

Guiding Eyes for the Blind dog, Jordan, graduates from AU to national stage

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A Guiding Eyes for the Blind (GEB) Club was formed on campus in fall 2013, although there have been dogs training for the program at AU since 2011, when Corissa Fanning &13 lived in Openhym Hall as a resident assistant with her puppy, Darrow.

Fanning and Darrow were the inspiration for Casey Duncan &14, a sociology/political science major from Stuarts Draft, VA, and current senior Emily Rechin, a biology major from Silver Creek, who were residents in Openhym at the time.

Casey and Emily were matched with brothers, Jordan and Jester, respectively, who became become the flagship dogs for the club.

Jordan, a Labrador retriever, became a local celebrity while being raised at AU. Now he&s receiving national attention.

A recent article in the Olean Times Herald, relates the story:

“The two-year-old pooch is a July graduate from the Guiding Eyes for the Blind Southern Tier Region program, a branch of the national GEB nonprofit organization, which trains canines to serve as guide dogs for visually impaired and blind people. Jordan was placed last week with handler Blessing Offor, a blind contestant on NBC&s singing competition ‘The Voice.& ”

Read the full article at: http://m.oleantimesherald.com/news/article_ca488c56-4d81-11e4-a562-eb8174e768b0.html?mode=jqm