December 2020

THE LEAD STORY

NEWSLETTER FOR LEADERSHIP JACKSONVILLE

The Leadership Jacksonville Office will be CLOSED on December 24-25, 2020 in observance of the holidays.

Reminder - Nominations for LJ 2022 CLOSE on December 11, 2020.

Together We Give

GIVINGTUESDAY

December 1 is Giving Tuesday, a global generosity day that encourages people to do good!

Show your kindness and love for LJ by making a donation of any amount to the **Bright Future, Matching Campaign for Leadership**— we are less than $6,000 away from reaching our fundraising goal.

Online donations will be **MATCHED** up to $500 per transaction when you give to empower community leaders to build a brighter future for Northeast Florida.

Every donation counts! LJ is counting on you to give before the campaign ends on December 31, 2020. We are thankful for every donor who contributed to support our future leaders.

DONATE

Save the Date: January 28, 2021

Mark your calendar for a special virtual LJ Alumni social on Thursday, January 28, 2021. We will announce this year's "Best Class" and welcome Honorary members with food and drinks!

This social event will take place on Zoom. Stay tuned for more details in next issue of The Lead Story. We look forward to celebrating with you in the new year.

LEADERSHIP JACKSONVILLE

Class of 2021
Governance and Media Day

What does it take to be an engaged citizen? LJ 2021 gained insights on varied topics including consolidation, ethics, Jacksonville's budget and the importance of media.

Thank you to our presenters, speakers and volunteers for sharing their knowledge and expertise.

Christine Bell, Carlton Robinson, Pat Sams and Tracye Polson (from left to right) at Southern Grounds & Co. for a small group gathering

Class of 2021
"Inside The System"

YLJ 2021 learned about the criminal justice system, accountability measures and the impact of organizations working to provide solutions for victims and offenders. Students wrapped up the program day with a civil discourse on bullying. We express gratitude to our many volunteers and speakers who made the program day impactful and educational.

LEADERSHIP JACKSONVILLE
YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Attention Family and Friends of Current High School Freshmen

Youth Leadership Jacksonville applications for the 2021-2022 school year have been sent to participating high schools in Baker, Clay, Duval and St. Johns counties. Help us spread the word.

Current freshmen are eligible to apply for participation during their sophomore year. Contact Meg Folds, Youth Programs Director, for questions about YLJ and if you would like to know the name of a school's point of contact.

Alumni Spotlight

Bill Adams
Leadership Jacksonville
Class of 2014

Bill Adams is the Managing Shareholder at Gunster. He is the past chair of the Selection Committee for the adult program and has actively volunteered with LJ for seven years. LJ introduced Bill to so many things he didn't appreciate about Jacksonville and deepened his love for our city.

"My continued involvement is a way of repaying that debt!" shares Bill. He enjoys meeting new people, being exposed to different perspectives and learning about the journey of others." Justice Day really opened my eyes to the strengths and weaknesses of our system and, maybe more importantly, helped me understand how others view criminal justice issues." Bill looks at local events and issues with a broader perspective now thanks to hearing real-life experiences of his classmates and learning how the justice system intersects with the lives of others. Bill believes LJ educates participants on what it means to be a good citizen, have an obligation to every community and to do the most good for others in Jacksonville.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Virtual YLJ 2021
Thursday, December 3, 2020
"Everyday Creativity"

Virtual LJ 2021
Thursday, December 10, 2020
Economy, Growth and Preservation Day

Nominations CLOSE for LJ 2022
Friday, December 11, 2020

Virtual LJ Board of Directors Meeting
December 14, 2020

12-1:30 p.m.

LJ Office Closed for Holidays
December 24-25, 2020

Applications OPEN for LJ 2022
January 4-25, 2021

Save The Date
January 28, 2021

CLASS NOTES

Submit your accomplishments with LJ by emailing aleta@leadershipjax.org

1993
Roslyn Mixon-Phillips has announced her retirement from full time employment. Roslyn spent time with the City of Jacksonville retiring in 2011, in addition to the Hester Group as Vice President and spent her last two years working with English El Enterprises.

1995
John Rutherford won reelection to the U.S. House of Representatives for the 4th District of Florida. Congratulations John.

1997
For a third year in a row OnPay Solutions founded by **Juliet Negrete-Anderson** has been named by CFO Tech Magazine as a Top 10 Accounts Payable Solution Provider.

1999
Meg Folds is Chair of the 2020 Art & Antiques Show, *Virtually Venice* benefitting Wolfson Children's Hospital.

2003
Ann Mackey has joined the Memorial Parks Association's board of directors for a three year term.

2006
Kerri Stewart has been named Vice President of Business Analytics and Strategic Initiatives at Miller Electric Company.

2009
Wyman Duggan won reelection to the Florida House District 15. Congratulations Wyman.

2010

The JAX Chamber named Retired U.S. Navy Captain **Dan K. Bean** as the recipient of the 7th Annual RDML Kevin F. Delaney Hall of Fame Award. Dan was presented with the award during the Veterans Appreciation Breakfast where the JAX Chamber honored the outstanding veterans and retired military personnel living in Northeast Florida.

2011
Shannon Nazworth was named 2020 Executive of the Year by the Multifamily Executive magazine.

2013
Crystal Freed has joined the Metropolitan Board of Directors of the YMCA of Florida's First Coast.

2014
Rory Diamond received the Governmental Affairs Leadership award during the 2020 Jacksonville Outstanding Young Professional Awards hosted by the Jacksonville Jaycees on November 12.

PeDro Cohen has joined Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) as Executive Director.

2016
Kyle Sanders has formed Kyle Sanders Consulting where he is CEO.

Congratulations to **Chris Hoffman** who has been elected as the first woman to serve as mayor of Jacksonville Beach.

Congratulations to **Sam Garrison** who won his election to Florida House District 18.

2019
Kevin Carrico won election to the Jacksonville City Council, District 4. Congratulations Kevin.

Adriel Rocha was nominated and unanimously approved to join the Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Florida's Board of Governors.

Coretta Hill is vice chair of the board of Level the Playing Field Leadership Academy, a new program whose mission is to empower young male athletes of color (middle school through age 21), from single parent homes to become successful on and off the field.

2021
Kimberly Alula was promoted to Vice President, Head of Global Inclusion & Innovation at Fanatics, Inc.

Anne Borngesser Bean (LJ 2021) married **Dan K. Bean** (LJ 2010) on October 17.

Honorary

Congratulations to **Tracie Davis** who won reelection to Florida House District 13.

Bride and Groom, Anne Borngesser Bean (LJ 2021) and Dan K. Bean (LJ 2010)

Preston Haskell was named Engineering News Record Southeast's 2020 Legacy Award Honoree. The magazine wrote that Preston "has been one of the design-build industry's most prominent and persistent promoters."

Next Generation

Sichao Ni (NextGen 2009) received the Superior Honor Award from the U.S. Department of State for his (and his peers') superior and heroic service at U.S. Consulate General Guangzhou during the COVID-19 epidemic in Mission China in order to evacuate 856 U.S. citizens and their families. Sichao is an American diplomat currently serving in Guangzhou, China and has been assigned to Mumbai, India for his second tour with the United States Foreign Service beginning October 2021. Sichao recently completed the Blockchain technologies and business innovation executive program at the MIT Sloan School of Management.

Pascal Rathle (NextGen 2019) founded the Jacksonville Global Shaper Hub. The Global Shapers Community is born out of the World Economic Forum (WEF). The Global Shapers Community is a network of inspiring young people under the age of 30 working together to address local, regional, and global challenges.

Youth Leadership Jacksonville

Adam Miller (YLJ 2007) has announced his engagement to Lauren Edwards.

Various

2021 Women with Heart Honorees include **Lakesha Burton** (LJ 2019) and **Karen Wolfson** (LJ 2000). The event will be held on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.

The Brooks YMCA has announced that **Steve Gilbert** (LJ 2014) will be the 2021 Board Chair; and **Karla Ebio** (LJ 2020) and **Amanda Crawford** (LJ 2020) are 2021 Board Co-Chairs.

Sunil Joshi (LJ 2017) is serving as co-chair of the University of Florida Alumni Association Regional Directors Committee.

The 2020 Art & Antiques Show, annual event is presented by The Women's Board of Wolfson Children's Hospital to raise funds for the hospital. Serving as Committee Chairs are **Sabrie Edmonton** (NextGen 2012), **Meredith Guess** (LJ 2012), **Jane Ann Howerton** (YLJ 2012), **Beth Langley** (LJ 2000), **Kendra McCrary** (LJ 2003), **Deborah Moore** (LJ 2003), **Janet Reagor** (LJ 2005), **Allison Stocker** (LJ 2019) and **Karen Wolfson** (LJ 2000). Also serving on the Committee are **Robin Albaneze** (LJ 1996), **Emily O'Leary** (LJ 2016), **Connie Phillips** (LJ 2008), **Joni Poitier** (LJ 2016) and **Andrea Rizzi** (LJ 2009). This year's event, *Virtually Venice,* will be presented at no charge December 4 to 10 online. Click here to watch a preview of the event online now or view the event beginning December 4.

Congratulations to **Cynthia Griffin** (LJ 2011) and **Kim Holland** (LJ 2014) who have been selected by Girls Scouts of Gateway Council to be honored as 2021 Women of Distinction.

NOTES OF SYMPATHY

Our condolences to the family and friends of **J. Malcolm Jones, Jr.** (LJ 1978) who passed away on October 28. Malcolm spent most of his career in banking, beginning at Florida National Bank and most recently serving as vice chairman and CEO of Florida Capital Group. He was active as a board member and supporter of the Nemours Children's Health System and the Bolles School. Malcolm also supported Seamark Ranch, Christian Family Chapel, City Rescue Mission and North Florida School of Education.

Our condolences to **Cliff Schultz** (LJ 1985) and the family and friends of **John Schultz** (LJ 1994) upon John's death on November 5. John was predeceased by his father, **Frederick H. Schultz** (Honorary), Leadership Jacksonville's founder. John had a career in real estate development, management, construction and brokerage. He previously served on the boards of Jacksonville Bancorp, Metro YMCA, the Daniel Companies, MOSH, St. Vincent's Foundation, Junior Achievement of Jacksonville, Jacksonville Museum of Modern Art, Intrepid Capital Corp., Bolles School Alumni Board and Southeast Atlantic Corp. He was also a board member of the local NAACP, the Trust for Public Land, the National Association of the Remodeling Industry and a founding member of the Ribault Group.

LEADERS WANTED

L' Arche Jacksonville - Board of Directors

L'Arche Jacksonville is a nonprofit organization that exists to promote community amongst people with and without intellectual disabilities and to uncover and share their gifts. They are a licensed Assisted Living Facility with four homes and they operate an arts day program called the Rainbow Workshop.
L'Arche Jacksonville is part of a federation of 150 L'Arche communities around the world.

Board positions are currently available and the organization is interested in people who share their passion and are willing to contribute their own gifts to L'Arche Jacksonville's work. Please visit www.larchejacksonville.org and contact Executive Director Melanie Saxon at Melanie@larchejacksonville.org to learn more information.

MAKE A LJ DONATION

Many companies sponsor matching gift programs that will match the charitable contributions made by their employees. This is a great way to enhance the impact of your giving. Check with your employer for details.

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