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Jobs for Tennessee Graduates Success Continues

The Jobs for Tennessee Graduates Program has garnered national success for the fourth consecutive year, again being awarded the highest accolade – the Five of Five Award-signifying JTG students exceeded the goals of the program and earned top marks for graduation and success rates. In our area, Perry County and Richland High Schools made the national Five of Five Awards in addition to 18 other Tennessee schools. Our area was also one of three in the top state organizations to get the highest graduation from our Senior Programs in the nation at 97.12%. The other two states were Virginia and New Mexico.

The Jobs for Tennessee Graduates Program (JTG) is designed to help youth that are considered “at risk” of not graduating or dropping out. The program focuses on keeping the youth in school, ultimately graduating and assisting them with attaining fulltime employment or post secondary education.

“This program changes the lives of our students and fits in line with the mission of the Tennessee Diploma Project which is graduating every student, preparing them for college and getting them ready for a career,” Education Commissioner Timothy Webb said.

This year Melanie Gladden with the South Central Tennessee Workforce Alliance will be the Program Manager for 10 additional schools which now brings the total to 13 JTG High Schools in the South Central Tennessee area.

Melanie will provide oversight, guidance and instruction to all of the JTG Instructors in the eight county area. The schools are: Columbia Central High School, Mt. Pleasant High School, Hickman County High School, East Hickman High School, Giles County High School, Richland High School, Lawrence County High School, Lewis County High School, Perry County High School, Summertown High School, Loretto High School, Marshall County High School, Wayne County High School, Clifton High School, and Collinwood High School.

For more information about the Jobs for Tennessee Graduates Program, contact Melanie Gladden at 931-589-5012.

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