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Speed Networking, Construction Day, Mock Interviews



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JAG Nevada students learn from the pros as volunteers step up!

Schools across the state were brimming with partner and volunteer contributions as students had the opportunity to engage with professionals from many fields including construction, trades, banking, healthcare and more!

Volunteers and partners from many business sectors came through for students in a big way, providing experience and wisdom.

Over the span of 2 days, more than 20 community leaders, heads of organizations, educators, business leaders, elected officials and senior program leaders in their chosen fields interviewed nearly 50 JAG Nevada students and shared their career and life experiences with them during speed networking at Spring Valley High School.

In Northern Nevada, community partners, volunteers, and staff participated in Mock Interviews at Damonte Ranch, Wooster and Galena High Schools.

Students from Cheyenne, Canyon Springs, Delta Academy, Valley and Mojave High Schools attended Construction Day at College of Southern Nevada to interact with trades workers and learn about careers in construction.

Thank you to all the sponsors, staff, and volunteers for your efforts to invest in the professionals of tomorrow and supporting JAG Nevada! We cannot do this life-changing work without your contributions!



Nevada United Way Organizations hold Nonprofit Day in Carson City

Huge thanks to United Way of Southern Nevada, United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra and sponsors NV Energy and Nevada Grant Lab for hosting Nonprofit Day at the Nevada Legislature.

A Nonprofit Legislative Priorities Press Conference was led by Assemblymembers Erica Mosca, Nonprofit Caucus Chair, Howard Watts, Majority Whip, and Tracy Brown-May, who is also a member of the JAG Nevada Board of Directors. She announced the event on the Assembly floor and asked participants to stand and be recognized.

The event featured panelists, speakers and an address from Nevada Attorney General Aaron Ford. Nonprofit staff were encouraged to make appointments with legislators to advocate for the proposed legislation to streamline nonprofit funding.

United Way of Southern Nevada described the event as the first time Nevada's nonprofit organizations are "coalescing around nonprofit policy to better serve our communities. In doing so, it is our hope to build a Nevada with resilient social service organizations that will uplift all Nevadans. This vision for our state can and must be achieved using the power of our collective voice."



Alicia
Briançon-Coker



Dennis Perea



Briançon-Coker and Perea join Board of Directors

Please join us as we welcome two new members to the Jobs for Nevada's Graduates Board of Directors. We are grateful for the support we receive through the time and talent they contribute to advance our mission.

Alicia Briançon-Coker

Alicia Briançon-Coker has a unique professional background in education, consulting, politics, and legislative policy. She worked on Capitol Hill as a legislative aide, as a legislative director for the Maryland State House and then moved to Nevada for a political campaign. She has worked for various nonprofits, Super PACs, and political candidates, but after completing her master's degree, she wanted to empower students in the classroom utilizing her community organizing background. She taught at College of Southern Nevada, and through the Prison Education Program, found a passion for improving student outcomes.

In 2023, she completed her doctorate and most recently served as the legislative liaison with the Nevada Department of Education. Currently, she is an education programs professional with the Office of Career Readiness, Adult Learning, and Education Options. She lives in Las Vegas with her husband, three stepchildren, Pit Bull, and Chihuahua.

Dennis Perea

Dennis Perea has built his career on financial leadership. As Deputy Director of the State of Nevada, Dennis established a history of financial integrity and stewardship reaching back to his beginnings, working as Controller for Bally's Las Vegas and Las Vegas Hilton before becoming the Deputy Director of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation, (DETR) in 2007. In 2009, Dennis was tasked by former Governor Brian Sandoval to bring Jobs for America's Graduates to Nevada. Dennis set the foundation for JAG Nevada as we know it today by recruiting leadership, establishing the Board of Directors, and stewarding the organization as Director of Finance and Director of Operations.

In his most recent role, Dennis served as Assistant Controller at KGHM Robinson Nevada Mining Company in Ely. He and his wife Marci have been married for 33 years, and they have one daughter, Lindsay. He continues to serve his community as a member of the Ely City Council and enjoys woodworking in his free time.

Please welcome Alicia Briançon-Coker and Dennis Perea to the JAG Nevada Board of Directors.



Congratulations!

Douglas HS Grads Draw from JAG Experience to Launch Careers

Douglas County HS 2023 JAG Nevada graduates Eleana and Emily have a lot to celebrate. They have completed their phlebotomy program at Medical Skills for Life, passed their certification test and are starting work for Carson Valley Health!

Emily joined JAG after a close friend recommended the program and she did not know that a presentation she saw in her classroom would lead to a career that she loves. Now, at just 19 years old, she is achieving her long-term goals.

"Starting out, I wasn't sure if it would be the best route for me, but the further I got, I realized that I loved what I was doing. That realization fit our unchanging motto, which was to, 'Do what you love'. I took the leap, especially with uncertainty, because I knew if it didn't fit me, I'd have JAG to assist and help in achieving my goals. I found comfort knowing that their main goal was to help me succeed."

Thanks to Mrs. McDonald, their Specialist, for providing the support and opportunity they needed to begin a fulfilling career. Emily says she will always be grateful for JAG and strongly encourages all students to take the class.

"JAG offers endless support and encouragement to young adults, not only with student goals, but long-term life goals as well. I took two years of JAG and still value and apply what I learned to this day. The knowledge they offer and the opportunities they provide to students is nothing short of exceptional."

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