



August 23, 2024

Dear JAG New Mexico Community,

We want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to our outgoing board members for their invaluable contributions and dedication. As we move forward, we acknowledge the transition that comes with their resignation and are excited to announce a new chapter for JAG New Mexico.

The existing board has full confidence in our exceptional Executive Director, Kaity Parent, who continues to lead us with passion and vision. Under her leadership, we have achieved significant milestones, including:

- Secured \$300,000 in state legislative funding for FY 2023-24.
- Passed \$200,000 in state GRO funding for FY 2024-25.
- Received a \$10,000 grant from PNM.
- Multiple and ongoing additional grant and funding opportunities underway, with anticipated funding exceeding several hundred thousand dollars by year's end.
- Launched one new program to expand our outreach and impact.
- Sent the largest group of students ever to the Roundhouse for JAG Day in JAG NM history.
- Held the largest Career Development Conference (CDC) in New Mexico.
- Achieved the largest delegation to the National Career Development Conference (NCDC) in New Mexico's history.
- Hired first ever Employer Engagement Manager to grow program involvement with employers statewide, with the goal of increasing job shadowing and employment opportunities. ●
- Launching first ever Student lead leadership association.

Looking ahead to the 2024-2025 school year, JAG New Mexico will operate 9 programs located in the following 8 schools:

- Rio Grande High School (two programs)
- Del Norte High School
- Cibola High School
- Zuni High School

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- Twin Buttes Cyber Academy
- Alamo Navajo Community School
- Carlsbad Enrichment Center (two programs)
- Gallup-McKinley County Schools

Our programs will benefit over 400 youth who face significant challenges in graduating high school and securing the skills necessary for employment and career advancement. We are proud to report that JAG NM students have an impressive 98% graduation rate.

The 2023-2024 participant demographics are reflective of our commitment to serving diverse communities:

- Native/Indigenous: 48%
- Hispanic/Latino: 49%
- Disabled Students: 27%
- Non-English Speaking: 12%

We're also pleased to welcome our new board leadership: Andrew Mathis as Board Chair, Clemy Garza as Board Vice President, and Carla Kugler as Treasurer. Their expertise and commitment will undoubtedly strengthen our organization and drive our mission forward.

Great things are happening at JAG New Mexico, and we look forward to sharing this journey with all of you. Together, we will continue to make a positive impact in our community. If you are interested in increasing your participation with JAG NM or joining us as we create great opportunities for New Mexico's most vulnerable, please reach out to our Executive Director, Kaity Parent at (505)261-7708 or via email at kaity@jagnm.org.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Warm regards,

Andrew Mathis
2024-2025 Board Chair



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