



News Release

AT&T Donates \$100,000 to Jobs for Kentucky's Graduates in Support of Newly Established John "Bam" Carney Scholarship Fund

10 Scholarships to Support Kentucky Students over 3-years

Frankfort, KY., February 11, 2022 – Students from Frankfort High School joined Kentucky legislators and representatives from Jobs For Kentucky's Graduates in the Capitol rotunda today to announce the creation of the John "Bam" Carney Scholarship fund. Through a \$100,000 donation to Job's for Kentucky's Graduates, AT&T has created a scholarship fund to support Kentuckians in the name of former Kentucky Representative John "Bam" Carney.

Established in recognition of the commitment to lifelong learning as demonstrated by State Representative Carney, the Scholarship is a means by which to honor this seemingly ordinary man who demonstrated extraordinary commitment, drive, and devotion to improve the quality of life for future generations of Kentuckians through education.

"Bam was more than a colleague, he was a friend. And through our friendship I saw a man who cared deeply about education and serving as a voice for Kentucky's students," said Speaker David Osborne. "I can't think of a better organization than JAG KY to ensure these scholarships empower our young people to reach their highest potential."

Representative Carney obtained his baccalaureate Degree from Berea College and a Master's Degree from Campbellsville College. During his professional career Carney was a classroom teacher, basketball coach and school administrator.

"We are pleased to honor the life and legacy of Representative Carney by supporting the Kentucky students he dedicated his life to educate," said Sonia Perez, AT&T Southeast States President. "Representative Carney knew the importance of investing in education and I am excited to see the recipients of these scholarships begin their journey through higher education and the opportunities this investment affords them."

The Scholarship will offer financial assistance in the amount of \$10,000 for 10 Kentucky residents to attend an in-state College or University of their choice. The fund will be administered by Jobs for Kentucky's Graduates and allocated on a 3-year schedule to fund the purchase of books, tuition or housing.

"We are thankful for the opportunity to partner with AT&T," said George Stafford, Co-Executive Director, JAG Kentucky. "The funding provided by AT&T creates opportunity for Kentucky families and helps us reach our mission of leading our graduates through a successful transition into postsecondary education."



In more than three decades of operation, JAG has helped more than 1.5 million young people stay in school through graduation, pursue post-secondary education and secure quality entry-level jobs leading to career advancement opportunities. The JAG Kentucky Graduating Class of 2020 achieved 87% successful outcomes, meaning students were enrolled in post-secondary education, were employed, or some combination of the two within 12 months after they graduated from high school.

About Jobs for America’s Graduates

Jobs for America’s Graduates (JAG) is a state-based national non-profit organization dedicated to supporting young people of great promise. JAG is delivering the best results in its 40-year history, while serving youth who face significant challenges, to help them reach economic and academic success. Since its inception in 1980, JAG has served more than 1.5 million students, needing additional support, and is currently serving over 76,000 students in 40 states. JAG students have a graduation rate of over 90 percent, and approximately 80 percent of those graduates go on to postsecondary education, military service and/or full-time employment.

***About Philanthropy & Social Innovation at AT&T**

We’re committed to advancing education, creating opportunities, strengthening communities and improving lives. As part of our companywide \$2 billion from 2021 to 2024 commitment to address the digital divide, we launched AT&T Connected Learning to invest in connectivity and technology, digital literacy and education solutions to help today’s learners succeed inside and outside of the classroom. Since 2008, we’ve committed more than \$600 million to programs that help millions of students across all 50 states and around the world, particularly those in underserved communities.