



March 2021

THE LEAD STORY

NEWSLETTER FOR LEADERSHIP JACKSONVILLE

Last Call for nominations of "Unsung COVID Leaders" - Friday, March 5

Do you know the story of an "Unsung COVID Leader" who has demonstrated a commitment to others through advocacy, unique fundraising efforts or acts of kindness?

You can celebrate that special individual or small group by making a nomination for Leadership Jacksonville's Celebration 2021. Select nominees will be featured in the virtual presentation that will premiere on Tuesday, May 25, 2021. **Make your online nomination now.**



Thank you Truist Foundation

We're happy to share that LJ received a Truist Foundation grant to support Youth Leadership Jacksonville and improve LJ's technology deficiencies during the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you to our friends at Truist Foundation!



Save the Date for Riverfront Parks Now on March 31, 2021

Youth Leadership Jacksonville 2021 is hosting a Zoom session to share the work of **Riverfront Parks Now** with LJ alumni, family and friends. This group has inspired YLJ participants and they want to educate, connect and inspire you!

Time: 7:15 to 8:15 p.m.
Date: Wednesday, March 31, 2021

Location: Virtual - Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 858 7381 9306
Passcode: 453075

This event is free and open to the public.
No registration is necessary.

You can help spread the word about this youth-led event by downloading the informational flier [here](#).



Designed by **Charlotte Caccam** (YLJ 2021)



LJ 2021 learned about the realities our community faces when working to provide a quality education for every student. Special thanks to our program day sponsor, The Bolles School, and Coker Law for sponsoring the afternoon break, and to Duval County Public Schools and River City Science Academy for providing virtual and small group school tours.

Much appreciation to our volunteers and speakers who help create a meaningful experience.

Class of 2021
Education Day



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"Dollars and Sense"



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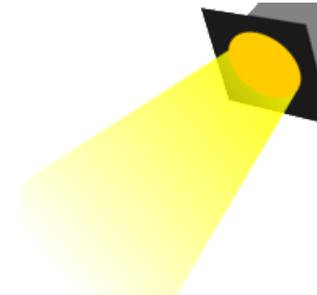
YLJ 2021 participants were introduced to a variety of professions during their last program day. Students gained knowledge about the Northeast Florida economy, business ethics and etiquette.

We are appreciative of the tremendous support of our volunteers and speakers.

Alumni Spotlight

Noah Henderson Leadership Jacksonville Class of 1983

Noah Henderson (LJ 1983) has remained engaged with Leadership Jacksonville for nearly 40 years. He believes it is important to assist LJ with bringing together an equitable representation of the Jacksonville community and educating participants to promote the common good for a better community.



Noah's LJ accomplishments include serving as President of the LJ alumni association, receiving the 1994 Distinguished Leadership Award and the 2008 Celebration Honoree. Noah is the grandfather of Karrington Henderson (YLJ 2020) who participated as the Inspirational Thought speaker at Celebration 2020.

After learning about servant and community leadership, Noah served on numerous boards and committees focused on youth causes. Noah's LJ memories are filled with ski trips, traveling to share information about LJ at conferences, "Jax At Night" events focused on exploring different community aspects such as entertainment and asset mapping as a volunteer for Mayor Ed Austin. He continues to participate in alumni events to gain cutting-edge information. Noah believes that LJ connects a diverse cross section of leaders with ideas which hopefully leads to individuals being respectful to each other, understanding one another, coming together to promote various causes, and creating solutions to solve community problems for the good of the community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Virtual LJ 2021

Thursday, March 4, 2021
Justice Day

Celebration 2021 Nominations DEADLINE

Friday, March 5, 2021

Virtual YLJ 2021 Closing Retreat

Saturday, March 27, 2021

Virtual Riverfront Parks Now Initiative

Wednesday, March 31, 2021 from 7:15-8:15 p.m.

Next Generation 2021 Applications OPEN

Now through Tuesday, April 6, 2021

CLASS NOTES

*Submit your accomplishments to LJ by emailing
aleta@leadershipjax.org*

1996

Congratulations to **Pat Warren** upon her graduation from The Interdenominational Theological Center with a Masters in Divinity, focused in Pastoral Care.

Robin Albaneze is serving as the 2021-2022 President of the Women's Board of Wolfson Children's Hospital.

1999

LaTanya Wynn-Hall is the recipient of the Pinnacle award. **The Jacksonville Image Awards** will air on March 13.

2000

Candace Lewis has been selected as the 17th President-Dean of the Gammon Theological Seminary, the United Methodist constituent seminary of the Interdenominational Theological Center, a consortium of five seminaries in Atlanta, Georgia. Candace is the first female to serve in this role.



LaTanya Wynn-Hall (LJ 1999)
pictured alongside Tarik Minor at News4Jax
with the Pinnacle award

2006

Kerri Stewart has joined the board of directors for Goodwill Industries of North Florida.

2008

David Miller has been named the chair of OurJax. OurJax is a group of concerned citizens, originally organized to fight the JEA sale. They have announced a focus on improving ethics in our local government.

2010

Mal Washington has been selected to receive the 2021 "Rock of the Community Award" from the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach during its annual **Mineral City Celebration** on May 1.

2014

Nat Ford has joined the board of trustees for The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens for a three year term. Nat was also named chair of the board of directors for Goodwill Industries of North Florida.

2015

Stephanie Cost has joined the board of directors of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Jacksonville.

2016

Sabeen Perwaiz has been elected to the board of directors of the National Council of Nonprofits.

2017

Alex Alston has joined the board of directors of Visit Jacksonville.

Lori Day received the Bridge Builder award from her employer, CGI. She was recently chosen to be Treasurer of the Florida Commission on the Status of Women.

Glori Katz has joined Generation W as Chief Operating Officer. Generation W is a national nonprofit that embraces the guiding tenets of education, inspiration, and connection and the power of women's leadership.

2019

Sheila Pressley has been named chief customer officer at JEA. In her role she will lead the customer group that oversees the customer experience and internal and external communications.

Andi Williams has been appointed to the Jacksonville Human Rights Commission.

2020

Congratulations to **Kimano Edwards** and his wife, Nikki, who welcomed their second child Kalea Alexandra on February 14 weighing 8 lbs 3 oz. and 20 inches long. Mom, Dad and baby are all doing well.



Kalea Alexandra, daughter of **Kimano Edwards** (LJ 2020) and wife, Nikki

Congratulations to **Megan Moon** for being named a shareholder at Gunster.

2021

Congratulations to **Kellie Humphries** for being named a shareholder at Gunster.

New Leadership Summit

Tim Rogers (NLS 2019) has been appointed to the State Library Council, an advisory board to the Department of State's Division of Library and Information Services. The Council assists the State Librarian in the development of plans and programs that meet the information needs of Florida's diverse communities. Tim is currently serving as president of the board of directors of the Northeast Florida Library Information Network (NEFLIN).

Next Generation

Javon Knight (NextGen 2019 and YLJ 2010) was selected for The Leadership Network Millennial Cohort of the **American Enterprise Institute**. The Leadership Network (LN) is an exclusive policy education and professional development program for state-based, mid-career executives in the public, private, and non-profit sectors.

Javon Knight and **Lawrence Luksha** (NextGen 2019) have been selected as members of the World Economic Forum's Global Shapers Community in the new Jacksonville Hub.

Youth Leadership Jacksonville

Chelsea C. Reeves (YLJ 1995) was accepted into the **McKinsey Black Leadership Academy**. The program is a management accelerator that helps enhance the capabilities of existing Black leaders and supports their ongoing career progression. It targets early- to mid-career leaders for a 6-month offering delivered through immersive digital courses, individual and group projects, and a capstone event.

Taylor Richardson (YLJ 2020) raised more than \$22,000 and was able to purchase and donate 1,100 copies of Fredrick Joseph's book, "The Black Friend" to **The Bolles School** and other organizations. Taylor is an advocate for inclusion and diversity in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. She was also featured on the **First Coast News** segment "Making History Today" sharing her passion to make a difference in the lives of others. **NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt** featured Taylor alongside Dr. Mae Jemison in a two-part segment "Changemakers: Women of color in STEM".

Various

New officers for Visit Jacksonville include: **Ken Babby** (NLS 2016) Board Chair, **Tony Vecchio** (NLS 2010) Chair Elect, and **Patrick Krechowski** (LJ 2017) Treasurer. **Warren Jones** (Honorary) is continuing on the board.

OneJax has announced its 2021 Humanitarian Awards, to be presented on April 15. **Nat Glover** (LJ 1989) will receive the top honor, the Gold Medallion for Life Achievement and **Robert Hill** (LJ 2007) together with his wife Margaret will receive the Silver Medallion Award.

Kristi Aiello (LJ 2018), **Martha Barrett** (LJ 1981), **Allishia Bauman** (NextGen 2012), **Debbie Buckland** (LJ 2009), **Amanda Crawford** (LJ 2020), **Pilar Dixon** (LJ 2019), **Diana Donovan** (LJ 2021), **Karen Feagins** (LJ 2016), **Kat Hardwick** (LJ 2020), **Ann-Marie Knight** (LJ 2016), **Wendy Norfleet** (LJ 2020), **Alicia Somers** (LJ 2018), **Deborah Thompson** (LJ 1982), and **Wanda Willis** (LJ 2002) participated as mentors in the Jacksonville Business Journal's Bizwomen Mentoring Monday 2021 Virtual Event.



(Left to right) **Tim Page**, **Ellen Wiss**, **Barry Argalas** and **Tracye Polson** (LJ 2021) at Education Day on February 4, 2021

Photo Credit: **Blake Menzel** (LJ 2017)

NOTES OF SYMPATHY

Our condolences to **Brett Simon** (LJ 2018), his family and our friends at K9s for Warriors upon the passing of Brett's mother Shari Duval on February 4. Many in Jacksonville will recognize Shari's name from her work creating K9s for Warriors.

Condolences to **Martha Cesery Taylor** (LJ 1997) and her family upon the death of her daughter Taylor Haller Cesery Taylor on January 30 at age 18.

Our condolences to the family and friends of **Robert E. (Bob) Poland** (LJ 1985) who we just learned passed away on November 7, 2018. Bob was in the insurance industry, beginning with Gulf Life Insurance Company and ending as Senior Vice President/Agency with Allstate. Bob enjoyed his family, fishing, boating and the Florida Gators.

LEADERS WANTED

The Jacksonville Children's Chorus, a national award-winning non-profit, is currently seeking up to three people to serve on its Board of Directors. The mission of the Jacksonville Children's Chorus is to provide a high-quality choral music education for children of diverse backgrounds, fostering teamwork, self-discipline, accomplishment and pride while filling an important cultural

need in the community and sharing the beauty of the choral art form through artistically excellent performances. Potential candidates with experience in development, finance/accounting and law are encouraged but not limited to those fields. For more information, please contact President and Artistic Director **Darren Dailey** (LJ 2011) at ddailey@jaxchildrenschorus.org.

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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