

# Youth in the News

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## JMG I & I Ceremony Banquet



JMG (Jobs for Missouri's Graduates) from Central High School in Park Hills and West County High School in Leadwood held their Career Association Initiation and Installation Ceremony (I & I) for newly elected officers on October 21st at Rosener's Restaurant in Park Hills, Missouri.

Mr. Brad Coleman, Principal of Central High School, was the guest speaker for the event. Mr. Coleman spoke to the students on what he believes are the "10 Characteristics of a Leader". He also emphasized to students his belief that "Leaders are made, not born".

Newly elected officers participated in group breakout activities led by JMG Specialist Denny Mills from Central High School and JMG Specialist Kevin Wilkins from West County High School. After completion of breakout activities, the newly elected officers were sworn in by Paul Mell, JMG Project Manager for Southeast Region, and presented with certificates.

Career Association officers for 2009-2010 school year at Central High School are: President-Jessica Mills; Vice President for Leadership Development-Jordan Henson; Vice President for Career Development-Tyler Gray; Vice President for Social Awareness-Tyler Friend; Vice Presi-

dent for Civic Awareness-Monica Davis; Vice President for Community Service-Jared Gidney; Secretary-Olivia Brown; Treasurer-Isabella Horn; and Historian-John Christeson.

Career Association officers for 2009-2010 school year at West County High School are: President-Allye Fitzpatrick; Vice President for Leadership Development-Tara Forrester; Vice President for Career Development-Billy Smith; Vice President for Social Awareness-Matt Davis; Vice President for Civic Awareness-Tami King; Vice President for Community Service-Kara Forrester; and Secretary-Kayla Johnston.

Congratulations Officers!

*"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."*  
~John Quincy Adams



*Guest Speaker-Principal Brad Coleman*



*JMG Project Manager-Paul Mell*



*Central High School & West County High School JMG I & I Ceremony*



## Work Readiness Credential Program at CTC

The **Work Readiness Credential (WRC)** program is back at the Cape Girardeau Career & Technology Center as of July 2009. With the return of the program also came a new instructor, Heather Reichert. Ms. Reichert originally hails from the state of Wisconsin and brings a great deal of experience working with community groups such as 4-H and County Extension services.

The WRC training program consists of eleven (11) days of Workplace Readiness Skills training which are common to all types of employment. Classes begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. and go until 3:00 p.m. each day of the training with an hour break for lunch.

During the training students learn employment basics as the program is designed to simulate a probationary period of em-

ployment in a business or industry setting. Students are expected to arrive on time, stay for the entire class time each day and must attend all eleven (11) days of training in order to successfully complete the program.

Typical topics covered during the training may include, but are not limited to: punctuality & attendance; professional image & dress; phone skills & etiquette; basic computer usage; developing a resume; interview skills; completing job applications; using the internet/search for work; participate in a mock interview; job shadowing (if available); problem solving; working as a team player; working safely; customer service; job expectations; and positive work habits.

Upon successful completion of the class, students are pre-

sented with a credential. Also included in the training are three (3) nationally recognized Workkeys Assessments; Reading for Information, Locating Information and Applied Mathematics.

A schedule of WRC class dates is available by contacting the CTC front office at 573-334-0826 or coming by 1080 S. Silver Springs Road in Cape Girardeau, MO. There is no fee or pre-requisite for the class and individuals no longer have to be CAP or WIA eligible to participate in the class. Individuals applying must be 18 years or older, have a high school diploma or G.E.D., be unemployed, or a dislocated worker.

Check it Out!



# WRC



Instructor Heather Reichert

# Class



## “New Madrid County Youth” Spotlight

**New Madrid County youth case manager, Paul Lomax writes-**Shane Hampton was enrolled into a work experience in August of 2009. He was a high school graduate, unemployed youth at that time. Shane worked at Cummins Upholstery in Marston, MO where he started learning the upholstery business from the ground up.

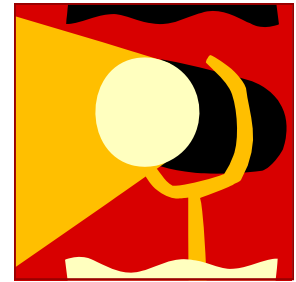
Shane has participated in Work Readiness Classes Module 1,

Good Decision Making, and Module 2, Career Decision Making. He also participated in Leadership Development classes.

Shane completed his work experience on 10/20/09. He left for military service in the Army on 10/21/09 with best wishes from family as well as his supervisor, Ms. Debbie Cummins (who said she had come to see him as another member of her family).

Shane was thankful for the work experience and guidance he received from his MERS/ Goodwill youth case managers Janet Noisworthy and Paul Lomax.

Best of luck to Shane!



## “Cape County Youth” Spotlight

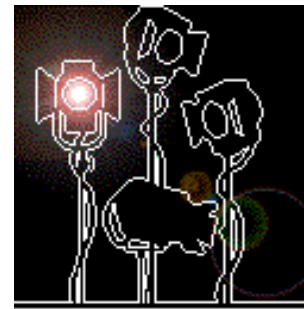
**Cape County youth case manager, Pam Williams writes-**Katilya made a life changing decision this summer- a decision to obtain her GED and become employed in order to take care of herself and her young son. Katilya also had the good fortune to be assigned to an excellent case manager for her CAP (Career Assistance Program), Savannah Martin. At the time, Katilya was only receiving 75% of her temporary assistance to needy families (TANF) monies because she was not in compliance with the Career Assistance Program. Savannah listened to Katilya as she explained the decision she had made to turn around her life along with the challenges she was facing as she endeavored to take care of herself. Katilya did not have child care

nor did she have transportation. Savannah helped Katilya work through obtaining child care assistance from the Family Support Division and referred her to Jo Walker of the East Missouri Action Agency who worked to meet Katilya’s transportation needs. Savannah also directed Katilya to the WIA Youth Program in Cape Girardeau County where she became a part of the Scholars @ Work program and after seven weeks of hard work in her GED class, she is now ready to take her GED test.

As a result of her efforts, Katilya has also been selected to participate in Believe to Achieve. Believe to Achieve is a collaborative effort between MERS/Goodwill, the Cape Cen-

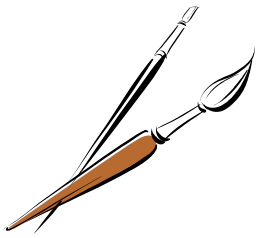
tral Alternative School, and Southeast Hospital (funded by WIRED Initiative) to provide at-risk young people with 30 hours of classroom training and 100 hours of hands-on clinical training as a nurse aid. Katilya will be given the chance to interview for employment with Southeast Hospital after her completion of the Believe to Achieve program. Employment with the Southeast Hospital would then open the door for Katilya to receive additional training dollars to further a career in the healthcare arena. Each step is an opportunity for Katilya to reach her goal of becoming self-sufficient and self-reliant.

Amazing!



Watch for spotlight stories in the November 2009 issue that will be featuring **Bollinger County** and **Scott County!**





## Scott County Youth Participate in Window Painting Contest

The Sikeston Elks Club and the Sikeston Area Chamber of Commerce extended the opportunity for various not-for-profit youth organizations to participate in the 15th Annual Halloween Window Painting Contest. The theme was Drug Awareness and Red Ribbon Week.

The Scott County MERS/

Goodwill Youth Program was on site displaying their artwork and talents. The MERS/Goodwill Youth window painting participants were: Jessica Shaffar, Jerome Combs, Ethan Adams, and Robert Ransom.

Prizes will be awarded for the Drug Awareness and Red Ribbon Week display in the following categories: The Most

Creative, The Scariest, and the Most Original Artwork displayed on the windows of various businesses throughout Sikeston.

Good luck to the Scott County MERS/Goodwill youth participants!



*Great Job Scott County Youth!*

COUNTY	CASELOAD	# OF ACTIVITIES	D.O. PREVENTION/ ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL	WORKSITE LEARNING	OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS TRAINING	LEADERSHIP DEVELOP- MENT	ATTAIN- MENT
BOLLINGER	1 IS 12 OS	8	6 ALT. SCHOOL	4	0	7	1 EM- PLOYED
CAPE	0 IS 16 OS	2	1/6 DO PREVENTION/ ALT. SCHOOL	7	0	5	0
DUNKLIN	7 IS 10 OS	3	2 ALT. SCHOOL	2	0	7	0
IRON	3 IS 17 OS	2	1 DO PREVENTION	0	0	2	1 EM- PLOYED
MADISON	5 IS 14 OS	2	7/1 DO PREVENTION/ ALT. SCHOOL	6	3	6	2 EM- PLOYED
MISSISSIPPI	2 IS 18 OS	2	8 ALT. SCHOOL	1	0	2	1 POST SECON- DARY & 3 EM- PLOYED
NEW MADRID	0 IS 10 OS	2	2 ALT. SCHOOL	3	0	3	1 EM- PLOYED
PEMISCOT	5 IS 14 OS	3	6 ALT. SCHOOL	2	1	7	1 EM- PLOYED
PERRY	1 IS 18 OS	9	1/8 DO PREVENTION/ ALT. SCHOOL	1	1	5	3 EM- PLOYED & 1 GED
SCOTT	1 IS 18 OS	19	2/9 DO PREVENTION/ ALT. SCHOOL	3	0	7	1 EM- PLOYED & 1 GED
ST. FRANCOIS	6 IS 18 OS	1	1 ALT. SCHOOL	5	2	8	0
STE. GENEVIEVE	11 IS 14 OS	2	0	0	1	2	1 H.S. DI- PLOMA & 2 EM- PLOYED
STODDARD	0 IS 17 OS	6	1/3 DO PREVENTION/ ALT. SCHOOL	0	0	2	2 EM- PLOYED

DO: Drop Out

IS: In School

OS: Out of School

## October 2009 Monthly Events

<b>Bollinger</b>	Work Readiness Classes, workshop on "Independence 101", and Monthly Youth Meeting
<b>Cape</b>	Work Readiness Classes, workshops on "Parenting: Helping Young Children Become Avid Readers" and "Success by Six"
<b>Dunklin</b>	Quarterly Youth Meeting, workshop on "Life Lessons", and Scholars @ Work Meeting
<b>Iron</b>	Workshop on "Career Building: Communication"
<b>Madison</b>	Workshop on "Career Building: GED Practice Test Grammar/Writing"
<b>Mississippi</b>	Monthly Youth Meeting and workshop on "Budgeting: Tips for the Savvy Shopper"
<b>New Madrid</b>	Monthly Youth Meeting and workshop on "Personal Responsibility"
<b>Pemiscot</b>	Quarterly Youth Meeting, Youth Surveys, GED Class, workshop on "Money Personality" and "October Fest" at the Lincoln University Extension
<b>Perry</b>	Monthly Youth Meeting: "Top Jobs for 2009", Seminar @ Noon - "Housing", Parents As Teachers Meeting, and Work Readiness Class
<b>Scott</b>	Work Readiness Classes, Extra Study Time (GED), and Monthly Youth Meeting
<b>St. Francois</b>	Workshop on "Time Management"
<b>Ste. Genevieve</b>	Workshops on "Career Building: Information Retrieval & Document Storage and Financial Aid & Tax Forms"
<b>Stoddard</b>	Monthly Youth Meeting and Work Readiness Classes

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