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CLE RECOMMENDATIONS \* ALUMNI NIGHT AT CUMMER \*  
ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT \* CLASS NOTES

The Leadership Jacksonville Office will be CLOSED  
January 21, 2019 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

## Leadership Jacksonville Applications are open today!

January 24 is the **DEADLINE** to submit an application for the  
**Leadership Jacksonville Class of 2020.**

**Program details, selection information, calendar and the link to begin an application are on the website. A prior nomination is not required.**

For questions or issues with your submission, please contact **Yvonne Moore.**



## Join us in welcoming Aleta Turner!

Aleta joins Leadership Jacksonville as our Digital Communications and Research Coordinator. She is a CLE 2012 alum, graduate of the University of Central Florida and previously served as a program manager for the Florida Department of Transportation's workforce development initiative.

You will be seeing more of our newest staff member in 2019! Send a few welcoming remarks.

**Make your recommendations  
for CLE 2019**



We are seeking Northeast Florida working professionals, undergraduate and graduate students for the upcoming CLE 2019 class. You may nominate more than one candidate!

Contact **Meg Folds**.

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## YOU ARE INVITED

Join your classmates at the Cummer Museum on **Tuesday, January 22** between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. to mingle with fellow **Leadership Jacksonville, New Leadership Summit and Collegiate Leadership Experience Alumni**. Hors d'oeuvres will be our treat with a cash bar. You'll have an opportunity to see the fantastic **Augusta Savage exhibit** or just see fellow alumni. Don't miss this opportunity!



**RSVP today** to let us know you're planning to come (no cost but we want to have enough to eat!).

**CUMMER  
MUSEUM**  
ART | GARDENS | EDUCATION



## Leadership Jacksonville Class of 2019



Health Day was December 13 at the Baptist MD Anderson Cancer Center. Every speaker was an alumni of Leadership Jacksonville or the New Leader Summit program! Thank you to the Baptist MD Anderson Cancer Center for hosting us at their lovely new facility and providing a tour of the building featuring the work of local and national artists.

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## Youth Leadership Jacksonville Class XXIX



YLJ Class XXIX focused on the arts during the "Everyday Creativity" program day on December 6. Special thanks to Jacksonville Symphony, Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens and Red Cross of Northeast Florida for making this day meaningful!

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Applications OPEN Wednesday, January 2, 2019 for LJ Class of 2020**  
Deadline to submit is Thursday, January 24, 2019

**Reconnect for CLE and YLJ Alumni**  
Wednesday, January 2, 2019  
5:30-8 p.m., Jessie Ball duPont Center, Room 208

**LJ 2019 Program Day**  
Thursday, January 17, 2019  
Leading From Within

**LJ Office Closed for Martin Luther King Day**  
January 21, 2019

**Let's wish CEO Jill Dame a Happy Birthday!**  
January 21, 2019

**Alumni Evening at the Cummer**  
Tuesday, January 22, 2019  
5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens

**Applications CLOSE for LJ Class 2020**  
Thursday, January 24, 2019

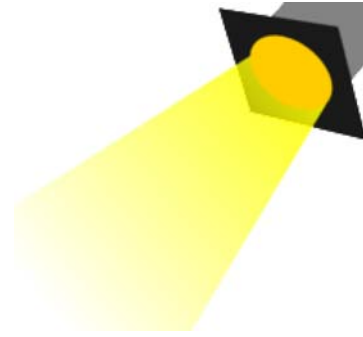
**YLJ XXIX Program Day**  
Thursday, January 24, 2019  
"Are We Our Brothers'/Sisters' Keeper?"

### Alumni Spotlight

**Toni Crawford**  
LJ Class of 1997



Toni shares that she loved her year in Leadership Jacksonville and that LJ's impact was very powerful. "I went into the program thinking I knew everything about Jacksonville. It was extremely humbling to realize that I didn't!" Toni developed a passion for



early childhood development and education. She served on the LJ board and has been involved for many years with Celebration and the selection process. "It is a privilege to be involved with LJ and it is something I take very seriously. In fact my daughter (Tricia Canaan, LJ 2007) continued the family tradition as a member of Leadership Jacksonville and two of my grandchildren have been participants in Youth Leadership Jacksonville." She also shares that the connection piece of LJ has proven to be amazing. She has met people from across all parts of north Florida through her LJ activities and they have been a ready source of help and guidance in her volunteer work.

Alumni Spotlight is brought to you by the Alumni Relations committee and features short interviews with Leadership Jacksonville alumni.

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## CLASS NOTES

### 1983

**Bill Brinton** was posthumously honored at the 50th anniversary of the Murray Hill Branch Library. Jacksonville city leaders approved the renaming of the branch to the Bill Brinton Murray Hill Library.

### 1988

**Judge Peter Dearing** is the recipient of the 2018 Jurist of the Year award by the American Board of Trial Advocates Jacksonville Chapter.

### 1991

**Hugh Greene** was featured in the December issue of Florida Trend talking about the future of health care and its financial challenges and the government's role.

### 1993

**Eric Green**, CEO of JAXPort was awarded the International Individual of the Year award by JAXUSA Partnership.

### 1994

**Kathy Stark** has joined the board of directors of Timucuan Parks Foundation.

### 1995

**Kathy Para**, Jacksonville Area Legal Aid Pro Bono Director, received the "Spirit of Giving" award from the Jacksonville Chapter of the Federal Bar Association.



Virginia Bicksler and her mother, Leslie, with Luke and Adams Graham and their mother, Caroline Brinton

### 1997

**Julie Negrete-Anderson**, founder and chief operating officer of OnPay Solutions, was invited to present OnPay



Julie Negrete-Anderson OnPay Solutions presentation

Solutions in New York City at Morgan Stanley's Innovative Lab Demo Day. The MSIL featured 16 women or minority-owned companies that provide innovative technologies that are solving problems for consumers or businesses.

### 2000

**Mia Jones** served as the keynote speaker at the Florida A&M University, John Robert Edward Lee Alumni Chapter 2019-2020 board of directors installation ceremony.

### 2002

**Joyce Quaintance Couch** will serve as Treasurer on the board of directors for the Florida A&M University, John Robert Edward Lee Alumni Chapter.

### 2005

**Judge Marcia Morales Howard** administered the Oath of Allegiance to 65 people, now United States citizens, during half-time at the December 16 Jacksonville Jaguars home game. It was the first naturalization ceremony at a game in NFL history.

### 2006

**Kevin Holzendorf** was elected to serve as 2019 Chairman for the Jacksonville Transportation Authority board of directors.

### 2014

**Nathaniel P. Ford Sr.** was honored and inducted into the First Coast Business Hall of Fame by the Florida Council on Economic Education.

### 2016

**Billy Wagner** was recognized as Big Brother of The Year by Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Northeast Florida. Billy become a Big Brother 10 years ago.

**Sarah Bermudez** has joined Steelcase as a Strategic Account Manager for Northeast Florida.

### 2017

**Patrick Krechowski** was recognized as the Urban Land Institute North Florida Member of the Year.

**Chris Quinn** joined Wexford Strategies as the Vice President of International Affairs.

**Mark K. Bennett** joined the PACE Center for Girls board of trustees.

**Kyle Dorsey** and Katie Pickett Dorsey were married on December 15, 2018. Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey.



Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Dorsey



Billy Wagner, Big Brother of the Year

### 2018

Congratulations **Keith Marks** for being selected to participate in an Arts Leadership Program through the University of Pennsylvania.

### 2019

Congratulations **Bryan Chartrand** on his promotion to Senior Vice President of Fresh Foods at Acosta.

### Collegiate Leadership Experience

**Aleta Turner** (CLE 2012) has joined Leadership Jacksonville as Digital Communications and Research Coordinator.

## Youth Leadership Jacksonville

**Sarit Sandler** (YLJ XXIV 2013-14) is a senior at Florida State University and was [recently profiled by The Florida Times-Union](#) for her latest documentary film, "The Rise Down-Under." Sandler's documentary is focused on the rise of anti-Semitism in Australia.

**Connor Murphy** (YLJ XXVIII 2017-18) was recently named to Third team All First Coast 2018-2019 Boys Cross Country.

### Various

Congratulations to the following Class of 2019 members of Jacksonville Women's Network: **Sara Alford** (LJ 2018), **Tonya Ray Bailey** (LJ 2019), **Michelle Bedoya Barnett** (LJ 2012), **Cathy Chambers** (LJ 2010), **Pegine Echevarria** (LJ 2017), **Alesia Ford-Burse** (LJ 1998), **Dawn Gilman** (LJ 2018), **Holly Keris** (LJ 2014), **Kathy Para** (LJ 1975), **Gail Patin** (LJ 2013), **Vickie Robinson** (LJ 2016), **Deborah Schroth** (LJ 2001) and **Mary Strickland** (NLS 2016).

2019 Board of Directors for the Jacksonville Women's Network include **Maribel Hernandez** (LJ 2004), President; **Ann Mackey** (LJ 2003), VP & Program Chair; **Barbara Goodman** (LJ 2002), Secretary; **Susan Mack** (LJ 2009), Treasurer; Directors: **Maria Coppola** (LJ 2011), **Nancy Dreicer** (LJ 2005), **Meg Folds** (LJ 1999), **Barbara Gubbin** (NLS 2006) and **Robin Wahby** (LJ 2008).

**Rena Coughlin** (LJ 2004) will moderate a board of directors service panel discussion at the Jacksonville Women Lawyers Association meeting on January 10. Panelists include **Karen Bowling** (LJ 1993) and **Giselle Carson** (LJ 2005).

**John Falconetti** (LJ 1994) and **Sidney Simmons II** (LJ 1989) have joined the board of directors of Ascension Florida.

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## NOTES OF SYMPATHY

Our condolences to the family and friends of **John A. "Jack" Gillrup** (LJ 1993). Jack passed away on November 21. He was a graduate of FSU and UNF. During his career Jack served as Chief of the Disabled Services Division for the City of Jacksonville under three different mayors (1991-2007). While at the City Jack proudly oversaw the creation of the Jim Brady Scholarship program for students with disabilities and authored the ordinance requiring all property owners to make their businesses accessible to all persons, including those with disabilities. He was the Florida Field Editor for the Disabled Outdoors magazine, co-founder of the Florida Handicapped Sportsman, Inc. and served as a board member of Easter Seals of Florida and WJCT/Stereo 90. He also was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to serve two terms on the Commission for Employment of the Blind and Other Severely Handicapped. The Jack Gillrup: Spirit of the ADA Award was created in 2007 to recognize a leader in the Northeast Florida Disability Community. Jack will be missed.

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