

JAGS Senior Night 2019



2018-19

Jackson Academy for Global Studies

Taylor Adams

- "It was an absolute pleasure to have a student like Taylor Adams in class. She has an uncanny knack for empathy, a natural curiosity, and a keen awareness about the world she's getting ready to enter. Students like Taylor make my job wonderful. More importantly, though, students like Taylor make my job as a parent that much better in that I know that the future my own children are heading into will be run by good people like her. Taylor embodies everything that's good about our JAGS program, and it has been a treat to work with her." -Mr. Gillette
- "I'm proud of Taylor for choosing this sensitive topic; it takes a strong minded individual to become such an advocate. It's evident she's incredibly passionate toward this subject, desiring to make more people aware."
-Jaime Blyth



Alexander Archer

- "I found Alex great to work with. He met each challenge with positive enthusiasm. He presented himself to know his project, and how it will impact his community, whole heartedly. He works hard and it shows." -Carrie Maletich
- "Alex is a hardworking, intelligent student whose optimistic outlook and respectful attitude has allowed him to form positive relationships with both students and faculty alike. Alex is an excellent example of the well-rounded education provided by Jackson's Global Academy, and his intelligence and good-natured personality will no doubt serve him well in life beyond graduation." -Mrs. Palcko



Megan Bee



- "Megan is a very energetic young woman. When she sets her mind to something you can expect great results. Her capstone project on Opioid Crisis is much needed in Stark County." -Ann Capuano

Madyson Bostic



- It has been a pleasure working with Madyson on her environmental fashion designs. I love how her JAGS capstone vision and her AP Portfolio work in the JSA melds together. Her designs demonstrate that art is global! -Ms. Stone
- Madyson, Watching you grow as an artist and young woman these past years has truly been a pleasure. Continue to use your voice and passion for good in this world. -Mrs. Ayres Surber

Seana Byard

- It has been a pleasure working with Seana over the last several months. She has exhibited an attention for detail for the project throughout the duration, and I wish her the best of luck in future endeavors.
-Jennifer Knechtel
- Seana is a compassionate learner that has a heart for helping others! It has been a pleasure working with her on her capstone project. I have appreciated her organization and attention to detail. I know she will continue to pursue her passions and make this world a better place! -Mrs. Anderson



Alexandria Codispoti



- "Alexandria worked very hard to complete her Capstone project for the Women's Shelter. She is extremely passionate about gender equality and social justice and believes that everyone deserves equal opportunities and representation." -Mr.Preston

Marissa Cooper

- Pastor Marilyn Roman: Marissa has worked tirelessly to help provide many needed items to the poor and needy here at Hope Outreach. Her commitment to help has blessed hundreds of people.
- Matthew MarLett: Marissa has been dedicated to her Capstone project since day one. She has worked diligently to serve others and give back to the community. Marissa embodies everything the JAGS program represents. Her future is very bright!



Cessily Crain



- "Cessily is passionate about her capstone project concerning hosting an ex-change student. The students start out as strangers but quickly become like family. She believes that people will learn to appreciate the differences and similarities between cultures." -Sr. Fradl

Breonna Cutts



- "Jessica and Bre have been wonderful leaders for our 5th graders at Youtz Elementary . The information that they have presented with their capstone project has been interesting and engaging. My students have looked forward to each presentation and the young ladies were well prepared and were full of accurate knowledge about various countries . The last interactive with the stations was probably their favorite. Tasting the food and drinks from other cultures was exciting! Excellent job!"
- "Miss Breonna Cutts excelled in the JAGS program over the past four years and has been a pleasure to be a mentor for this final capstone project. She has done a great job in planning and sharing different cultures with elementary students. It is hard to believe it has already been four years since JAGS biology. Bre, with your work ethic you will have success in all you do."- Mr.Preston

Amelia Deerwester

- "I was so impressed by Amelia's efforts towards her capstone project. I think her desire to help those less fortunate shows what an incredible young woman she is. Amelia has a big heart and I am sure she will go on to do great things!" -Ms. Georgiadis
- "Amelia's project was beyond successful to us at the Hunter House. She made the residents feel so excited and special. Sometimes the residents feel forgotten by society but not the day Amelia visited!" -Robin Holland



Michael Discenza

- Allison Palcko - "Michael is an outstanding student, whose dedication and work ethic contributed to the amazing success of Helping Handles. His vision and global perspective embody the core values of JAGS, and will undoubtedly contribute to Michael's assured success after graduation as he shares his views with the world."
- Carrie Maletich - "Working with Michael went above and beyond anything I could have expected. He is an outstanding young gentleman. He was fluent and knowledgeable anytime he spoke with the community, and he met each challenge head on. Helping Handles has been a life changing project for everyone involved."



Klarissa Evans



- "Saving one animal will not change the world but for that one animal the world will change forever. Thank you for caring Klarissa." - Doris Oberlin.
- "Klarissa, you are an inspiration for adults as well as your peers: you are always ready to learn, to try, to try again if necessary and then enjoy success humbly." - Ms. Browne

Brittany Fearn

- Mrs. Kalkoff: "They were able to do pretty much the entire thing without me. They were respectful and a joy to work with."



Alyssa Fether

- Mrs. Kalkhoff said it was a great opportunity working with us and she hopes great things ahead of us.
- Dawn said it was such a pleasure working with us. She hopes we do bigger things when it comes to what we did for them.



Adrianna Globokar



- "I truly enjoyed working with Adrianna this past year. She is a strong, charismatic leader who takes challenges in stride. She definitely has what it takes to influence positive change." -Brandie Phillips
- "Adrianna is one of the hardest working individuals I've ever met. She is someone who leads equally with her head and heart to accept nothing less than her best." -Ryann Despot

Francesca Gonzalez-Abreu

- Mrs. Lisa Ayres: "Francesca, It has been an amazing experience working with you in your artistic journey. Your passion for your art and your beliefs will carry you into a bright future."
- Mrs. Bridget Williams: "Francesca's "Embroidered Empowerment" Capstone project showcased her fashion creativity while providing an exceptional example of a product design, development and delivery to support Soroptimist, helping women and girls give their dreams."



Sidney Heid

- "Sidney has a deep concern and compassion for the underdog both two-legged and four-legged kind. Training her rescue pup as a therapy dog could not have been a more fitting capstone project for her. Not only is her pup lucky to have found Sidney, but so will countless others who will have a bright spot in their day because of her care and thoughtfulness." -Mrs. Rankin



Braden Herrick



- "Braden has been passionate about his Capstone project from the beginning. His work with the JAGS website has brought significant improvements that will positively impact future JAGS classes to come. I have no doubt that Braden will continue to do big things after graduation!"
-Mr. MarLett
- "Braden Herrick is the technical guru behind the JAGS program. His ability to navigate the perilous Blackboard universe and seamlessly integrate all things digital has been a tremendous asset to the organization of our academy. Thank you!" -Ms. Stone

Hala Jaber

- "Miss Jaber is a kind and hardworking student who has shown interest in helping her community. It was a pleasure to work with her on her senior capstone project." - Mr Pelser
- "Hala created an easy to use pamphlet for my colleagues and myself with detailed information about local mental health resources. She has done an excellent job gathering community mental health resources that will enable my colleagues and me easy access to various agencies to share with parents. She did a great job and I greatly appreciate all of her hard work!" -Miss Hanna



Jessie Kasper



- "Jessie is a very compassionate individual; she has always wanted to uplift others and spread positivity. She will never really know how many smiles she has given to others." -Mrs. Pitzo
- "It has been a pleasure working with Jessie on her project to support students throughout our school with uplifting notes, encouraging messages and promoting an overall positive school culture. Her passion for helping others is infectious!" -Mr. Kracker

Giselle Lucas

- Ms. Hall: "Giselle is someone who has a big heart when it comes to helping people. I knew her capstone would benefit many, and I loved working on it with her. I believe her future is bright."
- Jeff Fricker: "Giselle has such an incredible passion when it comes to helping people. I enjoyed working with her on her capstone. I predict great things to come her way in the near future."



Alexander Markoff



- "I am very proud of Alex and his work on his research paper on cancer. This helped further his knowledge for his future in the medical field."

Madeline (Noah) Moore



- Lisa Parramore: "I have had the pleasure of working with Madeline during her Senior Capstone project. As the president of the Rotary Club of Jackson Township, I challenged Noah to work with me to bring the service-oriented minds of our high school youth together the Rotarians of Jackson Township. The service project was a huge success thanks to her leadership. Madeline has a heart and passion for others, and understands the power of bringing people together in the spirit of service."
- Mr. Amedeo: "Dedication, Passion, Focus. These words describe Noah and her approach to projects or issues she cares deeply about. Society needs more people, like Noah, who are unafraid to take a stand and lead us towards positive goals to help others."

Taylor Morgan

- "Miss Taylor Morgan has kept us informed via Community Meetings and GO Night. Mr. Preston remembers her leadership even as a freshman in biology and on the Heifer trip getting a meal prepared. "It has been a pleasure knowing you, Taylor and I wish you nothing but encouragement and success as you leave Jackson and enter the next chapter of your life!"
- "Miss Taylor Morgan has been very active in implementing and maintaining a wonderful experience as a leader in the JAGS program during the 2018-2019 school year, which was the focus of her capstone project. Miss Arter fondly remembers her optimism during chemistry her sophomore year and her adventurous side during the senior trip to Eastern Europe!"



Eve Nicholas

- "Miss. Nicholas developed a helpful infographic that is geared towards ending stigma by helping the reader understand current statistics of mental disorders, the rising need, and resources for those in need." -Mr. Pelsler
- "Eve is a doer, willing to roll up her sleeves and dig into work in order to create a top notch product. She is dedicated and desires to do meaningful work. This is so clearly reflected in her Capstone project where she examined mental health issues in Stark County, Ohio in the hope that she can create an infographic that would assist others in finding help." -Mrs. Rankin



Ankit Om



- "Ankit is a well spoken, confident, and resolute student. He has excelled in the classroom and on the Speech and Debate team through his competition in Congress." -Mr. McGugin
- "Om has been a wonderful student to get to know - he is always full of so much energy and enthusiasm! I am so excited for Om to begin the next chapter of his life as I know he will do wonderful things!" -Ms. Georgiadis

Joshua Owens

- Mrs. Tsarnas: "Josh had a unique opportunity to visit Africa this past year. His compassionate demeanor and experiences with the animals there inspired his capstone project. His pictures tell their story beautifully."



Hannah Paulowski



- "Hannah Paulowski's passion for environmental issues is a driving force behind her project and course of study. With computers and phones becoming ubiquitous across the globe, how we handle electronic products and electronic waste is a growing issue. Great work Hannah!" -Jeffrey Arnson
- "Hannah is a compassionate young lady with tremendous core values. Behind all that lies a most determined mind that stops at nothing to make the community around her a better place." -Frank Gagliardi

Jessica Phillabaum



- Mr. Preston: "Miss Jessica Phillabaum has been very active in the JAGS program over the past four years and has been a pleasure to be a mentor for this final capstone project. She has done a wonderful job in planning and teaching younger students about exploring other cultures. She has been a great student and leader in our JAGS program. It is hard to believe it has already been four years since JAGS biology, but this is just the beginning, good luck in all you do Jess."
- Monica Davis: "Jessica and Bre have been wonderful leaders for our 5th graders at Youtz Elementary . The information that they have presented with their capstone project has been interesting and engaging. My students have looked forward to each presentation and the young ladies were well prepared and were full of accurate knowledge about various countries . The last interactive with the stations was probably their favorite. Tasting the food and drinks from other cultures was exciting! Excellent job!"

McKenzie Quartz

- "It has been a joy to know McKenzie and watch her grow into an incredible young woman. McKenzie is a kind, compassionate, enthusiastic young woman. She is passionate about serving others and I am confident that McKenzie will use the knowledge she has gained through JAGS to be an agent of change. As McKenzie studies in Spanish and education in college I know she will have great success and be a blessing to all who know her." -Senora Dennison
- "McKenzie's commitment to others and passion for the world around her will take her far in life."
-Mrs. Schwarzwaelder



Tessa Riley

- "Tessa's attention to detail, organization, and her conscientiousness combined with her concern for the well being of others is bar none. This is reflected in everything that she completes and her capstone is no exception. Her work on the Recess program could not have been a more perfect place for her dedication and thoughtfulness to shine." -Mrs. Rankin
- "Tessa is a true servant-leader who takes initiative and leads by example. Paired with her contagious compassion, Tessa is bound to make a difference in this world." - George White



Matthew Ripple



- "Matthew, it's been a pleasure teaching you and watching your passion for setting and attaining goals at Jackson High School. Keep that positive attitude and shine bright wherever the wind takes you!" - Mr. Preston
- "Mr. Matthew Ripple excelled in his capstone project with his effective emails, timely replies to inquiries and the ability to work with people professionally. Dependable is one word that immediately comes to mind when I hear his name." -Miss Arter

Gideon Russ



- Gideon takes pride in his work and always seeks excellence in his academic outcomes. He will have a positive impact on society as he develops academically in college and enters the working world.
-Mr Elkins

Christine Skakun

- Mrs. Rankin: "Christy is happiness and optimism personified. I can't recall a time I haven't seen her with a smile and a cheerful demeanor. Her capstone project of creating a gift guide of companies who support fair trade practices and humanitarian organizations have allowed people to give to others directly and indirectly. Just as Christy spreads joy, her capstone has allowed others to do the same."
- Lindsay Van Peeren: "Christy has drive and focus in every aspect of life, and working on this capstone has been no exception. Without doubt, Christy's ambition will lead her to continue success in her future endeavors."



Sarah Snyder



- Mr. Marlett: "Sarah has done an excellent job with her Capstone. Her focus throughout was to improve the lives of those in need. Sarah has a very giving heart and a wonderful life perspective. She will undoubtedly do amazing things after graduation!"
- Kerri Benson: "When I had Sarah Snyder in 3rd grade, I knew she would do amazing things! Sarah is compassionate, caring, and dedicated to achieving her goals. I know she will continue to excel at all she does."

Sarah Strunck

- "Sarah Strunck's project connected students to one another and led them to a deeper purpose. This is indicative of who Sarah is as a person—she is warm and welcoming, and also possesses a larger sense of the world and its needs." -Amy Price
- "Sarah Strunck brought out the best in the student members of Jackson High School's community service clubs (like Key Club and Interact) and JAGS program by creating an inclusive and fun atmosphere that allowed students to come together during common activities to achieve goals of serving while also socializing. Service should be fun. Awesome coordination, Sarah!" -Koladin



Xavier Swiger



- "During our Youth & Government program Xavier tackled important issues affecting the state of Ohio through his research & proposed legislation on alternative pain management programs. He presented at our statehouse in Columbus his ideas to help combat the harmful effects of opioid addiction through a new law. He has demonstrated the qualities of a future leader through active citizenship & bringing greater awareness to key issues." -Shawn Stone
- "Xavier developed, wrote, and presented a bill to combat opioid addiction for the Ohio High School Youth and Government Assembly. His commitment and dedication to this problem is commendable." -Mr. Taray

Nebeyu Tedla

- Allison Palcko - "Neb's sense of humor and genuine desire to help his community was evident in the leadership role he took on while creating Helping Handles. Neb is a creative thinker and problem solver who understands the importance of contributing to our global community."
- Fanaye Taye - "I've been able to watch Neb navigate through this project and learn about project management, budgeting, public relations, engaging the community and assisting others."



Joshua Tuma

- "Josh has shown a great work ethic this year. He has spent countless hours tutoring and spending time with the children at the Boys and Girls Club."
-Andrea Scharver
- "Josh dedicated numerous hours to a project that he cared about and I am very proud of what he has accomplished in the JAGS program."
-Linda Tarle



Senior Superlatives:

Superlative - "expressing the highest or a very high degree of a quality."

The Artistically Empowered Award



Francesca Gonzalez-Abreu

The Environmentally Conscious Award

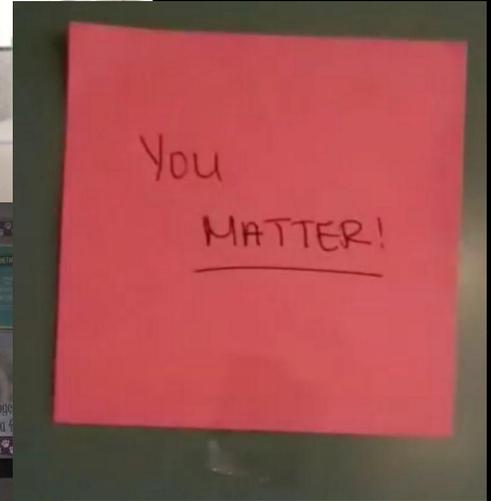


Madyson Bostic

The Mentally Progressive Award



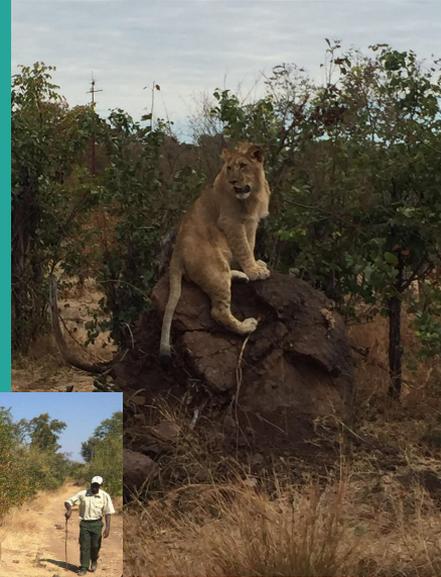
Jessie Kasper



The Most Culturally Aware



Joshua Owens



The Most Effervescent Award



Tessa Riley

The Most Influential Award



Alexander Archer, Michael
Discenza & Nebeyu Tedla



The Most Personal Award



Sidney Heid



The Teen Activist Award

Xavier Swiger



The Young Entrepreneur Award



Christine Skakun

The Youth Mentor Award



Breonna Cutts &
Jessica Phillabaum



Senior JAGS Video

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