

# Jobs for Washington's Graduates

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Jobs for Washington's Graduates had an eventful epoch this school year. In review, there was growth in the number of sites and students served, with no increase in state funding. There was an increase of statewide trainings, and remarkable amendments to the national standards for data reporting throughout our program's 40 sites. With the advantage of JAG's history of data and identifying nationwide trends, we continue to see that dropout prevention is paramount and JAG is in congruence to that success.

Graduation rates for 2014 JWG students are predicted to meet the model performance goals of 90% in Washington state multi-year model schools. The success of JWG middle school models is overwhelmingly positive; showing barriers removed and renewing programs for next school year.

JWG looks forward to additional growth in the number of school sites and students, by adding classes at Decatur High School and Renton High School. There will be many new JAG Specialists for the 2014-2015 school year. High caliber training is a continuing commitment to all of them.

Inspiration from the Board of Directors and guidance from the JAG national accreditation team set JWG in a direction that puts JAG high school models in better accord with the multi-year model.

We are delighted to share the news that C.J. Venkataraman agreed to take the position as Chairman of the JWG Board. C.J. has been a dynamic and devoted participant in JWG since Tom Lopp proposed our inception, to OSPI and the Legislature in 2010. C.J. has led the board in fundraising and recruitment of high caliber business people to join the team since his initial involvement with JWG.

We are very excited with his vision for growth in the next few years!

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