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April 2015

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Parents and Friends of College Students!

There are still spots open for this summer's **Collegiate Leadership Experience** Class of 2015. Contact Meg Folds at meg@leadershipjax.org or call 904-296-6263 x26 for details.

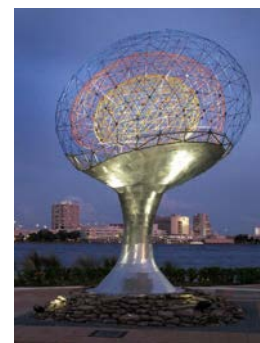
CELEBRATION 2015

It's not too late to join us in honoring
Ceree Harden, Connie Hodges and Cleve Warren

Register and **pay online** by Friday, April 3
or call 904-396-6263 x23

April 9, 2015 - Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront
6 p.m. Reception with cash bar / **7 p.m.** Dinner and program
\$150 per person.

Don't forget that on the night of Celebration, One Spark activities will be occurring downtown. Generally the roads around the Hyatt are open and easiest approach is from the north or east. The Main Street bridge is a good option from the south and you can take the first exit off the bridge to get to the Hyatt garage. Plan to arrive a little early if you are worried about street closures.



LJ Class 2014 met for lunch in March at the Corner Bakery.

Upcoming events:

LJ 2015 Program Day

Thursday, April 2, 2015
Economy, Growth and Preservation Day 2

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6 p.m., Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront

LJ 2015 Program Day

Thursday, April 23, 2015
Arts Day

YLJ XXVI Orientation

Tuesday, April 28, 2015
The Riverside House



Chuck Hedrick, President-Elect;
Deborah Moore, 2015; and Past
President Espie Patrinely, 1992

Nineteen past presidents of
LJ's Board of Directors
gathered for breakfast at
The River Club on March 25
to hear about our new
strategic plan and future
relocation plans.



Eleanor Ashby, Director Emeritus with
Past Presidents Wade Barnes, 1999;
Barbara Drake, 2003; Quint White, 1993



Past Presidents Doug Milne, 1983;
Stephen Goldman, 2014 and
Nancy Kilgo, 2011



Past Presidents John Bottaro, 2007
and Steve Canty, 2010

Class Notes

1985

Congratulations to **Ruth Waters McKay** who was also one of the ten outstanding women selected by the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women as a 2015 Women's History Month honoree. Our apologies for the omission from the March Lead Story.

Brenda Simmons Hutchins was presented a distinguished service award by Mayor Alvin Brown. Brenda was incorrectly shown as a 1995 alum in March's edition of the Lead Story.

1993

Barbara Darby has announced her retirement from Florida State College at Jacksonville, officially on July 31 but her last day in office will be April 30.

1994

Susan Jezek has joined JMC Communities in St. Petersburg as director of marketing and strategic partnerships.

1997

Shirley Webb was the Lifetime Achievement Honoree at the 2015 Women in Business Awards on March 31.

Michael Stutz is now general manager of the Gulf-California Broadcast Company in Palm Springs, California, which operates one radio and five television stations.

2000

Oliver Barakat was recognized by NAIOP Commercial Real Estate Development Association Northeast Florida Chapter with the 2014 Klechak Award for leadership and advocacy to promote economic growth in downtown Jacksonville.

Ellen Siler received the Pioneer of the Year Award at the 2015 Women in Business Awards on March 31.

2003

Derrick Smith has been named to the board of trustees of Episcopal Children's Services.

Deborah Moore received the Corporate Leader of the Year Award at the 2015 Women in Business Awards on March 31.

2007

Bill Sandifer is now senior vice president and chief operating officer at Raleigh-Durham International Airport.

Amber Amerson will be honored with the Art Educator Award at the Cultural Council's 39th annual Art Awards Gala on May 2. Amber is receiving this award for her theater education work at LaVilla School of the Arts.

2008

Herschel Vinyard is now of counsel in the Jacksonville and Tallahassee offices of Foley & Lardner LLP.

2010

Groundwork Jacksonville has hired **Dawn Emerick** as its inaugural chief executive officer. Groundwork is restoring Deer and Hogans Creek, two important tributaries of the St. Johns River watershed, and creating a greenway to Jacksonville's Northbank Riverwalk.

Rose Conry has been appointed by Governor Rick Scott to the board of directors of Career source Florida.

Brian Fuller has relocated to Atlanta, GA where he is a director with Avalere Health, a leading advisory company focused on healthcare business strategy. He is a candidate for the title of 2015 Man of the Year awarded by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Atlanta Chapter.

2012

Donnie Romine will serve as interim president and CEO of St. Vincent's Medical Center Riverside following the departure of Moody Chisholm in mid-March.

2013

Governor Rick Scott has appointed **Patrick Kilbane** to the 4th Circuit judicial nominating commission.

2014

Ken Jefferson received the Helping Hand Award from the Pi Eta Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority at the sorority's annual prayer breakfast. This award goes to residents in Duval, Clay, St. Johns and Putnam counties who have reached out to the community.

Michael McCoy has joined the law firm of Cole, Scott & Kassane, P.A.

2015

Daniel Davis has been appointed by Governor Rick Scott to the Florida Development finance Corporation board.

New Leadership Summit

Moody Chisholm (NLS IX) has been named regional vice president of Intermountain HealthCare's Central Region in Salt Lake City, UT.

Honorary

Gary Chartrand has been reappointed by Governor Rick Scott to another term on the State Board of Education, serving until December 2018.

Marty Lanahan will receive the Helen Lane Founder's Award from the Cultural Council on May 2. Marty is being recognized for her life-long support of Jacksonville's arts and culture.

Various

Congratulations to Leadership Jacksonville's alumni who have been recognized on the Jacksonville Business Journal's 40 Under 40 list: **Todd Feintuch** (NLS XII) and **Crystal Freed** (LJ 2013).

The first class of the Women's Giving Alliance's Delores Barr Weaver Fellows includes **Meredith Guess** (LJ 2012) and **Karen Estella** Smith (LJ 2014) and is coordinated by **Stephanie Cost** (LJ 2015).

Bill Brinton (LJ 1983) and **Barbara Goodman** (LJ 2002) each received the Mayor's Award for Environmental Stewardship at the Mayor's Annual Environmental Awards Luncheon. At the same event **Melissa Ross** (LJ 2013) was honored by the U.S. Green Building Council's North Florida Chapter for her focus on the environment during her "First Coast Connect" radio show.

A number of LJ alumni were invited to participate on March 30 as mentors for Bizwomen Mentoring Monday, a speed mentoring morning that occurred at various locations around the country. Our participants included: **Martha Barrett** (LJ 1981), **Sandy Bartow** (LJ 2008), **Jill Dame** (LJ 1987), **Brenda Ezell** (LJ 2012), **Christine Granfield** (LJ 2009), **Meredith Guess** (LJ 2012), **Jan Hirabayashi** (LJ 2007), **Suzanne Judas** (LJ 1977), **Snowden McFall** (LJ 2010), **Kathee Murphy** (LJ 2012), **Teresa Myers** (LJ 2010), **Pam Nelson** (LJ 2011), **Jackie Perry** (LJ 2011), **Ju'Coby Pittman** (LJ 1993) and **Susan Walker** (LJ 2000).

Several LJ alumni have been recognized by the Jacksonville Business Journal as a 2015 Multicultural Champion: **Darren Dailey** (LJ 2011), **Nat Ford** (LJ 2014), **Steve Halverson** (Honorary), **Hope McMath** (LJ 2006) and **Cindy Stover** (LJ 1999).

Thank you to the many LJ alumni who willingly put forth their name and devoted time and talent to running for local government office in the March 24 elections. Congratulations to the following who either won outright or will be moving forward to the general election in May: **Alvin Brown** (NLS I) runoff for Mayor; **Ken Jefferson** (LJ 2014) runoff for Sheriff; **Mike Hogan** (LJ 1980) elected Supervisor of Elections; **Anna Brosche** (LJ 2009) runoff for City Council At-Large Group 1; **Ju'Coby Pittman** (LJ 1993) runoff for City Council At-Large Group 5; **Ramon Day** (LJ 1990) runoff for City Council District 4; **Matt Schellenberg** (LJ 1984) elected City Council District 6; and **Reggie Brown** (LJ 1999) elected City Council District 10.

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Collegiate Leadership Experience

Brandon Little (CLE 2012) is a logistics analyst with VOLKSWAGEN Group of America, Inc. in Auburn Hills, MI. He worked on a project involving moving port locations and is very pleased to know that it will have a big impact on his hometown as the company is moving from Brunswick to Jacksonville.

Sichao Ni (CLE 2009) recently earned his fourth opportunity and promotion with Medtronic PLC, the world's premier medical technology and services company. In his new role as the global services marketing specialist, Sichao works closely with the business commercial teams to develop innovative programs to grow Medtronic's presence in the services and solutions market in the U.S. and worldwide.

Youth Leadership Jacksonville

Kevin Holzendorf II (YLJ XXV) was honored as a 'Beaux' by the Jacksonville Chapter of Jack and Jill of America at its 14th biennial Les Beautillion Militaire.



A special thank you to Jacksonville University for hosting the closing retreat for YLJ XXV.

Notes of Sympathy

Our condolences to **Angie Hiers** (NLS XII) upon the sudden death of her father in November 2014.

Our condolences to the family and many friends of **Lois Gibson** (LJ 1983) who passed away on February 25.

Our condolences to **Bill Laird** (LJ 2015) upon the death of his father William Fraser Laird Sr. on March 4.

Our condolences to **Susan Wilkinson** (Honorary) upon the death on March 5 of her husband David.

Our condolences to **Bonnie Upright** (LJ 2005) on the death of her mother Emily DeBrayda Phillips.

Leaders Wanted

Leadership Jacksonville is known throughout the community for our outstanding alumni and their willingness to make a positive difference. When the timing allows we will publish leadership opportunities for your consideration. If you are interested, we encourage you to make direct contact as requested in the listings. Please don't hesitate to encourage your LJ friends to consider these opportunities too. You might be or know the perfect person.

Family Nurturing Center of Florida Board

The Family Nurturing Center of Florida, through its supervised visitation and exchange programs, offers parents the chance to put their children first while protecting childhood today for stronger families tomorrow. When parents in crisis have access to resources to protect their children, together we create future communities of families that are safe, healthy, and productive. The board is seeking new members from the business community and welcomes the opportunity to talk with anyone who may be interested in learning more about the Center's work. The board currently meets the second Tuesday each month at

5:30 p.m. For more information contact Stella Johnson, executive director, at 904-389-4244 extension 204 or email stella@fncflorida.org.

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