

Belleville West High School JilG

Jobs for Illinois Graduates

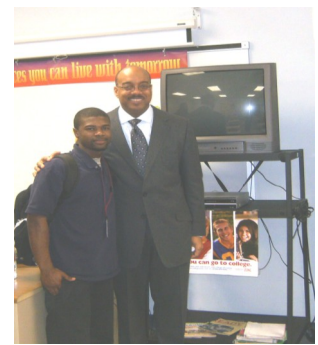
Senator Clayborne Visits Belleville West

Special points of interest:

- March 6th field trip to SIU-E for tour and career fair.
- March 26th field trip to Southwestern Illinois College to take placement test .
- April 29th Career Development Conference in Effingham.

On Friday, February 6th, Senator James Clayborne came to Belleville West to speak to the Jilg classes. Senator Clayborne was an inspiration to the students. He is a living example of how hard work and perseverance can lead to success in life. He told the students about how he worked hard in high school to get good grades because he knew his parents could not afford to pay for college. He knew he had to not only be good, but

he had to be excellent. Because of his hard work he earned scholarships and was able to earn his bachelors degree, and then eventually his law degree. He told them about the wonderful things he has been able to do in life because of his hard work. One of those things was attending the inauguration of Barack Obama. The students also thought it was very cool that he has attended ten of the last Super Bowl games. Senator Clay-



Senator James Clayborne and Jilg student Eddie Lacey

borne is indeed a role model for students. They can see first hand how hard work pays off in life.

STUDENTS PERFECT INTERVIEWING SKILLS



Jill Ott from Regions Bank speaks to students about interviewing.

Much of the month of February was spent on job interviewing skills. The interview process proved to be stressful for even the most confident students. Students learned what to do before, during and after an interview. They learned how important preparation and research was before going to

the interview. Each student had to choose a job for their mock interview. Students practiced their answers for the traditional questions as well as the behavioral questions. Each student was videotaped for the interview, so they had a chance to view themselves. Human Resource Manager, Jill Ott,

came to West to speak to students about the interview process. She told students how she handles resumes and interviews and what she expects from her job candidates. She stressed the importance of a mistake free resume, proper appearance, a firm handshake and promptness as well as good communication skills.

DRESS FOR SUCCESS



LaDonna Thurston from Dress for Success.



Turn Clocks Forward
One Hour Sunday Morning



Since February was the month of the job interview, it was important for the students to understand the importance of proper appearance for the interview. Ladonna Thurston from “Dress for Success” was a guest speaker in the Jilg classes in February. Dress for Success is a non-profit organization that works

with low income women and helps them transition into the work force. Each Dress for Success client receives one suit for an interview. If she lands the job she is given a second suit to wear to work. There is also an organization that serves the men. Miles Wallner, from Gear Up, also came in and

spoke to the men about their clothing. They are also a non for profit organization that supplies men with a free outfit for a job interview. Both organizations work with clients on a referral basis. There is no cost for the service.



WHAT IS SENIORITIS?

What is Senioritis? It is a common term heard during the last semester of senior year. Colleen Thomas, from ITT tech, came to West and gave a presentation to help our seniors avoid the pitfalls of Senioritis. She focused on the dreams students have for the future. What kind of house will you have?

What car will you drive? She tried to get the students to dream big, and then realize the only way to reach these dreams was to work hard and stay focused their senior year and not be bit by the senioritis bug. Students had fun imagining their futures and sharing what they would put in their “dream home”. Plasma TV's were a

popular item, along with swimming pools, hot tubs and expensive cars. As the warm weather approaches we all know how difficult it is to stay on track. Hopefully, after this presentation seniors will realize how important this last semester is for their future.

JILG STUDENTS JOB SHADOW

The Jilg students had an opportunity to Job Shadow in a career of their choosing. This gives the students a chance to find out first hand about a career. They can work with someone for one day to find out if they are

truly interested in this career. Many students have taken advantage of this opportunity, they are; Daphne Willis and Valencia Eggleston shadowed a first and second grade teacher, Jessica Brookens spent a morning at Belleville Ani-

mal clinic working as a vet tech, Chris Manning and Tonyka Gates job shadowed an Occupational Therapist at Swansea Rehab. Alicia Harrison and Vaonna Johnson also job shadowed at Swansea Rehab. Andrea Piat spent the day at a Bankruptcy court as a paralegal.



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