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## JAG Nevada in Nye County School District

A total of 118 Nye County School District students — 55 men and 63 women — at Pahrump Valley High School and Tonopah High School successfully participated in the JAG Nevada program during the 2017-18 school year.

The program is designed to help students develop marketable work skills, provide them with real-world experience and overcome barriers generated by household poverty. The mission of JAG is to graduate every student within the program and set them on a path to higher education, a career or both.

The Nevada Chapter of Jobs for America's Graduates was created by Gov. Sandoval and the 2015 Nevada Legislature to reduce the state's high school dropout rate and improve employment opportunities for the state's high school graduates.

The high school graduation rate for Nye County School District's JAG students was 92 percent in 2018, 100 percent in 2017 and 75 percent in 2016.

"I congratulate you for the excellent outcomes achieved by JAG in your schools!," said Rene Cantu, Executive Director of JAG Nevada. "By working together we are graduating more students than ever and placing them on a pathway to college, employment and career."

Ninety-four percent of the 2017 JAG graduates in the Nye County School District have since found jobs, as have 100 percent of the 2016 graduates. The job placement numbers for 2018 graduates have not been finalized.

"I am pleased to announce our partnership with Round Mountain Gold Corporation who provided funding to begin the JAG Nevada program at Round Mountain High School during the 2017-2018 school year," stated Superintendent Dale Norton. "We are looking forward to their results."

JAG's Nevada business partners include AT&T, MGM Resorts International, State Farm, Strada Education Network, SWITCH and The Walmart Foundation.

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