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## **Local Jobs for Michigan's Graduates Students Attend Legislative Day in Lansing**

NORTHWEST, MI – Students in the Jobs for Michigan's Graduates (JMG) program coordinated by Northwest Michigan Works! attended the JMG Legislative Day February 28 in Lansing. The event attracted JMG students from across the state. While they were in Lansing, the students met with their legislators, heard from several speakers including the lieutenant governor, connected with other JMG students from around the state, and toured the capitol building.

The northern Michigan students attending the Legislative Day were:

Sophie Chadwick, a junior at Cadillac Innovation High School  
Cody VanBrocklin, a sophomore at Cadillac High School  
Alexia Serna, a senior from Cadillac and the Wexford-Missaukee Career-Tech Center  
Jessey Abrom, a junior at CASMAN Academy in Manistee  
Ben Krupa a senior from Harbor Springs and the Char-Em ISD CTE Welding Program  
Liz Lantz, a senior from Harbor Springs who attends Crooked Tree High School  
Andrew LeBlanc, a senior from Boyne Falls and the Char-Em ISD CTE Welding Program  
Kaiden Larsen, a senior at Traverse City West High School and the TBAISD Automotive Program  
Derek Rowland, a junior at Kingsley High School and the TBAISD Automotive Program  
Ian Somerville, at Mancelona High School and the TBAISD Automotive Program

JMG's mission is to equip young people with the skills to overcome barriers and succeed in education, employment, and in life. Northwest Michigan Works! coordinates JMG programs at Cadillac Public and Innovation High Schools, CASMAN Academy in Manistee, Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District, the Traverse Bay Area ISD Career-Tech Center, the Wexford-Missaukee Career-Tech Center, and Out of School programs in Cadillac, Kalkaska, Manistee, and Traverse City.

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Jobs for Michigan's Graduates is the leading program of Youth Solutions, Inc., a premiere youth opportunity organization delivering employability and education services to nearly 3,000 young people across 245 communities. Youth Solutions is the state-based affiliate of the national Jobs for America's Graduates organization (jag.org), one of the largest and most successful school-to-work systems in the United States. The JMG model consists of a comprehensive set of services designed to keep young people in school through graduation and improve the rate of success in achieving education and career goals. For more information on Youth Solutions and its Jobs for Michigan's Graduates programming, visit [ouryouthsolutions.org](http://ouryouthsolutions.org).

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