

# JobLink Students Graduate



*Students graduate from Calumet College with tuition assistance from JobLink*

Thirteen JobLink students received a degree or certificate from local area universities this summer with the help of JobLink's Tuition Assistance Program. Gene Sufana achieved a Bachelor's degree in Labor Studies and Mike Florey and Dorine Godinez received Certificates of Labor Studies in recognition ceremonies at Indiana University Northwest. During ceremonies at Calumet college eleven Inlanders received a Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Leadership. Graduating with the B.S. degree

were: Paul Corona, Davis Coundiff, Antonio Garza, Barry Kekelik, Thomas Lewis, Jaime Montemayor, Paul Morley, Patricia Neal, William Robinson, David Russell, and Joe Santino.

These JobLink students participated in programs that are specifically designed for adults who work swing shift. At Indiana University Northwest this program is called Swing Shift College, while at Calumet College it is the Degree Completion Program. The programs make available, at two different times during the day,

courses containing the same material taught by the same instructor. Workers can choose to attend depending on the shift they work.

Dorine Godinez, who attended the classes at IU said, "These classes are beneficial in that they help you raise your self esteem, become a better human being and become more secure and marketable." She added, "The teachers are 'user friendly,'...very helpful and patient." On the other hand Dr. Bob Lovely, Chairman of IUN Division of Continuing Studies said that some of the best students are the steelworker because "they tend to be really interested and focused."

Tom Clark, Director of the Degree completion Program at Calumet College also praised steelworker students saying that they are "very diligent, eager to learn, very talented" adding that they are "unique because of their discipline."

## Airbrush Student Wins National Competition

by Tom Zmigrocki

It is always nice to receive the recognition of our peers for a job well done. It is even nicer, if along with the recognition, we receive an award for outstanding achievement.

David Teague, a #7 blast furnace employee, with twenty-two years service at Inland, recently accomplished both feats. David found help along the way from a couple of airbrush courses he took at JobLink 2000.

David is an accomplished leather worker and a member of the Calumet Area Leather Workers

Guild. In 1994, he became interested in air brushing as a way to improve and refine his leather working skills.

Air brushing is a technique using forced air to apply paint or liquid color onto a surface. This gave David the means to highlight and enhance his leather work, adding depth and realism to his creations. Being mostly self-taught, he experimented with different techniques, always trying to find the right combination. After much (Continued from page 1)

trial and error, David found the

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*David Teague with his award winning eagle*

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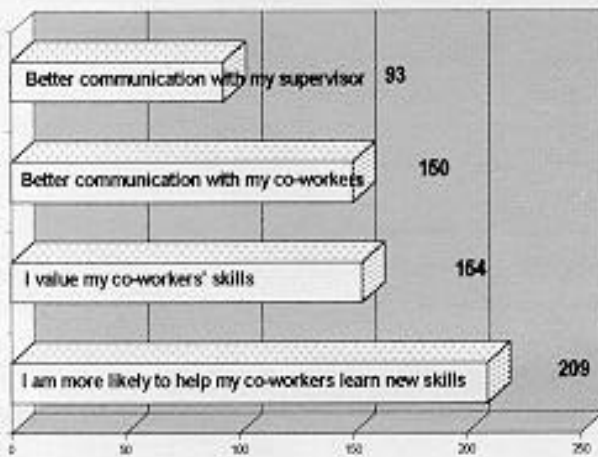
## From Diane's Desk

by Diane Lentz, JobLink Coordinator

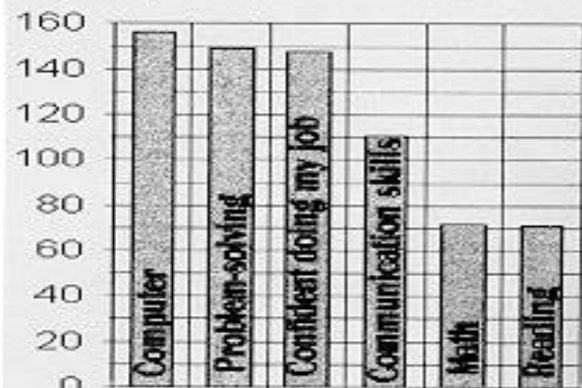
What is the value of a survey? Recently, JobLink sent to all Local 1010 members a survey to evaluate what is working and what isn't at JobLink. I would like to thank the people who took the time to answer the survey. As we move toward the negotiations in 1999, it is more important than ever that your voice be heard about the impact of JobLink. Both sides coming to the table need to have a good understanding of how JobLink has affected the personal lives, retirement possibilities, and employment opportunities at Inland of Local 1010 members.

To date, 3,295 Local 1010 members have taken courses at Joblink. However, the survey indicates that in addition to taking courses, there have been many positive, subtle changes that have enriched the lives of the participants.

Which of the following has occurred as a result of your taking classes at JobLink?



Which of the following skills have you improved as a result of your participation in Joblink classes?



Based on 605 surveys. Some participants checked more than one answer, bringing the total over 605.

## The Role of JobLink's Representatives

By Steve Wagner

Local 1010 Representative

My role as local 1010's Career Development Program (C.D.P.) Representative is to insure that our C.D.P., JobLink 2000, meets the needs and interests of 1010 members.

I believe this is accomplished by developing opportunities for local 1010 members to provide input and participate in the program, conforming to C.D.P. guidelines established by our international union representatives and company officials, working effectively on our local joint union/management committee to expedite program development and decision making and by maintaining a professional learning center where we feel comfortable and enjoy learning.

By Dave Perez

Inland Steel Representative

I am David Perez the Human Resources Area Manager for Planning, Logistics and Systems Technology. In that role I provide and coordinate all personnel, compensation, union relations, training and organization development and design activities to approximately 1900 hourly and salaried employees.

As the new Inland representative I will be responsible to work with Steve Wagner, Diane Lentz and the JobLink staff to make the training and educating of Inland employees a top priority. I believe the upgrading of basic skills and educational levels as well as increasing participation will be my major focus as I get actively involved in this new assignment. I am looking forward to the challenge!

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# A Really Good Use for Your Computer ....

## Surfing

by Dave Dorsey



Many of you have bought a computer and then done the right thing- gone to JobLink to learn about hardware and software in the school's introductory computer courses. Now you can operate the machine, balance your checkbook in Quicken and even help the kids with their homework on the CD ROM encyclopedia. But where's the fun for you? Well I have an answer: sign up for Intro to the Internet at Joblink.

If you're like me and millions of other people around the world, you can find fun on the Internet. Go surfing on the Web to find information about your

hobby, any hobby -from fishing to philately. There is probably a news group where you can find out what others who share your weird hobby have to say.

One of the places I love to go is; <http://www.onsale.com>. They auction off computer parts as well as complete systems. They also have consumer electronics, office electronics (copiers, phone systems) and on occasions homeowner things, (bicycles, furniture). I also have some favorite ftp sites, where I download patches, up dates and

new drivers, but that's another story.

In Intro to the Internet you learn the history of the Internet, programs you use to surf the Internet. You also learn to use a search engine; what email is; and how to bookmark a place that you like so that you can go back to it next time you surf.

If you don't understand the terms I've been using, don't despair. Just go to JobLink-they have all the answers.

perfect answer to his air brushing delimma. JobLink 2000 was offering an air brush course!

David recently completed both air brush 1&2 and is eagerly looking forward to more advanced courses as soon as they are offered. David speaks very highly of his air brush classes. "These courses were fantastic, they gave me an excellent understanding of air brushing fundamentals. I was able to overcome some bad habits, while learning proper techniques. I would highly recommend these courses to anyone."

Because of his new found confidence in his air brushing skills, David decided to enter three pictures in the national competition sponsored by his leather working guild. Competing for the first time in the Masters division, all of David's pieces received third place finishes! Although David was very pleased with the results, he has set his sights on loftier goals.

"I felt that my eagle deserved better than a third place finish. That is why I intend to enter it in the International Competition to be held in Forth Worth, Texas this October."

## Staff News

### Who's Doing What At JobLink?

by Joe Rubalcava

Two outstanding teachers have been with JobLink since the program started in July, 1990. One of them enjoys weaving baskets and making stained glass as her hobbies. The other is a Star Trek fan who loves her Jeep. Can you guess who they are? The teachers are Jill Hammel and Mary Jo Shea.

I have had classes with both of these teachers. In my first eight weeks at JobLink 2000, Jill was very serious about us learning about keyboarding. I didn't find keyboarding boring at all. In the next eight weeks in Introduction to Computers, Mary Jo was very thorough. She made sure we knew what she was saying before she went on with the next topic.

Jill teaches keyboarding and math and does a little bit of everything at JobLink. Prior to coming here she taught for 5 years in the Adult Education Dept. Of the School City of Hammond and also taught at Merrillville High School and SAT prep classes in Glenbrook, Ill. She has a B.S. and M.S. in education from Indiana University.

Jill grew up in Morocco, Indiana. She is married and has three daughters. When I asked her what she liked best at JobLink



*Jill Hammel and Mary Jo Shea*

200, she said "By all means the students."

Mary Jo Shea gave the same answer to my question. She says she likes teaching here because, the students are enthusiastic and are in school because they want to learn. Mary Jo presently teaches computer classes. Before coming to JobLink she was an Assistant Professor at Purdue Calumet and also worked in public relations in Chicago. She has a B.A. in English/education from Purdue, a M.A. from the University of Wisconsin and Post Graduate work at the University of Chicago. Mary Jo grew up in East Chicago. She is married and has a daughter that graduated from college and a teenage son.

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## ***JobLink 2000 Calendar***

### **Some of the Upcoming classes offered by JobLink:**

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Airbrush Technique         | Franklin Planner            | Microsoft Word                   |
| Build Your Own Computer    | Internet I & II             | Plumbing                         |
| Cabinetmaking              | Intro to Computers I & II   | Residential Wiring I & II        |
| Carpentry I                | Intro to Cooking (Ivy Tech) | Residential Sheet Metal          |
| Changing Workplaces (I.U.) | Keyboarding                 | Small Engine Repair (Porter Co.) |
| Commercial Wiring          | Landscaping                 | Stained Glass I & II             |
| Desktop Publishing         | Lawn Installation & Maint.  | Taxidermy                        |
| Domestic Refrigeration     | Memory Enhancement          | VCR Repair I & II                |
| Electronic Troubleshooting | Microsoft Excel             | Windows 95 I & II                |

**All courses are offered on a first-come, first-served basis; almost all are free of charge.**

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