

Student Success

Havre SUNS student: *“My greatest high school memory is meeting the Governor on my JMG trip to the Career Conference. I had no idea that I was going to meet her. I achieved a 4.00 through out my whole senior year and was president of my JMG class.”*

Independent Record newspaper article on Helena High JMG student: The (JMG) class opened up a world for her. Since starting in the program, her grade point average jumped from 1.0 to 3.28. She is now on the honor roll, but that isn't all that has changed for her – she now has a future. *“It made me discover I had a talent I didn't know I had,”* she said of her passion for public speaking. *“I really love this program. I see how it's helped my friends and helped me and it's just unbelievable to me.”*

JMG student's letter to Job Specialist: *“When I read your letter, it almost made me cry. Having someone say that they are proud of me means a lot. I can't wait to visit with you when I'm on leave, I will even have a picture for you.”*

JMG student speech: *“High school has been rough on me. I had no idea where I was going in life and I really didn't care. I started hanging out with the wrong crowd. I started drinking because I wanted to fit in. The drinking let to other things like marijuana. It made me feel good. I started going to school high. My grades started dropping and I didn't want to be at school anymore. The more I started drinking, the more depressed I became, and I want to die. I felt there was no reason to live anymore. But then I started talking to the school counselor and another teacher. They both know I was better than that. I joined Jobs for Montana's Graduates at the urging of a student who was in the program last year. She saw some of herself in me and knew I wanted to do better.”*

“I didn’t really know what the class was all about but I knew one thing, it would help me in the future. I’ve already set goals for myself. One goal I have for myself is to graduate from high school. For the last three generations, no girls in my family have graduated from high school. My long-term goals are to graduate from college and become an elementary teacher. No one has ever gone to college in my family. I want to achieve something in life and setting goals is the first step. JMG has taught me that.”

Ernie Flynn nomination for JAG 20th Year Celebration: Ernie participated in the Jobs for Montana’s Graduates program and graduated from Capital High School. Upon graduation, he went to the University of Montana-Missoula where he worked as a Research Assistant at the School of Pharmacy. Ernie worked as an administrative assistant with the Disabled American Veterans where he also attended Montana State University-Billings earning a Bachelor of Science degree. Following graduation, Ernie worked with emotionally disturbed children. In 1998, he accepted a position with Crown Bolt as a merchandiser. He is married and has a son.”

Parental Support

JMG Parent: *“My husband and I feel such strong support for the program. We are so pleased that our daughter had the opportunity to be involved in the program. Before entering JMG, she was a scared little girl with lots of positive attributes but no confidence. Now she is a confident young lady with a “take charge” attitude. It is our belief that every high school student would benefit from the wonderful skills and support that the program provides. We thank you, JMG and all of the other wonderful people who believe in our young people.”*