

PAT Academy Yearly Report/Newsletter 2015-16

31 students started the program Fall 2016

3 students chose to finish the program 1st semester 2016—2 are working and 1 was not working.



Jarius works as a crossing guard for Peoria Public Schools at Roosevelt.



Latina was able to participate in several job shadow experiences. This one was at Chef and a Baker.



Malcom enjoys working at his job at Wood-sage Apartments/Principal Properties.

1 student chose to finish the program 2nd semester and is employed... 3 students aged out 2nd semester and 2 of them are employed.

The students who came from Jamieson have improved their behaviors due to the higher expectations of the PAT Academy and the opportunity to work along side higher functioning peers.



Caitlyn works in the cafeteria at Northmoor.

6 students were hired by Peoria Public Schools. 4 were hired to work in the cafeteria (3 have been hired as permanent workers). 2 students were hired as crossing guards.



The PAT Academy students made crafts, cookies, and household items. They sold them at the Administration Building and at the PUP Craft Fair.

On Tuesday mornings, the students in PAT went out in the community. They divided into 3 groups for grocery shopping, work experiences, and volunteer experiences.



With the help of community volunteers, the students have worked to re-open the greenhouse at Jamieson. They sold plants (donated by Hoerr's Nursery) as a spring fundraiser.

We feel that our first year of the PAT Academy at Jamieson is a success. We have learned a lot and are looking to make some changes for the next school year to help make our students become even more ready to work and live as independently as possible.