School of Technology at South Shore Campus held a blood drive. The blood drive was a way for us to save three lives with every pint of blood donated. Also, we earned ten service learning hours for giving blood, as well. The students showed how committed they were to such a good cause by sitting in lengthy lines and enduring begin poked with large needles

several times. All in all we had about 60 students donate and saved 150 lives in the process. For a school like ours where there is a high population of piercings and tattoos, we did a wonderful job.

Mr. Todd, from Life Source, said, "I love coming here to this school and watching these kids make a difference. One student has even interned with us because of her

dedication to donating blood."

We here at the School of the Arts make differences everyday.

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EDMUND BURKE**

Kelly Attends the UIC Youth Empowerment Day

On October 28, 2008 Kelly JILG members attended University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) for Youth Empowerment Day. At UIC, there were speakers talking to us about how we should be getting prepared for college, things we would need and what they recommended us to have. I learned that even if you do not meet the minimum college requirements, you still have a slight chance of getting in if you

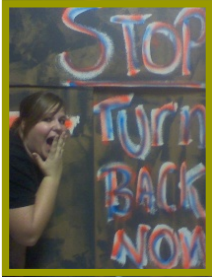
are a hard-working person and if you participated in after school activities.

After their presentations, Latinos were called for a quick meeting. In that meeting we found out that undocumented students could attend college and that there are a lot of sponsors willing to give scholarship to students who are willing to attend college and make something of themselves. At

the end of the day, they gave us food we could enjoy. Before we left, the staff from UIC asked Mr. Ventura, JILG- Multi-year Specialist, if we would like a quick tour of the campus. Mr. Ventura accepted the invitation. At the end we finally left UIC to return to Kelly. It was a lot of fun. Maybe in the near future some of the JILGsters will be students at University of Illinois at Chicago.



Nashville Community Service: A Fun Learning Experience



October was an interesting month for Nashville community service activities, all of which took place at the Community Center of Nashville.

Students began with the 3rd Annual Benefit Dinner for the Community Center. JILG was responsible for assisting with dinner and the silent auction. Between the silent auction and the live auction, the students were invited to perform with the

band on stage. This was definitely a highlight of the evening.

The following weekend, JILG students returned to assist the Community Center with a concession stand for their 1st Annual Seniorama. They returned the next day to work a different concession stand for the Lion's Club and Lighthouse Church during their Halloween Carnival.

The last week of the month was spent designing an elaborate haunted house under the direction of Rick Harris and members of the Nashville Moose. It is difficult to tell which the students enjoyed more: decorating the haunted house or scaring the visitors on Halloween.

TF North Visits South Suburban College



If someone were to ask the students here at TF North about South Suburban College (SSC), many would say it is a mere extension of our high school and that it doesn't have much to offer. However, JILG students attended a campus tour and financial aid workshop that drastically changed the minds of several students in the program.

During the trip students participated in an intensive financial aid seminar where

they discussed the various components of financial aid and the procedures in applying for it. Scholarship applications were also discussed. While many thought a scholarship could only be received for high academics or for athletics, they soon learned that scholarships are out there for EVERYONE, you just have to know where to look.

Students were allowed to ask questions not only to the

financial aid officer but to current SSC students as well.

After the seminar, students took a tour of the campus, which included the career center, television and production studio, medical assisting program, building and construction, and athletics/ fitness center. Students left the trip with a very different feeling of the campus and what it has to offer...and are now beginning to consider it as an option.

Jacksonville Students Help in Hospital Drill

By: Alex Zumak, Reporter



Quake run hurry!! On Tuesday, October 21, the JILG class went to Passavant Area Hospital for the surprise earthquake drill. We were given mock names and injuries. We entered the hospital at different entrances and were helped by nurses and doctors with our injuries. Even though the scene became hectic, the staff was

nice and the nurses made it fun for us. After the drill, we sat down with the hospital drill team and gave our comments about the drill. We were treated with soda and cookies. Thank you Passavant Area Hospital staff.

Freeport Guest Speakers

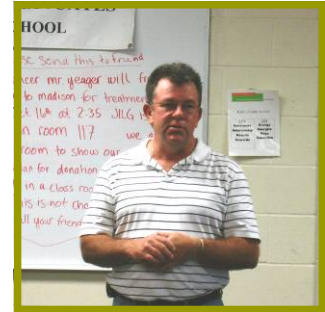
By: Dustin Virtue

We are fortunate to have guest speakers come to visit our classroom and teach us about their jobs. The guest speakers for this past month were Kevin Countryman, Rick Luy, and Scott Anderson. Kevin Countryman, the Fire Chief of Freeport, and Rick Luy came in to discuss their jobs as a fire fighter and a paramedic. They also shared the education needed and the skills needed to become a full-time firefighter, which surpris-

ingly takes a lot of skill and work to become a fire fighter and paramedic. Our next guest speaker was Scott Anderson from Highland's Alternative Wind Source technology class, which teaches students about wind energy and how to maintain and work on the wind turbines on wind farms both nationally and internationally. He also shared with us that even if you do not want to work on the wind turbines there are also related fields that revolve around the sales work and industry of wind

turbines and wind farms all around the world. He also shared the outline of the two-year course that is only offered at Highland, and the Intel of the classes. After his presentation he gave students the chance to sign up for his class next year.

As JILG students we are fortunate to have the opportunity for guest speakers to visit us and share their knowledge and experiences from their careers.



FIREFIGHTER, RICK LUY

Danville Student of the Month: Ta'Ler March

Ta'Ler March is a senior at Danville High School, and is the Reporter for the Illinois Career Association. She is active in basketball, volunteering, singing, writing, and teaching Sunday School.

She was selected as an Outstanding Camper at the 2008 Leadership Development Conference in Flora, IL held

on October 1st and 2nd.

She plans on attending Parkland College to major in religious studies. She also intends on playing basketball for the Cobras.

Her career goal is to become an Evangelist with her own ministry.

Congratulations to Ta'Ler!!!



JILGapalooza

An important part of success is having the capability of working with people from a variety of backgrounds. This year the Career Specialists from school districts 215 and 210 brought their students together for a teambuilding workshop.

JILGapalooza, was derived from a teambuilding workshop that district 215 JILG has done for the past four years. This year however, the south suburban schools thought it would be a great idea to bring four JILG chap-

ters together. The students from the four schools were broken into groups that were a combination of all of the chapters, and were required to partake in the day's activities with their groups.

To begin the day, students listened to Matt Kalita of Everest College who spoke to the students about becoming successful in their post high school endeavors. After the presentation, students ate lunch with their groups before participating in the many teambuilding activities.

Some of the activities included, "meteor mission", "team-walker", "people island", "magic carpet" and "over, under and through"...all of the activities required the students to utilize a variety of skills he or she will later use in the workplace. Communication is key to working with others and also understanding that regardless of what your background may be everyone can work together and become successful.



"IF YOU CAN

IMAGINE IT, YOU

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IT."

WILLIAM ARTHUR

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Litchfield JILG Raises Over \$3000 for Coats for Kids

Coats for Kids 2008 was a big success at Litchfield High School (LHS) as the JILG students collected \$3078 for the Living Stones Church, which sponsors Coats for Kids each year. With this money, 30 area children were taken shopping for winter coats, gloves, scarves, and clothes on Saturday, November 1st.

Preparations for the fundraiser began on Friday, October 17th as JILG students made and hung posters to advertise the coming fundraising effort. On Monday, October 20th the students prepared and delivered buckets to each teacher who had a 3rd hour class.

On Tuesday, October 21st, students in the 3rd hour JILG class went to the class-

rooms to collect the donations. They then counted, rolled, and recorded all money collected.

The job of the 4th hour class was to record the tally marks on the poster outside the



JILG office each day. By doing this, the students at LHS could see which class was in the lead in bringing in donations. The 4th hour students also made paper chains to give to the teachers

each day to show their progress. A teacher got one link for every 25 cents donated.

At the end of the fundraiser, the class that brought in the most money won a pizza party. In addition, all of the students' names in the class, plus the teacher's name, was put into a drawing for a \$25 gas card. The second place prize was to be a doughnut party and the third place prize was to be a cookie party. However, Ms. Kloss awarded a pizza party to both the 1st and 2nd place classes. "Both classes worked so hard the past two weeks. Combined, these two classes brought in half of our total donation," said Ms. Kloss. "Both classes deserve pizza!"