

“Opportunities are usually disguised as hard work, so most people don’t recognize them.”

~ Ann Landers

Hello there, I am your 2012 Montana Jaycee Individual Development Vice President. My name is Sarah James and I am from the Miles City Jaycee chapter. For the 2011 year, I served as the PR Vice President of our chapter and am looking forward to seeing lots of your I.D. presentations come across my computer desk. Although our chapter is newly formed and I’ve only been apart of the Jaycees for less than a year now, my experience in life and in business helped get me to this point.

When I was hired for a job where “corporate was king”, I was asked to put together lists. Many lists = many opportunities. I did the “ask” - often. I asked people, my coworkers, my friends - join the cause. We refurbished and retrofitted two houses for safety and soundness. We organized back to school backpacks for the YWCA. We gathered Christmas wishes for the elderly and families that were struggling to make Christmas reality. The list is lengthy but amazing. Mind you I did not have the benefit of a business plan, I just found out what was needed and got to work asking. Those opportunities lasted until I left that position five years later to move to Montana.

As your 2012 Montana Jaycee IDVP, I want to see YOU and YOUR amazing ideas! This is my goal for the chapters and communities. Let’s start small. Let’s recharge our chapters. I am asking each of our 12 chapters to send me 12 individual presentations. That’s one a month, to prove our state is alive, strong, and ready to find those opportunities and be involved. Want to be prepared in the event of an emergency? Do an I.D. on an emergency preparedness kit. Found a need to lift the spirits of your community? Have a themed wreath decorating night. Make your I.D.’s work for you. Opportunities are knocking, how will you answer?

I am also going to promote our competitions each month in the State Newsletter. You know them - Armbruster, Brownfield, Family, Speak Up, Write Up, and Jaycee Jeopardy. Here is the challenge: to read the newsletter each month and look for the “JCRC” (Jaycee Random Challenge). You WILL be rewarded if you send me six ID and submission of your mock competition by each convention. That’s twice the winning for half the submitting. Finally, I would love to be involved in your presentations and competition practice - so please reach out and email, text, Facebook or call me and let me know you would like me to come over for a visit. :)

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