

2008-2009 Participating Schools and Career Specialists

Alton High School- Tim Melton, Jennifer Peoples
 Amundsen High School- Amy Lekan
 Anna-Jonesboro High School- Cory Miller
 Antioch Community High School- Ryan Hlinak
 Belleville East High School- Patty Watkins
 Belleville West High School- Roxane Dinga
 Benito Juarez Community Academy- Vanessa Puentes
 Benton High School- Justin Groves
 Christian Fenger Academy- Mike Miller
 Crane Tech Prep- Andy Johnson
 Danville High School- John Brusveen
 Decatur Eisenhower High School- Tayisha Nelson
 Decatur MacArthur High School- Nicole Jackson
 East Richland High School- Shannon Winters
 East St. Louis High School- Loretta Brock Longstreet
 Eldorado High School- Donnie Cox
 Evergreen Academy
 Flora High School- Bob McNeely
 Freeport High School- Diane Regan, Wendy Erbsen
 Goreville High School- Kimberly Howard
 Herrin High School- Shawn Banks
 Highland Community Unit School- Bob Vance
 Jacksonville High School- Jamie Behrends
 Jersey Community High School- Connie Springman
 John F. Kennedy High School- James Hanak
 Kelly High School- Daniela Serrano, Raul Ventura
 Kenwood Academy- Sydney Hannah-Holliday
 Lawrenceville High School- Francie Scott
 Lincoln-Way Central High School- Dustin Waddell
 Lincoln-Way East High School- Coley O'Connell
 Litchfield High School- Karla Kloss
 Madison High School- Larry Dunn
 Marion High School- Tyler Patton
 Massac County High School- Richard Corse
 Murphysboro High School- James Wells
 Nashville Community High School- Michelle Goostree
 Porta High School- Lisa Wilhite
 Red Hill High School- Mike Shappard
 Robinson High School- Amy Hannahs, Bob Duzan
 Roosevelt High School- Michael Harrigan
 Saucedo Scholastic Academy-
 Sesser-Valier High School- Mike Sample
 South Shore- School of Technology- Colleen Cleary
 South Shore- School of the Arts- Einnaf Smith
 Springfield High School- Brian Neighbors
 Springfield Lanphier High School- Dave Roberts
 Springfield Southeast High School- Sue Haptonstahl
 Thompsonville High School- Kyle Hobbs
 Thornton Fractional North High School- Michelle Koppitz
 Thornton Fractional South High School- Matthew Williams
 Tilden Career Community Academy- Albert Hasan
 Vienna High School- Rosalie Corse
 Wendell Phillips Academy- Epluribus Mays
 Zion Benton High School- Tim Knight

Welcome Back!

We are happy to have our 55 Jobs for Illinois Graduates (JILG) programs returning to school and offer a special welcome to the 3 programs joining our ranks.

We want all of our programs to be successful and believe that the community and administration of the schools play a key role.

The main objectives of the JILG program is to help students graduate high school, successfully enter the workforce, college or military and place them on the path for future success.

In order to meet the needs of today's employers, the JILG curriculum consists of 37 competencies presented in a classroom setting, and promotes the development of both personal and employability skills.

All JILG participants belong to the Illinois Career Association, a student-led organization in which students accomplish leadership development, good citizenship, social development and career preparation goals. Students also participate in service learning projects in their community on behalf of their chapter.

We feel that partnerships between JILG and community organizations and employers would greatly benefit the students involved in the JILG programs.

Please feel free to contact the Career Specialist at your local school to find out more about becoming involved with the JILG program.

We look forward to the 2008- 2009 School Year and to sharing our success with you!

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What Do You Hope to Gain from JILG?

"Mostly, I am looking forward to the knowledge and confidence I will gain by the time it is all through".

- Brandi Tracy, East Richland HS

"I think JILG has given us all a great opportunity to gain better friends, a better understanding of ourselves, and a great start on our future careers."

- Paige Radcliff, Jersey Community HS

"Even though I am 6'6", I have a fear about applying for a job that I need to get over. I think Jobs for Illinois Graduates can do this for me."

- Jacob Hillary, Red Hill High School

"My main goals for being in JILG are to get myself into a good college and become a better speaker. As my momma and I always say, I must do everything necessary to succeed 'by all means'."

- Ariel Burnes, Southeast HS (Springfield)

"I expect to get a full understanding of how to conduct myself in a workplace, which jobs would help benefit me in the future, and how to write a resume. This class is very beneficial because it prepares me for what's to come."

- Samone Walson, School of Technology (Chicago)

"I want to do something that will make me able to help people that are going through rough times in their life. Hopefully by being in this class, I can get some help with these things, and maybe my college years will be a little bit easier on me."

- Meredith Thacker, Robinson High School

"This seems like a great class with amazing opportunities and I am looking forward to this year."

- Maggie Coffey, Litchfield High School

"I hope to learn how to write a resume, and perform well on a job interview. Also I want to learn how to properly fill out a college application, and learn real life skills such as how to purchase a house and car".

-Georgia Foster, Tilden Career Community Academy (Chicago)

"I want to learn how to represent myself better. I need to know how to prepare myself for life after high school and choose a college that fits me."

- Destani Mathis, Belleville West HS

"I look forward to seeing my students communicate and work with other students whom they might not always associate with and through the process watch how their leadership skills develop."

- Raul Ventura, Career Specialist, Kelly HS (Chicago)

"Being a member of this class will hopefully help me with skills necessary for a success future. JILG will help me develop a sense of direction in terms of what I want to do with my life. JILG will serve as a starting point for getting a good job that I enjoy. It will teach me a lot of useful information that I will be able to use now and also in the future."

- Jesse Cafin, Robinson HS

"I am looking forward to getting to know a

new group of students and watching them mature into young adults. This is my favorite part of being a JILG Career Specialist."

- Diane Regan, Career Specialist, Freeport HS

"Getting out into the real world is inevitable and intimidating. I hope JILG helps me conquer my fears about the future".

- Morgan Wilson, Jacksonville HS

- Nick Benedict, Sesser-Valier HS



Meet Some of Our New Faces



Ms. Karla Kloss is Litchfield High School's new JILG Career Specialist for the 2008-2009 school year. She has "big shoes" to fill, she said, as she has taken the position that was left vacant when Mr. Brian Neighbors took the Career Specialist position at Springfield High School.

"This first year, as I am learning the program, I just want to maintain the program at the same quality level at which Brian left it to me. He put a lot of time and hard work into JILG while he was here, and I just want to maintain, then build on his program," Ms. Kloss said.

"The kids in the program this year have been wonderful so far. I feel very fortunate to be coming into a strong program with wonderful students."

Ms. Kloss's teaching background is in English, speech, and psychology. She taught at Staunton High School in the early 1990's. When her first son was born, she resigned her position to stay home with him and his subsequent two younger brothers. "After staying home with my boys for many years, then substitute teaching for a few years, I am extremely happy and excited to be back into teaching—especially here at LHS!"



Ms. Tayisha M. Nelson, M.S. Ed, CCDF is the new Career Specialist at Eisenhower High School in Decatur. She introduced herself in her school's monthly newsletter .

I am excited to become apart of the JILG mission. One of my professional and personal goals is to help students achieve and become successful, prosperous and healthy members of society. Many students have potential, but not all take the time and energy to put forth the effort to succeed. Success takes a lot of hard work and motivation.

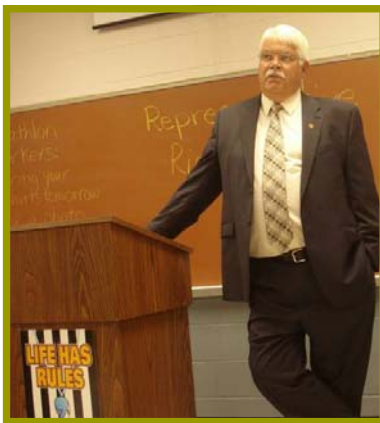
Couple that with meeting the right people, any barrier can be overcome. I am determined to be available to my students to make sure they are equipped with the tools to meet each and every goal that is established. I will use my skills as a former Health teacher and a certified Global Career Development Facilitator to empower my students to achieve to their greatest potential.

I am delighted that I've been chosen to facilitate this experience and I'm and expecting this to be an awesome year!!

"Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice; it is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved."

Winston Churchill

Representative Brauer Visits PORTA JILG



By: Zayin Kienzler

Representative Rich Brauer came to speak to PORTA JILG students on August 27th.

When Representative Rich Brauer spoke for our JILG class, he got straight to the point. When he asked the PORTA JILG students what they wanted to do, a lot gave a good solid answer. For those who did-

n't, he made them realize that they have to start thinking about the future. It was harsh to hear, but it was very true.

Anna- Jonesboro Students Register to Vote

Bobby Toler, Union County Clerk, visited Anna-Jonesboro JILG on Friday, August 29. He came to give students information on why they should vote, registered students to vote, and explained the different types of voting. He explained absentee voting and voting at the polling place. He also gave reason why students should vote. He said, "As a citizen you would feel like you made an impact on the election if you voted. Your thoughts count!" To register to vote, you must be 18 and have a valid ID or drivers license.





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Student of the Month: Mark Garcia, of Thornton Fractional North HS

After graduation many high school seniors take a little vacation from their hectic scheduled, however, Mark Garcia, a recent graduate of Thornton Fractional North High School, packed his bags for the biggest move of his life. Shortly after he graduated, Mark uprooted himself from his home in Calumet City, Illinois and moved to the beautiful paradise of Hawaii. As he left his family and friends behind here in Illinois, he was excited and anxious to begin his new life.

Two days after he landed in the tropical paradise he now calls "home", Mark began to look for a job. Uncertain of where to

go, he decided to stop in the International House of Pancakes (IHOP) restaurant to see if they were hiring. Mark had worked at IHOP during his high school years. Much to his amazement, they were in fact looking for servers. When he turned in his application, the

Ms. Koppitz's JILG interview training helped in the process!

After he worked there for a few weeks, Mark's Manager pulled him aside and told him about a management position that is going to open in December. The Manager asked if Mark would be interested in the position, and Mark jumped at the opportunity. He cannot wait to begin yet another

adventure. Congratulations to Mark, we are very proud of your accomplishments!

We will certainly visit you at the IHOP if we make it down to Hawaii!



Manager was surprised to see that Mark had previous experience with the company. Mark was interviewed on the spot and was immediately offered the job. We are certain