

Lanphier High School JilG Newsletter

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JilG Students Last Visit to Du Bois Elementary School

JilG students from Lanphier visited Du Bois Elementary School for the last time for the 2008-2009 school year on May 19th. The reading program began in early October and the high school students have been visiting Du Bois just about every Tuesday for the entire year. Mrs. Rectenwale at Du Bois, along with Mr. Roberts, plan on continuing the program next year since it was a huge success this year. The JilG students enjoyed their weekly visits and were able to forge a relationship with “their” students. Mrs. Rectenwale said her students absolutely loved and looked forward to the high schoolers coming over. She also stated that the JilG students did a tremendous job. The last day turned out to be a near perfect day allowing the students, young and old, to read Winn Dixie outside and enjoy cookies and Popsicles. This program turned out to be a great experience for all students involved. In all, over 20 JilG students took part. By: Cassandra Gronau

Crash Reenactment

A crash reenactment took place at Lanphier High School on the 29th of April. Several JilG students played the part of injured or dead crash victims. Those students taking part were Katie Priddy, Brittany Smith, Sly Hardy, Cassandra Gronau, and Ikeem Mattison. Several other JilG students attended because of their previous commitment to the ongoing “Operation Teen Safe Driving” program that Lanphier has been involved with all year. The event was co-sponsored by Bank First and SIU School of Medicine.



Top Teen Finalist Ikeem Mattison

Lanphier High School's JilG program has been blessed with a State Journal Register Top Teen Award finalist for the second year in a row. Ikeem Mattison, Service Coordinator for the Lanphier Chapter of the Illinois Career Association, was honored at a ceremony at the SJ-R on May 19th. The finalists were selected by members of the SJ-R's "The Voice" section based on service to their families, schools, and community. Ikeem was nominated by JilG specialist Dave Roberts. He has completed over 120 hours of service this year and is directly accountable for many other hours by getting his peers to volunteer. He is also very involved in school activities and has been a huge help at home with his younger siblings. Thank you Ikeem for your service to everyone around you.



Insurance



Mary Pat and Marilyn Tate spent time out of their busy day on May 19th to discuss different types of insurance to Lanphier JilG and ICE students. The ladies discussed health, disability, renters, and life insurance with the students. They were taught the value of having at least minimal coverage and discussed some of the basics of the many types of insurance. Students were given examples of the types of rates they may expect at their young age, which was a rude awakening for some of the teens!

Navy

Navy recruiter, AW2 Matthew Nikkel, spoke to JilG students on May 12th. Matt gave the students a presentation titled "MATTERS". This stands for: money, adventure, training, travel, education, recreation, and success. A new recruit can expect to make \$1400 dollars a month when first joining. The Navy will pay for college which is an added benefit. Most people in the navy travel to many places while active, and can leave the service well trained in a particular field. AW2 Nikkel told interesting stories about his job as a search and rescue swimmer and the places he has visited. More information about the Navy can be attained by going to their website at www.navy.com, calling 1-800-usa-navy or calling locally at (217) 787-6433.



JilG Funding in Question for 2009-2010

Jobs for Illinois Graduates, like many programs statewide, is facing possible elimination from the state budget next year. Lanphier High School will continue the program regardless of funding, but on a limited basis. Many of the components of JilG which differentiates it from other programs such as the year of student follow up will not be possible without funding. Other cuts include students not attending leadership and career development conferences. Hopefully the program can be saved at the last minute when the state budget is eventually passed!! It has been a great experience and I hope others get the chance to experience JilG as it has been the past three years. Cassie Gronau

Wal-Mart

Wal-Mart recently made a generous donation of \$30,000 to help fund JiG statewide. The presentation was made at Lanphier High School on May 26th. Present were JiG President Michelle Trueblood, Vice President Tom Welch, Wal-Mart representatives, along with Springfield High specialist Brian Neighbors, Southeast specialist Sue Haptonstahl, and Lanphier specialist Dave Roberts. The three high schools also were well represented with officers from their respective programs. Students in attendance from LHS were; Katie Priddy, Brittany Smith, Heather Davis, Kenzie Seitz, and Ikeem Mattison. JiG appreciates the support from Wal-Mart and the fact that they deem JiG a program well worth funding.



Justin Smith



Smith is Gold

Justin Smith, LHS JiG student, took home first place in the 100 and 200 meter dash at the 2A state track meet. Justin broke the state record for the 200 with his time of 21.6. Justin also finished 2nd in the long jump and ran on the LHS 4 X 100 relay that took 6th place. Justin has been very active in JiG this year having been involved with service activities like Crop Walk for Hunger, Adopt A Street, Central Illinois Food bank, and Red Cross. Justin has also attended the Career Development Conference, and opened up the Lanphier Career Association I and I ceremony in November by leading the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Justin will attend Indiana State and compete in track and major in criminal justice. Ikeem Mattison, JiG service coordinator, ran on the 4 X 400 relay which placed sixth in the last event of the meet. The sixth place finish in the relay gave Lanphier a 3rd place finish in the meet.