



THE LEAD STORY

NEWSLETTER FOR LEADERSHIP JACKSONVILLE

APRIL 2016

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Don't forget to make your reservation for

CELEBRATION 2016
TUESDAY, APRIL 26
6 - 8 p.m.

Join us for a lovely evening
as we honor

Nina Waters (LJ 1991)
and
Jerry Mallot (LJ 1995)



Celebration 2016 will be in the lovely new Jessie Ball duPont Center. Deadline to register is **April 19**. Click [here](#) for more details and cost information.





Collegiate Leadership Experience 2016

Applications are available at
www.leadershipjax.org through April 11.

CLE is a unique program for undergraduate and graduate students between the ages of 18 and 28 who attend college in North Florida OR North Florida is their home and they attend a college/university across the country AND with proven leadership in high school and/or college. It takes place in June and July with an Opening and Closing Retreat and 3½ Program Days in between.

Remember the interns at your office, family members, friends and colleagues, and encourage eligible students to apply!

Contact Meg Folds at meg@leadershipjax.org for additional information or questions.

Leadership Connect

The first schedule of alumni "Connect" groups was sent out in March. Alumni all over town are meeting in groups of four for breakfast, lunch or coffee. We hope many of you have already met and enjoyed the opportunity to Connect!

For alumni not already signed up to Connect, you can still be included in future groups. Click [here](#) to send your name, class year, preferred phone number and email. **Sign up by April 10** to be included in a group for May.



**An Iceland experience
is waiting for you!**

Quint White, LJ 1988, is leading a Jacksonville University alumni group to Iceland **July 30 through August 10, 2016**. A few spaces are still available and Quint is offering LJ alums an opportunity to join the excursion. Program highlights include incredible views of geysers and waterfalls, a Viking sushi tour and whale-watching.

Travel arrangements must be made through **Holbrook Travel**. Click [here](#) for trip information, itinerary, pricing and enrollment.



YLJ XXVI Closing Retreat and Graduation on March 12 marked the end of a great year exploring our city and the beginning of a life-long commitment to friends and community.



LJ Class 2016 spent a rewarding day at Jacksonville University exploring sustainability issues during Economy, Growth and Preservation Day on March 10.



Dan Croft, Chris Kennelly, Sean Haley and Michelle Cook



Jeremy Ches, Michelle Querry and Dan Foley



Renee McQueen, Ann-Marie Knight, Sabeen Perwaiz and Sarah Bermudez

UPCOMING EVENTS

LJ 2016 Program Day

Thursday, April 7, 2016 "Environment, Growth and Preservation"

CLE 2016 Applications Due

Monday, April 11, 2016

YLJ XXVII Orientation

Monday, April 25, 2016
5:15 p.m., Jessie Ball duPont Center

CELEBRATION 2016

Tuesday, April 26, 2016
6 p.m., Jessie Ball duPont Center

LJ 2016 Program Day

Thursday, April 28, 2016
"Arts and Culture"

Special Thanks to Josh Martino (LJ 2015) and Bono's Pit Bar-B-Que for the delicious lunches for both Youth Leadership Jacksonville's Business Day on January 28 and Leadership Jacksonville's Economy, Growth and Preservation program day on March 10.



Class Notes

1983

Bill Brinton recently received the Jake Godbold Award from the Keep Jacksonville Beautiful Commission for his year of advocacy for the city's sign ordinance.

1987

Brian Davis received the Boy Scouts' Distinguished Eagle Scout Award. This award honors Eagle Scouts for applying what they learned as a Scout in their adult lives.



Alberta Hipps, LJ 1993,
and Vickie Robinson,
LJ 2016

1989

The Litigation Section of The Jacksonville Bar Association awarded the annual Justice Ray Ehrlich Trial Advocacy Award to **Mary Bland Love**. The section is chaired by **Melissa Nelson** (LJ 2012).

Laura D'Alisera retired from the City of Jacksonville on April 1. Congratulations.

1993

Sherry Magill recently accepted Downtown Vision's inaugural #DTJax Downtown Achievement Award on behalf of the Jessie Ball duPont Fund for the Fund's work in converting the formerly vacant Haydon Burns Library into a home for local non-profit organizations. The iconic mid-century modernist building utilizes leading energy conservation and green building practices - and the result is a stunning new home for Leadership Jacksonville. Thank you duPont Fund and Sherry for welcoming LJ into the Jessie Ball duPont Center.

1998

Vince Cameron was among a group of chaperones for Duval County Public Schools' 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project that recently led a group of male high school students to Tallahassee for a day at the Capitol.

2000

Oliver Barakat was named the Office Broker of the Year by The NAIOP Commercial Real Estate Development Association Northeast Florida Chapter.

2003

Deborah Moore has joined Web.com as head of retail marketing.

2005

Kevin Hyde has been appointed by Governor Rick Scott to the University of North Florida board of trustees.

2006

Congratulations to **DeAnna Still** upon her marriage to Rick Hawthorne on February 28.

Biggs Knauer has joined Fidelity Bank as senior vice president and trust officer.

2011

Shannon Nazworth has been appointed to a national advisory group for the National Low Income Housing Coalition.

2012

Derek Igou has been named as director of the City of Jacksonville's Neighborhoods Department which is responsible for neighborhood and housing services, code and regulatory compliance, animal and mosquito control and citizen issue support.

2014

Dane Gray has joined the board of the Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center. In June, he will also be "Dancing with the Stars," as a participant in the Jacksonville Children's Chorus fundraising event.

Mai Keisling was selected as one of 40 teachers throughout Florida to be a part of the Inaugural UF Florida Teacher Leader Fellows for 2016-2017.



Annie Grogan, LJ 2016 and
Coley Jones, LJ 2014

2015

Jill Bechtold has been elected as shareholder at Marks Gray, P.A.

2016

Kristin Keen is the honorary chairwoman for *Connecting the Dots to Prevent Child Abuse*, an April 20 conference hosted by The Exchange Club Family Center of Northeast Florida.

Various

Deborah Thompson (LJ 1982) recently facilitated an Economic Empowerments Seminar for small business owners. Panelists included **Leon King** (LJ 2013) and **Jackie Perry** (LJ 2011).

The new board for Riverside Avondale Preservation includes **Iris Eisenberg** (LJ 1996), **Malcolm Jones** (LJ 1978), **LaWanda Ravoira** (LJ 1997) and **Jason Spencer** (LJ 2015).

Congratulations to **Sunny Gettinger** (LJ 2012), **Christian Harden** (LJ 2015), **Emily O'Leary** (LJ 2016) and **Christina Schwing** (LJ 2015) who have been named to the Jacksonville Business Journal's 2016 40 Under 40 list.

Congratulations to **Gary Wilkinson** (LJ 2006) who was invested as a Circuit Court Judge for the Fourth Judicial Circuit on March 17. LJ was well represented at the event by **Josh Lief** (NLS VII) invocation, **Adam Snowden** (YLJ XXVI) presentation of colors, **Giselle Carson** (LJ 2005) presentation from Jacksonville Bar Association, **Del Wallace** (LJ 1991) presentation from Conference of Circuit Judges, **Clay Meux** (LJ 2011) remarks, **Pat Kilbane** (LJ 2013) remarks, **Jennifer Wilkinson** (YLJ XIV and CLE 2007) and **Daniel Wilkinson** (CLE 2009) enrobing and **Kyle Reese** (LJ 2008) benediction. Many LJ alumni were also in the audience cheering Gary on including his mother **Linda Wilkinson** (LJ 1998). **Joe Camerlengo** (LJ 2010), **Mike Freed** (LJ 2008), **Sam Garrison** (LJ 2016), **Braxton Gillam** (LJ 2002), **Robert Harris** (LJ 1993) and **Sidney Simmons** (LJ 1989) served on the Investiture Committee.

Congratulations to **Mal Washington** (LJ 2010) and **Terri Florio** (LJ 2004) who are celebrating the 20th anniversary of founding the MaliVai Washington Youth Foundation.

Tim Finchem (Honorary) has announced his plans to retire as PGA Tour Commissioner as early as the end of this year. **Jay Monahan** (LJ 2010) will take over when Tim retires, pending approval by the PGA Tour Policy Board.

The Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville is honoring forty northeast Florida icons who have demonstrated continuous significant support of arts and culture in our community at its Annual Arts Awards in May. Among those to be honored are **Carol Alexander** (LJ 1998), **J.F. Bryan IV** (Honorary), **John Bunker** (LJ 1977), **Jane Condon** (LJ 1990), **Jackie Cornelius** (LJ 1992), **John Delaney** (LJ 1986), **John Donahoo** (LJ 2001), **Jennifer Johnson Duke** (LJ 1982), **Cindy Edelman** (LJ 1989), **Susan Greene** (LJ 2010), **Steve Halverson** (Honorary), **Preston Haskell** (Honorary), **Helen Lane** (Honorary), **Hope McMath** (LJ 2006), **Terrance Patterson** (LJ 2009), **Marcelle Polednik** (LJ 2013), **Delores Barr Weaver** (Honorary), **Bob White** (LJ 1995), **Jim Winston** (Honorary) and **Wayne Wood** (LJ 1977).



Lauren and Chris Folds

Consultant Connect has selected **Jerry Mallot** (LJ 1995) and **Broderick Green** (LJ 2012) as two of the Top 50 Economic Developers in North America. This is Jerry's second year on the list. Consultant Connect is an organization that brings together economic development professionals and site consultants.

The Girl Scouts of Gateway Council's 2016 Women of Distinction honorees include alumni **Debbie Buckland** (LJ 2009), **Vickie Cavey** (LJ 2007), **Stephanie Cost** (LJ 2015) and **Heather Duncan** (LJ 2007).

Collegiate Leadership Experience

Congratulations to **Chris Folds** (CLE 2005) upon his marriage on March 19 to Lauren Davidson. Kyle Reese (LJ 2008) officiated the service.

CLE alums volunteered at YLJ XXVI Closing Retreat on March 12.



CLE 2014
Keith Taylor, Leigh Gould and
Cutler Renard



CLE 2015
Alexander Stoetzer, Luis
Camejo and Kendall Valliere

Notes of Sympathy

Our belated condolences to the family and friends of **Dan Castle** (LJ 1977) who passed away in April 2015.

Our condolences to **Robert White** (LJ 1995) and his family on the passing of his nephew, Joshua McNeill on February 29.

Our condolences to **Elizabeth Augustus** (LJ 2004) and her family upon the passing of her father Dr. John Morton Bozer at his home in Buffalo, NY on March 3.

Our condolences to **Javelyn Arvay** (LJ 2015) and her family on the passing of her nephew, Alejandro Ibarra on March 6.

Our condolences to **Maria Mark** (LJ 2014) and her family upon the passing of her mother Dorothy Deese on March 8.

Our condolences to **Bryan Hensley** (LJ 1999) whose father Wes passed away on March 10.

Our condolences to **Sharon Wilburn** (LJ 1988) and her family upon the death of her husband Kenneth (Dr. Kenneth Wilburn) on March 10.

Our condolences to **Karen Mayfield** (LJ 2006) and her family upon the passing of her father Jim Bessette on March 15.

Our condolences to **Jana Ertrachter** (LJ 2003) whose father Elbert Scott passed away on March 22.

MAKE A LJ DONATION

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