

Job Mentor Program

Fall 2023 Summary

The Job Mentor Program was held in 23 classes at 15 Albuquerque High Schools in Fall 2023. The City of Albuquerque contracts with APS to provide School-based Coordinators who hold weekly career-readiness classes that students can take for elective credit. JMP students are also eligible to receive up to a \$200 stipend per semester for completing Job Shadow experiences.

JMP welcomed several new School-based Coordinators in the fall: Veronica Vazquez at West Mesa, Lydia Williams and Victoria Smith at Manzano, Elly Mcalpine at Volcano Vista, Debra Tedesco at Sandia, and Frank Griego at Highland. We are excited to have these fresh faces on our team!

In an effort to better connect our staff with school-based programs, City JMP staff gave in-person presentations to all classes at the beginning of the school year. This allowed students to learn more about job shadow, internship, and youth employment opportunities within the City.

JMP is partnering with Rio Grande Credit Union to provide Financial Literacy training in our classes. This fall RGCU offered a Financial Literacy series at West Mesa and Del Norte High Schools. This program started last spring with 4 sessions at Valley High School. We plan to rotate this series through JMP classes at other schools in the future.

Fall 2023 Numbers

Total enrollment: 665

Seniors: 310 (47%)
Special Ed.: 228 (34%)
Honors: 137 (21%)
Credit Recovery: 242 (36%)

Career Experience:

Students who
participated in...

Job Shadow: 249 (37%)
Volunteering: 233 (35%)
Working: 297 (45%)

High Schools with Job Mentor Program:

Albuquerque (2 classes)
Atrisco Heritage
Career Enrichment Center
Cibola (2 classes)
Del Norte
eCADEMY
Eldorado (2 classes)
Highland (2 classes)
La Cueva
Manzano (2 classes)
Rio Grande
Sandia
Valley
Volcano Vista (2 classes)
West Mesa (3 classes)

JMP Fall Highlights

(From School-based Coordinators' Fall Reports)

"I have a student who is job shadowing this semester. This student is a hard worker who has never had a job. He wants to work in fast food as an entry level job but has not been able to find one due to transportation issues. Because he was able to work on campus I was able to give him a stipend. When he saw his check he started to cry, he said he had never been paid for his work and he really wanted to buy some gifts for Christmas. To see how happy and appreciative he was for this opportunity was touching and satisfying!" - Atrisco Heritage

"I went to see our industry partner to set up this semester's shadowing experience and found out that they hired one of our guys from last year. They said they love his work ethics and I saw a big smile on his face when I was there to visit." - Career Enrichment Center

"One of my freshman students has been working with the family liaison to organize the school clothing bank, and she has been promoted to manager and has recruited other students to work with her." - West Mesa

"Typically I highlight a student working at one of our volunteer sites, however this semester I had a student who is not in special education that I would like to recognize her success. This student attended a different high school for her first two years. She shared that she was making bad choices in regards to drug use and self harm. Her mom is homeless and lives in a different state so she lives with her dad. Her junior year, she went to online school to try and get away from the friend group and make better choices. This year is her senior year and her first year at Eldorado. She is volunteering at a pre-school and working hard on physical fitness so that she can enlist in the military upon graduation. She had perfect attendance in JMP and genuinely is working extremely hard in order to better her future and accomplish her goals. On the last day of seminar this semester, she brought in chocolates for the entire class and wrote a personal note expressing her gratitude for the class giving her a comfortable, safe, non pressured space to work on her employment and life goals, in addition preparing her for life after this year. What an amazing individual who had a huge impact on the entire class, and on me.... looking forward to working with her next semester and seeing all the amazing things she does with her life. THANK YOU JMP for giving her such a meaningful opportunity." - Eldorado

"One student was persistent to find a job. He had an interview and was told he would be hired but was never scheduled for a shift. I advised the student to contact the person who interviewed him to follow up. He received a response that the hours he could work was not needed which is why he was never scheduled to work. The student was persistent and checked back with the manager about 1 month later. Finally, there was an opportunity to get some shifts. The student was very happy because the location of the place was ideal for him to get to from his home. The student is still working at the location!" - Valley

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