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# Youth in the News

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## “Celebrate Success” Awards Banquet

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The 2009 Youth Banquet “Celebrate Success” was held Tuesday, April 28th at the Drury Lodge in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. The banquet honored youth and young adults achievements in obtaining High School Diplomas, GEDs, 90 Days Employment, Raising Literacy and Numeracy, Completing Job Corps, 10 Hours of Workplace Readiness, No Longer Basic Skills Deficient, Completing Work Experience with positive Recommendation for Employment and going Above and Beyond. A total of 117 youth and young adults received certificates.

Guest Speaker for the event was Maria Easy Stilson, BSN, RN, CNOR, Nursing Residency Program Manager at Southeast Mis-

souri Hospital. The topic for the night “What Makes You Happy?” addressed methods that could be helpful to youth and young adults in facing everyday issues in their life and future careers.

Congratulations to all!



Maria Easy Stilson



## New WIA Youth Council Coordinator

On April 27, 2009, Jeanne Marshall began as the WIA Youth Council Coordinator. She has been working with Workforce Investment Board for the last three years. During that time she worked in the CAP Advantage Program and most recently with the CAP Pilot Project.

Before coming to Workforce

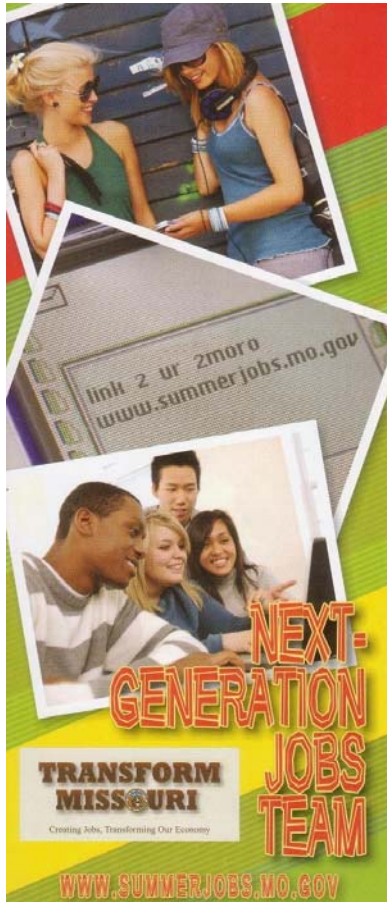
Investment Board, Jeanne worked as an elementary school teacher in the public school system for several years. She is looking forward to working with the youth program. The youth are a very important part of our country’s future and the youth program strives to help them be successful in whatever they may choose to do in today’s workforce.



Teamwork divides the task and multiplies the success.

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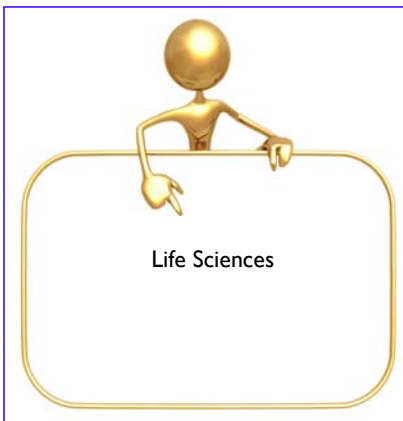
## Next-Generation Jobs Team



Governor Nixon of Missouri recently launched a new program, Next-Generation Jobs Team, for youth and young adults, ages 16 to 24 who want to make this summer a time for exploring the next generation of 21st Century industries. Under this free program, young Missourians will receive help in getting a summer job that can give them extra money while they learn a new skill or they can be placed in a paid internship that will give them a real world experience in one of the high-tech, high-growth jobs of the future.

There have been 27 individual/group orientations conducted in the Southeast Region. Future group orientations are scheduled for May 19th and May 20th along with individual orientations available daily as needed. Approximately 220 individuals have been invited to the scheduled orientations through email, phone, mail and posters.

Youth and young adults interested in this exciting new program can register online at [www.summerjobs.mo.gov](http://www.summerjobs.mo.gov) or call 1-800-592-6020. Some eligibility requirements will apply.



**MERS/GOODWILL**

**Bollinger County youth case manager, Kelly King writes-**

This month's spotlight in Bollinger County is Tara Snyder. Tara is a youth who is working on obtaining her GED. She has also started a work experience with Bollinger County Library to obtain more work experience in a Library/ Office setting. She has increased her Literacy and Numeracy score in Reading an entire level. Tara has a bright future ahead of her if she uses the tools she is being given to improve her education.

**Stoddard County youth case manager, Tammy Hutchison writes-**

I am very proud of all of the youth that I work with and the accomplishments that I see them make. The youth that I feel deserves special recognition this month is Johnna McCulley. Johnna completed her GED last month, is working, completed the Career Readiness Course and has completed her FAFSA to begin attending college. Johnna is very motivated and it has been a privilege to watch her enthusiasm. She scored

very high on her GED and is eligible for a scholarship because of her high scores. She ran into a wall when she applied at SEMO due to her age, but instead of giving up went and spoke to the Dean and also is speaking to administration at Three Rivers Community College. It has been very exciting to see how much Johanna has achieved over the last few month  
We wish her the best of luck!!!

*Great works are performed, not by strength, but by perseverance.*

*-Samuel Johnson*

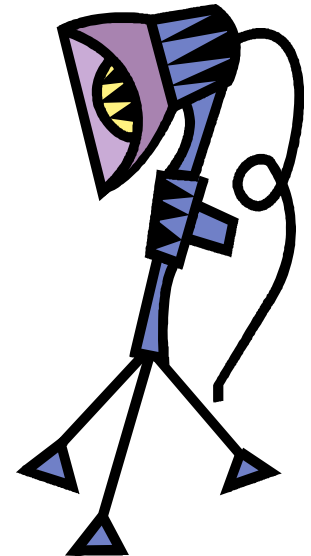
**East Missouri Action Agency**

**Ste. Genevieve County youth case manager, David Woods writes-**

Ste. Genevieve has a WIA In School Youth, Crystal Macklin, who graduated from the Step-Up-To-Leadership classes on April 30, 2009. It is a twelve week course that covers such subjects as: Vision, team building, diversity, communication, nonprofits, Roberts Rules of Order, parliamentary procedures, anger management, speeches and grant writing. This

will allow her to write a mini-grant proposal for up to \$500. She also has enrolled in a Photography class at the local art center. Crystal also entered into unsubsidized employment on April 24, 2009. She works on Fridays at the St. Elizabeth Adult Day Care. The owner literally went to her house and knocked on her door and offered her the job (I can no longer tell my participants that "A job will not

come knocking at your door"). Crystal was honored at the Youth Recognition Banquet for these accomplishments as well as graduating from high school in May 2008 with a perfect attendance certificate and completing the Workplace Readiness Credential classes in March 2008 as well as completing a work experience at the Ste. Genevieve County Nutrition Center.  
Way to go!



Success doesn't come to you...you go to it.

*-Marva Collins*

COUNTY	CASELOAD	# OF ACTIVITIES	D.O. PREVENTION/ ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL	WORKSITE LEARNING	OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS TRAINING	LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	ATTAINMENT
BOLLINGER	1 IS 11 OS	5	4 ALT. SCHOOL	3	0	2	0
SCOTT	3 IS 15 OS	7	12 ALT. SCHOOL	0	0	7	0
CAPE	0 IS 15 OS	8	6 ALT. SCHOOL	7	0	3	1 EMPLOYED/ 1 GED
PEMISCOT	10 IS 12 OS	9	7 ALT. SCHOOL	3	2	5	2 EMPLOYED
MISSISSIPPI	3 IS 16 OS	4	13 ALT. SCHOOL	0	0	6	2 GEDS
DUNKLIN	16 IS 9 OS	7	1/4 DO PREVENTION & ALT. SCHOOL	4	0	7	3 EMPLOYED
NEW MADRID	6 IS 5 OS	2	3 ALT. SCHOOL	0	0	2	1 EMPLOYED
STODDARD	0 IS 25 OS	10	17 ALT. SCHOOL	0	4	11	1 EMPLOYED
PERRY	2 IS 17 OS	21	11 ALT. SCHOOL	3	1	10	2 EMPLOYED
MADISON	2 IS 14 OS	8	7 DO PREVENTION	0	0	3	1 GED
IRON	2 IS 20 OS	2	0	1	0	2	0
STE. GENEVIEVE	13 IS 19 OS	5	0	0	3	3	2 EMPLOYED
ST. FRANCOIS	5 IS 15 OS	3	4/1 DO PREVENTION & ALT. SCHOOL	3	3	4	3 EMPLOYED

DO: Drop Out

IS: In School

OS: Out of School

Monthly Youth Meetings	Activities (Workshops, Trainings or Work Readiness Classes)	Other (Youth Award Banquet)
Pemiscot	Perry	Dunklin
Dunklin	Cape	Scott
Bollinger	Iron	Pemiscot
Perry	Ste. Genevieve	Stoddard
Stoddard	Scott	Mississippi
Mississippi	Stoddard	Cape
New Madrid	Pemiscot	Perry
Scott	Mississippi	New Madrid
St. Francois	Madison	Bollinger
Cape	St. Francois	Iron
Iron	Dunklin	Ste. Genevieve
Ste. Genevieve		St. Francois
Madison		Madison



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