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LRTC JMG provides JOY to L/A youth!

Seven non-profits serving youth in Lewiston/Auburn were awarded grants totaling \$6,000 on Wednesday, May 19th at Lewiston High School. A crowd of JMG students, parents, Specialists, LRTC staff, and local and state congressional representatives gathered to celebrate the JOY grant recipients.

JMG's Jumpstart Our Youth (JOY) philanthropy initiative is a collaboration between the Unity Foundation and JMG with the goal of teaching students the value of giving. Each JMG program in the state (60 total) is provided \$1,000 by the Unity Foundation to give to non-profits serving youth in their local communities.

After learning about philanthropy through classroom curriculum, including news articles, activities, films, and classroom discussions, students participate in various community service projects and invite additional non-profits into their classrooms to learn about the services they provide. Through sending out requests for proposals (RFP) students learn about the grant process. Based on the proposed projects, students then make their decisions on what organizations they feel will best serve youth with their grants.

For 2010, LRTC JMG chose to provide grants to: Volunteers of America Homeless Intervention and Transitional Living Programs to support the development of their Living Skills classes; Tri-County Mental Health Services for their youth services; and to the Maine Chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation to continue granting wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses in Lewiston.

Additional JOY grants were awarded at the event to Lewiston Public Library, Root Cellar, Abused Women's Advocacy Program (AWAP) and Big Brothers Big Sisters by Lewiston Middle School and Aspiring for Careers and Education (ACE) JMG students.

JMGers win together!

On Wednesday, April 28th, twenty-four JMG juniors and seniors attended the Career Development Conference (CDC) in Augusta. This conference provides the opportunity for students to demonstrate what they've learned throughout the year. They get the opportunity to compete in a variety of events, including interviewing, team challenge, and public speaking. This year LRTC JMG students brought home five trophies! 1st place for Marketplace, and 3rd place in Interviewing, Prepared Speech, JOY Presentation and Jeopardy. Way to go LRTC!!!

More photos from CDC online at facebook.com/jmgmaine



LRTC JMG Senior named national scholar



Delan Fulgham was recently named a 2010 Smith Scholar by Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) and will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. Delan, a first generation college student, will attend Central Maine Community College in the fall, continuing his studies in Business Administration. Congrats and good luck Delan!

"For several years I had my own lemonade stand outside of my grandparent's house. My little brother and I would stay out in front of the house for hours, flagging cars down and asking people to buy our lemonade. It worked! Car after car would stop for a nice, cold glass of our summer special. The thrill of making money excited me and I often sought opportunities to make that happen."

-Read Delan's entire essay by following the "2010 Smith Scholars" newslink at www.jag.org.

Madison JMG performs roadside service



Madison Area Memorial High School JMG Specialist Matt Friedman and his students held a Community Service Day on April 16, which involved roadside clean up.

Twenty-four of Mr. Friedman's JMG students picked up trash on the first mile of Route 201A from the Madison town line toward Norridgewock. In three hours, the hard-working group collected 25 contractor-size bags of garbage, 10 tires, two full-size chairs, and the grill of a late model Chevy truck.

Mr. Friedman says he is "very proud of my kids for this effort."

JMG Success Story

Sean Locke - 2009 JMG Graduate South Portland High School

Never give in. Never give up. Those are words to live by, certainly. To Sean Locke, a 2009 graduate of Randy Inosencio's South Portland High School JMG class, those words were the slogan for his senior year of high school.

"I still wear the bracelet Mr. Inosencio gave me with [that] slogan," Locke says. "It's a reminder to me of all that I have accomplished, especially my graduation in 2009."

JMG caught up with Locke recently at its Urban Adventure event in Portland. Urban Adventure is an event put on by Unum for 8th graders in JMG's Project Reach program. Locke was a DJ for the dance that was part of the evening activities at Urban Adventure. For him, it was a labor of love.

"I especially like giving back to programs that I have been involved in," he says. "If the kids see me being involved in the community, it shows them that they can do it, too. And you can have fun at it, like DJing is for me."

Locke spent his senior year in Mr. Inosencio's JMG class. "Mr. Inosencio was a positive role model," says Locke. "He helped me get through my senior year of high school by believing in me and teaching me to believe in myself. His classroom was a comfortable place I could go to. I always felt welcome."

During that year, Locke made good use of his time in JMG. He was elected Vice President of his Career Association, and he attended the Career Association's Initiation and Installation Ceremony in November, where "my parents, brother and sisters all came to see me get my JMG officer pin and certificate." Locke also participated in "Walking in Their Shoes," an art exhibit to promote Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and he attended JMG's Career Development Conference, where he helped his school win 2nd place in their region in the Job Application Packet competition.

"Sean was always thinking of creative ways to raise money for our Career Association," says Inosencio. "Although Sean was usually very busy trying to get all of his school work done, I rarely can remember a time that he did not have a big smile on his face. I think most of the students will always remember Sean for the music that he brought to all of our school events. I have enjoyed getting to know Sean over these past couple of years, and look forward to seeing where the future takes him."

Now out on his own, Locke has his own business as a part-time DJ (his company is called Lockey's DJ Service) and also works 40 hours a week for M&T's Landscaping in South Portland, a job he started last April. "I've been busy," he says, "but I feel very lucky to have landed a job right after high school... I've had a good year."

