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MEMORANDUM

TO: John Turcotte, Director
Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability

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RE: Year 2 Report of the Longitudinal Study of the Jobs for Florida's Graduates Program

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Dade	Miami Norland HS	Yes	Yes
Dade	Miami Springs HS	Yes	Yes
Duval	Edward White HS	Yes	Yes
Duval	Jean Ribault HS	Yes	Yes
Escambia	Escambia HS	Yes	Yes
Escambia	Pensacola HS	Yes	Yes
Indian River	Sebastian River HS	No	Yes
Lee	Ft. Myers HS	Yes	Yes
Lee	Riverdale HS	No	Yes
Marion	Belleview HS	Yes	Yes
Orange	Maynard Evans HS	Yes	Yes
Orange	Oak Ridge HS	Yes	Yes
Osceola	St. Cloud HS	Yes	Yes
Polk	Lake Alfred Career Academy	Yes	Yes
Putnam	Interlachen HS	No	Yes
Putnam	Palatka HS	Yes	Yes

Sarasota	Booker HS	No	Yes
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Volusia	New Smyrna Beach HS	No	Yes

Schools participating in the Class of 1999 but not in the Class of 2000 were: Ely HS (Broward); Vero Beach HS (Indian River); Lake Weir HS (Marion); and Evelyn Hamblen Center (St. Johns).

Control Group Class of 2000. In October 2000, the Department of Education provided us with a Fall 1999 list of 8,489 12th grade students from the same schools. From this list, we found 8,076 students with valid identification who were not in the JAG participant group and who matched the characteristics of JAG participants. Students were coded along the same three variables as the JAG participants: gender (male or female); ethnicity (black, Hispanic, other, or white); and free lunch status (eligible or not eligible). An attempt was made to select two students from each code for each JAG student in that school with that code to ensure that an adequately large control group remains in the final years of the study. In some cases, there were not enough students with matching codes to create a two-for-one match. After the matching and random selection process, a control group of 2,121 students was selected.

Table 3 displays the gender, ethnicity, and free or reduced price lunch eligibility status of both the JAG participants and the Control group for the Class of 2000.

TABLE 3. Jobs for Florida's Graduates Program					
Characteristics of JAG Class of 2000 Compared to Control Class of 2000					
JAG Class of 2000			Control Class of 2000		
	N	%	N	%	
Gender					
Male	608	52.3%	1,117	52.7%	
Female	554	47.7%	1,004	47.3%	
TOTAL	1,162	100.0%	2,121	100.0%	
Ethnicity					
Black	574	49.4%	1,097	51.7%	
Hispanic	231	19.9%	462	21.8%	
Other*	106	9.1%	107	5.0%	
White	251	21.6%	455	21.5%	
TOTAL	1,162	100.0%	2,121	100.0%	
*Other includes Asian, American Indian and Multiracial.					
Eligible for free or reduced price lunch					
No	551	47.4%	1,071	50.5%	
Yes	611	52.6%	1,050	49.5%	
TOTAL	1,162	100.0%	2,121	100.0%	

Class of 2000 Results. Of the 1,162 JAG participants submitted to FETPIP, 1,145 (98.5%) had valid identification for matching. Of these, 903 (78.9%) were found to match one or more of FETPIP's employment, education, public assistance, and corrections databases. Of the 2,121 Control group 12th graders submitted to FETPIP, 2,113 (99.6%) had valid identification for matching. Of these, 1,698 (80.4%) were found to match one or more FETPIP databases.

Table 4 compares the Class of 2000 JAG participants with the control group, for those individuals who matched one or more FETPIP databases. Those with matches in the FETPIP data seem closely matched demographically.

TABLE 4. Jobs for Florida's Graduates Program				
Characteristics of JAG Class of 2000 with Outcomes				
Compared to Control Class of 2000 with Outcomes				
	JAG Class of 2000		Control Class of 2000	
	With Outcome Data		With Outcome Data	
	N	%	N	%
Gender				
Male	408	45.2%	762	44.9%
Female	495	54.8%	936	55.1%
TOTAL	903	100.0%	1,698	100.0%
Ethnicity				
Black	436	48.3%	873	51.4%
Hispanic	188	20.8%	371	21.8%
Other*	81	9.0%	79	4.7%
White	198	21.9%	375	22.1%
TOTAL	903	100.0%	1,698	100.0%
*Other includes Asian, American Indian and Multiracial.				
Eligible for free or reduced price lunch				
No	431	47.7%	864	50.9%
Yes	472	52.3%	834	49.1%
TOTAL	903	100.0%	1,698	100.0%

As in the two-year comparison for the Class of 1999, more of 12th grade control group (47% to 39%) opted to continue their education, while more of the JAG participants (62% to 57%) were found employed.

Results of FETPIP Outcome Comparisons. Results of the FETPIP analysis are shown in the attachments to this report. For the Class of 1999, the data represents the second year of tracking; this is the first year of data for the Class of 2000. Next year's data will include the third year for the Class of 1999, the second year for the Class of 2000, and the first year for the Class of 2001.

APPENDIX A

1998-99 JOBS FOR FLORIDA'S GRADUATES - CLASS OF 1999 PARTICIPANTS - FALL 2000 FINDINGS

TOTAL INDIVIDUALS 543

TOTAL WITH OUTCOME DATA

417 77%

FLORIDA EMPLOYMENT DATA (4th QTR)

FOUND EMPLOYED	372	69%
AVERAGE EARNINGS - ALL	\$3,141	
ESTIMATED FULL TIME/FULL QTR (FT/FQ)	206	55%
AVERAGE FT/FQ EARNINGS	\$4,594	

*Percent working full qtr is of those employed.
FT/FQ = earnings of at least \$2,678 per qtr (min. wage x 13 wks. x 40 hrs.)*

EARNINGS BY LEVEL*

Number of employed earning:

Less Than Full Time/Full Qtr (Qtrly Wage less than \$2,678)	166	45%
Wages Between \$5.15 and \$7.49 Inclusive (Qtrly Wages at least \$2,678 but less than \$3,900)	78	21%
Wages Between \$7.50 and \$8.99 Inclusive (Qtrly Wages at least \$3,900 but less than \$4,680)	55	15%
Wages at Least \$9.00 per hr. (Qtrly Wages at least \$4,680)	73	20%

**Levels determined by qtrly wage / 520 hrs. (40 hrs. x 13 wks.)*

FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT DATA

CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (U.S. Post Office, U.S. Civil Service)	** ***	0%
FOUND IN THE MILITARY	5	1%

FLORIDA CONTINUING EDUCATION DATA

TOTAL CONT. THEIR EDUCATION (Unduplicated)	138	25%
... IN DISTRICT POSTSECONDARY	18	13%
... IN COMMUNITY COLLEGE	106	77%
A.A. Program	37	27%
A.S. Program	7	5%
Adult Vocational	** ***	2%
Vocational College Credit	11	8%
Other	48	35%
... IN STATE UNIVERSITY	11	8%
... IN PRIVATE COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY	6	4%

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OF TOTAL CONT. ED. THOSE FOUND EMP. **105 76%**

RECEIVING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

(Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Food Stamps)

RECEIVING TANF	6	1%
... & EMPLOYED	** ***	50%
RECEIVING FOOD STAMPS	18	3%
... & EMPLOYED	12	67%
RECEIVING TANF &/or FOOD STAMPS	20	4%
... & EMPLOYED	14	70%

FL. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS DATA

INCARCERATED	*** ***	1%
COMMUNITY SUPERVISION	20	4%

1999-00 JOBS FOR FLORIDA'S GRADUATES - CLASS OF 2000 PARTICIPANTS - FALL 2000 FINDINGS

TOTAL INDIVIDUALS 1,145

TOTAL WITH OUTCOME DATA

903 79%

FLORIDA EMPLOYMENT DATA (4th QTR)

FOUND EMPLOYED	706	62%
AVERAGE EARNINGS - ALL	\$2,190	
ESTIMATED FULL TIME/FULL QTR (FT/FQ)	233	33%
AVERAGE FT/FQ EARNINGS	\$3,941	

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Wages Between \$5.15 and \$7.49 Inclusive (Qtrly Wages at least \$2,678 but less than \$3,900)	146	21%
Wages Between \$7.50 and \$8.99 Inclusive (Qtrly Wages at least \$3,900 but less than \$4,680)	50	7%
Wages at Least \$9.00 per hr. (Qtrly Wages at least \$4,680)	37	5%

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CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (U.S. Post Office, U.S. Civil Service)	** ***	0%
FOUND IN THE MILITARY	41	4%

FLORIDA CONTINUING EDUCATION DATA

TOTAL CONT. THEIR EDUCATION (Unduplicated)	444	39%
... IN DISTRICT POSTSECONDARY	25	6%
... IN COMMUNITY COLLEGE	324	73%
A.A. Program	74	17%
A.S. Program	10	2%
Adult Vocational	** ***	1%
Vocational College Credit	19	4%
Other	217	49%
... IN STATE UNIVERSITY	88	20%
... IN PRIVATE COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY	29	7%

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(Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Food Stamps)

RECEIVING TANF	13	1%
... & EMPLOYED	9	69%
RECEIVING FOOD STAMPS	82	7%
... & EMPLOYED	52	63%
RECEIVING TANF &/or FOOD STAMPS	83	7%
... & EMPLOYED	53	64%

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COMMUNITY SUPERVISION	9	1%

1998-99 JOBS FOR FLORIDA'S GRADUATES - CLASS OF 1999 PARTICIPANTS CONTROL - FALL 2000 FINDINGS**TOTAL INDIVIDUALS 988****TOTAL WITH OUTCOME DATA****726 73%****FLORIDA EMPLOYMENT DATA (4th QTR)**

FOUND EMPLOYED	596	60%
AVERAGE EARNINGS - ALL	\$2,723	
ESTIMATED FULL TIME/FULL QTR (FT/FQ)	277	46%
AVERAGE FT/FQ EARNINGS	\$4,305	

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Less Than Full Time/Full Qtr (Qtrly Wage less than \$2,678)	319	54%
Wages Between \$5.15 and \$7.49 Inclusive (Qtrly Wages at least \$2,678 but less than \$3,900)	129	22%
Wages Between \$7.50 and \$8.99 Inclusive (Qtrly Wages at least \$3,900 but less than \$4,680)	61	10%
Wages at Least \$9.00 per hr. (Qtrly Wages at least \$4,680)	87	15%

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CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (U.S. Post Office, U.S. Civil Service)	** ***	0%
FOUND IN THE MILITARY	7	1%

FLORIDA CONTINUING EDUCATION DATA

TOTAL CONT. THEIR EDUCATION (Unduplicated)	357	36%
... IN DISTRICT POSTSECONDARY	23	6%
... IN COMMUNITY COLLEGE	255	71%
A.A. Program	113	32%
A.S. Program	26	7%
Adult Vocational	6	2%
Vocational College Credit	22	6%
Other	88	25%
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FOUND EMPLOYED	1,199	57%
AVERAGE EARNINGS - ALL	\$2,186	
ESTIMATED FULL TIME/FULL QTR (FT/FQ)	400	33%
AVERAGE FT/FQ EARNINGS	\$3,945	

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A.A. Program	153	16%
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Adult Vocational	9	1%
Vocational College Credit	42	4%
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Dade	American Senior HS	No	Yes
Dade	Hialeah HS	No	Yes
Dade	Miami Central HS	No	Yes
Dade	Miami Edison HS	No	Yes
Dade	Miami Jackson HS	No	Yes
Dade	Miami Norland HS	Yes	Yes
Dade	Miami Springs HS	Yes	Yes
Duval	Edward White HS	Yes	Yes
Duval	Jean Ribault HS	Yes	Yes
Escambia	Escambia HS	Yes	Yes
Escambia	Pensacola HS	Yes	Yes
Indian River	Sebastian River HS	No	Yes
Lee	Ft. Myers HS	Yes	Yes
Lee	Riverdale HS	No	Yes
Marion	Belleview HS	Yes	Yes
Orange	Maynard Evans HS	Yes	Yes
Orange	Oak Ridge HS	Yes	Yes
Osceola	St. Cloud HS	Yes	Yes
Polk	Lake Alfred Career Academy	Yes	Yes
Putnam	Interlachen HS	No	Yes
Putnam	Palatka HS	Yes	Yes
Sarasota	Booker HS	No	Yes
Sarasota	Riverview HS	Yes	Yes
Sarasota	Sarasota HS	Yes	Yes
Volusia	New Smyrna Beach HS	No	Yes

Schools participating in the Class of 1999 but not in the Class of 2000 were: Ely HS (Broward); Vero Beach HS (Indian River); Lake Weir HS (Marion); and Evelyn Hamblen Center (St. Johns).

Control Group Class of 2000. In October 2000, the Department of Education provided us with a Fall 1999 list of 8,489 12th grade students from the same schools. From this list, we found 8,076 students with valid identification who were not in the JAG participant group and who matched the characteristics of JAG participants. Students were coded along the same three variables as the JAG participants: gender (male or female); ethnicity (black, Hispanic, other, or white); and free lunch status (eligible or not eligible). An attempt was made to select two students from each code for each JAG student in that school with that code to ensure that an adequately large control group remains in the final years of the study. In some cases, there were not enough students with matching codes to create a two-for-one match. After the matching and random selection process, a control group of 2,121 students was selected.

Table 3 displays the gender, ethnicity, and free or reduced price lunch eligibility status of both the JAG participants and the Control group for the Class of 2000.

TABLE 3. Jobs for Florida's Graduates Program					
Characteristics of JAG Class of 2000 Compared to Control Class of 2000					
JAG Class of 2000			Control Class of 2000		
	N	%	N	%	
Gender					
Male	608	52.3%	1,117	52.7%	
Female	554	47.7%	1,004	47.3%	
TOTAL	1,162	100.0%	2,121	100.0%	
Ethnicity					
Black	574	49.4%	1,097	51.7%	
Hispanic	231	19.9%	462	21.8%	
Other*	106	9.1%	107	5.0%	
White	251	21.6%	455	21.5%	
TOTAL	1,162	100.0%	2,121	100.0%	
*Other includes Asian, American Indian and Multiracial.					
Eligible for free or reduced price lunch					
No	551	47.4%	1,071	50.5%	
Yes	611	52.6%	1,050	49.5%	
TOTAL	1,162	100.0%	2,121	100.0%	

Class of 2000 Results. Of the 1,162 JAG participants submitted to FETPIP, 1,145 (98.5%) had valid identification for matching. Of these, 903 (78.9%) were found to match one or more of FETPIP's employment, education, public assistance, and corrections databases. Of the 2,121 Control group 12th graders submitted to FETPIP, 2,113 (99.6%) had valid identification for matching. Of these, 1,698 (80.4%) were found to match one or more FETPIP databases.

Table 4 compares the Class of 2000 JAG participants with the control group, for those individuals who matched one or more FETPIP databases. Those with matches in the FETPIP data seem closely matched demographically.

TABLE 4. Jobs for Florida's Graduates Program					
Characteristics of JAG Class of 2000 with Outcomes					
Compared to Control Class of 2000 with Outcomes					
	JAG Class of 2000			Control Class of 2000	
	With Outcome Data			With Outcome Data	
	N	%		N	%
Gender					
Male	408	45.2%		762	44.9%
Female	495	54.8%		936	55.1%
TOTAL	903	100.0%		1,698	100.0%
Ethnicity					
Black	436	48.3%		873	51.4%
Hispanic	188	20.8%		371	21.8%
Other*	81	9.0%		79	4.7%
White	198	21.9%		375	22.1%
TOTAL	903	100.0%		1,698	100.0%
*Other includes Asian, American Indian and Multiracial.					
Eligible for free or reduced price lunch					
No	431	47.7%		864	50.9%
Yes	472	52.3%		834	49.1%
TOTAL	903	100.0%		1,698	100.0%

As in the two-year comparison for the Class of 1999, more of 12th grade control group (47% to 39%) opted to continue their education, while more of the JAG participants (62% to 57%) were found employed.

Results of FETPIP Outcome Comparisons. Results of the FETPIP analysis are shown in the attachments to this report. For the Class of 1999, the data represents the second year of tracking; this is the first year of data for the Class of 2000. Next year's data will include the third year for the Class of 1999, the second year for the Class of 2000, and the first year for the Class of 2001.

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