

Mini Feature: Ask Someone About Their Job: Jakob Lagle



Jakob Lagle, 20, occasionally works regionally as a casino dealer for games such as *Craps*, *Poker*, *Blackjack* and *Roulette*. As a casino dealer, Lagle gets a notification for available dealer gigs on the app titled *Nowsta* to attend a certain casino, and deals cards at a venue for around three hours before finishing the job. In games such as *Roulette* and *Craps*, there are more complicated roles involving managing casino chips and dice.

Lagle usually has a busier season in the winter time, with more events occurring due to seasonal occasions. "December is really our busy time because a lot of companies are having their Christmas parties or New Year's parties," Lagle said. "That's probably 75% of our yearly jobs are in the last, like, two, months of the year." His summers are more free with only a few gigs in that season, so he can spend more time on other projects or responsibilities.

In these gigs, it can be difficult to work with companies that are at the casino strictly for profit, rather than to have fun. Lagle predicts that this occurs due to Las Vegas, which is a city that is a staple in casino culture. To combat this issue, Lagle tries to keep the morale of the group more positive to prevent a negative environment for the people playing the game.

There are different aspects of the job that casino card dealers enjoy, as Lagle looks forward to helping people in these card dealer gigs. Lagle appreciates being able to teach people who are less experienced in these card games how to play. "I think my favorite part is just kind of like being the guy helping them enjoy their evening," Lagle said. "I just kind of go with the flow. I'm not super strict a lot of times because I let them have fun with it. I just want them to enjoy it."