



# Newsbrief

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*Promoting the Abilities of Individuals Seeking Employment and Greater Participation in Community Life*

## Success Story

Before coming to Job Point, **John Robinson** had worked as a bagger at grocery stores in Arizona. He loved interacting with his coworkers and the customers, but due to challenges with retaining information, he found it difficult to keep up with the fast-paced work and ever-changing schedule. After moving to Columbia, John was referred to Job Point by Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor Ashley Mullins for employment assistance in 2018. Working with John Scalise, Director of Rehabilitation Services, Robinson was able to develop coping mechanisms. Robinson completed job trials at HyVee, Columbia Cosmopolitan Club, Groomingdales and GoCoMo before being hired as a Dietary Attendant at University of Missouri Campus Dining in April 2019. There, he cleans tables and likes to talk with students. Job Point provided job coaching while John became adjusted to the job, helping him complete his online training. Initially, staff provided transportation to and from work and assisted John in communicating with his employers. Today, John works independently and is happily working at MU Campus Dining. He has even been tasked with training new employees. We congratulate John on his vocational accomplishments for which he has been nominated for the 2019 Award of Excellence.



## Company Feud

Held on November 19<sup>th</sup> at The Atrium, Job Point's fourth annual Company Feud was a rousing success! Shelter Insurance Companies came ready to win, dressed as "Shelter's Winning Answers Team" or "S.W.A.T." Despite years of play, this is the Shelter Insurance team's first time holding the trophy. Other teams included reigning champion, Joe Machens Toyota, presenting sponsor Veterans United Home Loans, supporting sponsors Missouri Employers Mutual and Providence Bank, as well as team sponsors Achieve Balance Chiropractic, Emery Sapp & Sons, Midwest Computech, Columbia Honda, The Trust Company, the Columbia Police Department, and Columbia Memorial Stair Climb. Company Feud earned nearly \$30,000 to support Job Point's employment and training programs. A special thanks to the Job Point Board of Directors for all their help with this event.



**We welcome** our newest team members: Ann Ojeh, Employment Consultant; and Ian Trantham, Marketing Coordinator.

**We graciously thank** Landmark Bank for their generous contribution and pledge for multiple gifts.

**Reserve the date** Job Point's Awards Banquet will be held March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, at 6:15 p.m. at the Hampton Inn & Suites, 1225 Fellow's Place Boulevard, Columbia, Missouri.

## *A Pile of Presents*

We thank the Columbia Walmart stores for their generous donations, helping ensure every child of the adults served by Job Point will receive at least one gift this holiday season.



## *Upcoming Job Point Programs*

Starting dates for our programs include: **Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning** – January 21; and **Certified Nursing Assistant** – February 4. **Highway/Heavy Construction, Intermediate Construction Trades Program (ICTP)** and **Office Technology** – open entry. **Job Works** January 6, February 3, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, August 3, September 14, October 5, November 9, December 7. Scholarships may be available. Contact Tania Cook at 573-777-1524.

**Job Point** fulfills its mission through the support of Missouri businesses. We acknowledge new and renewed employer partnerships in the following areas: **CENTRAL:** The Bluffs, Boone Hospital Center, Columbia Appliance, Easter Seals, Emery Sapp & Sons, Express Personnel, Jackson-Hewitt, Journeys, MBS, McBee Cattle Farm, Miller's Professional Imaging, Missouri Department of Transportation, Missouri Valley Commission, Peters Heating & Air Conditioning, Salvation Army, Schnucks, University of Missouri Health Care, Vintage Stock. **WEST:** C&R Market, McDonald's, Wendy's and Monsanto.

## *Winter Graduation*

On December 4, Job Point held Winter Graduation at the Boys and Girls Club. Many were moved to tears during the powerful ceremony, particularly when staff and students spoke about their time, and struggles, together. There were 38 graduates from our various programs, including Intermediate Construction Trades, Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning, Highway/Heavy Construction, Certified Nursing Assistant and YouthBuild. For the first time ever, two students were awarded the YouthBuild Hammer Award for going above and beyond.

## *We Thank the Following for Giving Generously*

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*The Staff and Board of Directors Wish You Peace, Promise & Prosperity in the New Year!*