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**ATT Supports JAG CT:
*Empowering Student to Reach Their Highest Potential***

STATEWIDE – ATT has announced a grant of \$5,000 to Jobs for America’s Graduates, CT, a new program offering dropout prevention and professional skills training to at-risk high school seniors throughout the state.

The ATT Aspire grant marks ATT’s second donation to JAG CT, after a \$30,000 grant last year via JAG National.

“We are so grateful for the support of partners like ATT to bring the JAG model to students in Connecticut,” said Dr. Martin Estey, Executive Director of the Hartford Consortium for Higher Education, JAG CT’s parent organization. “Even though JAG just launched in January, we are seeing JAG Specialists really reaching kids and making a difference. We are very proud of the JAG class of 2015 and look forward to serving more kids.”

“We are very much looking forward to working with you and your team on our shared goal to empower students everywhere to reach their highest potential,” said John Emra, President of ATT Connecticut. “Through AT&T Aspire we are investing in students to prepare them for success tomorrow. We see tremendous value in JAG and are pleased to award a contribution in the amount of \$5,000. The implementation of JAG programming in Connecticut, offering proven mentoring, academic support and career development guidance needed to successfully complete high school prepared for career and advance education.”

JAG is a state-based national program which for more than 35 years has helped young people graduate from college and continue to postsecondary success and meaningful work. JAG in CT is offered in partner school districts to high school seniors as an elective credit. A JAG Specialist provides instruction in professional and life skills, and also providing individual assistance to each student in educational and career pursuits.

JAG includes student-led community services and civic engagement projects. It’s offered in 35 states, and in Connecticut JAG is offered in six schools in East Hartford, Manchester, New Britain and New Haven. For more information visit www.jagct.org or www.jag.org.

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