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## Career Tech Center Student Attends National Leadership Academy

CADILLAC, MI –A Wexford-Missaukee Career Tech Center student participated in the Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) National Student Leadership Academy November 10-12 in Washington D.C. Clara Clark, who is from Grayling, was one of just two students from northern Michigan to attend the National Student Leadership Academy which attracted nearly 700 students from around the country. Clark is a senior in the Tech Center's Hospitality, Retailing, and Entrepreneurship program which is in its second year of participating in the Jobs for Michigan's Graduates (JMG) program, a statewide affiliate of the JAG program.

While she was in Washington, Clark participated in a variety of leadership sessions, had the opportunity to network with students from other states, and attended the Leadership Awards Luncheon which included keynote speeches by the Governors of Louisiana and Mississippi. Clark was also part of a JAG group photo at the U.S. Capitol, toured the U.S. Monuments, visited Arlington National Cemetery, and spent an afternoon at the Smithsonian Museums. Clark was joined on the trip by Wexford-Missaukee Youth Career Technical Education Placement Advisor, LeAnne Bush and Northwest Michigan Works! Operations Manager, Kathy Taylor.

The statewide Jobs for Michigan's Graduates program helps Michigan's young adults graduate and make successful transitions to postsecondary education or meaningful employment. Northwest Michigan Works! coordinates JMG programs at the Wexford-Missaukee Career Tech Center and the Traverse Bay Area ISD Career-Tech Center.

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