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## **Carbondale – College and Career Readiness Activities**

### **Redefining the High School to College Transition in Illinois**

#### **Catch-up Initiatives**

- Using funds from a Bridging the Gap Grant, high schools students were able to attend a summer math workshop to prepare them for college level math.
- John A. Logan College (JALC) is piloting a developmental education project that is leading to articulated developmental courses in English reading and writing.
- The Asset Test is being administered by JALC to all in-district high schools for college level placement in math and English. This test is used in addition to ACT scores and the Compass Test, which are given on the JALC campus.

#### **Speed-up Initiatives**

- Dual credit courses are offered by JALC in all 11 of the in-district high schools. Courses are offered at the area high schools or the JALC Extension Centers. The dual credit program continues to expand with enrollment growing by 24.1% from Spring 2013 to Spring 2015.
- Dual enrollment courses are offered to in-district students. Students pay fees only with up to 8 hours of tuition waived. The dual enrollment courses provide opportunities for students to take advanced courses not offered at the local high schools.
- Speed-Up to careers opportunities include a health careers showcase and an applied technologies day, where high school students are invited to campus to learn more about JALC's programs in health careers and technology fields respectively.
- JALC also provides customized program guides for students, based on their program of study.

#### **Systems Alignment Initiatives**

- In-district high school seniors who will attend JALC come to campus for a New Student Orientation. During their orientation, students meet with an academic advisor, register for classes, and learning about what the campus has to offer.
- JALC partners with the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to host a workshop for future students and their parents to assist them in filing the FAFSA.