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Dropout prevention program hosts event to recognize students Jan. 30 event inducts student leaders in Jobs for America's Graduates

LAS VEGAS – Desert Pines High School and the Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) program will host a celebration **Wednesday, Jan. 30, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.**, to induct chapter officers and recognize the more than 30 students participating in JAG. The inaugural dinner takes place in the school, **3800 Harris Avenue, Las Vegas**, and includes remarks from Governor Brian Sandoval, who serves on the National JAG Board and helped bring the program to Nevada. Superintendent of Schools Dwight D. Jones and Principal Timothy Stephens will also address the students, and the school's mariachi band will provide entertainment. Board of School Trustees Vice President Lorraine Alderman will join the students and their families and guests in the celebration.

In its pilot year at Clark County School District (CCSD), JAG provides dropout prevention, dropout recovery and school-to-career strategies for students. The program assists juniors and seniors to stay on track to graduate and also provides support for young adults to pursue college or jobs with career advancement opportunities.

Chapter officers engage their peers in JAG's focus, coordinate program activities and track results. JAG participants gain access to community-based learning projects, field trips, guest speakers and job insights from potential employers. Teachers serve as JAG specialists, using program curriculum on employment-related competencies. A career association lists potential jobs and provides students with interviewing techniques. Since 1980, JAG state organizations and local affiliates have served more than 800,000 young people in helping to overcome major barriers to success.

Valley High School, Cimarron-Memorial High School and Bonanza High School also implemented JAG this year, along with three schools in northern Nevada.

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