



# THE LEAD STORY

NEWSLETTER FOR LEADERSHIP JACKSONVILLE

April 2017

CELEBRATION 2017 \* CLE APPLICATION \* CLASS NOTES

**Don't miss out! Make your reservation  
to join us for**



Cost

## Celebration 2017

**Tuesday, April 18  
Jessie Ball duPont Center**

as we honor

**Tim Cost (NLS XI)  
and  
David Stein (Honorary)**

for their many contributions to  
northeast Florida



Stein

Cocktail reception begins at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$150. Visa and Mastercard are accepted **online** or mail checks to Leadership Jacksonville, 40 E. Adams Street, Suite 230, Jacksonville, FL 32202. **Reservation Deadline is Tuesday, April 11.**

**CELEBRATION** benefits the youth programs of Leadership Jacksonville: Youth Leadership Jacksonville and Collegiate Leadership Experience.



## Collegiate Leadership Experience 2017

**Application deadline** is extended to **April 11, 2017.**

Pass the word to your children, employees or friends. The application is available online. **Click here** for program details and application.

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**YLJ Class XXVII** wrapped up an exciting year experiencing Northeast Florida. Closing Retreat and Graduation was held on March 11.

Thank you to Jacksonville University for hosting the students and their families.

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## Leadership Jacksonville Class of 2017



Thank you to Economy, Growth and Preservation Day 1 sponsor Jacksonville Aviation Authority, to Jacksonville University and Quint White for the use of the Marine Science Center and to Firehouse Subs for providing lunch.



Tunji Williams, Michelle Braun,  
Meg Rose



Reece Alford, Gette Dumont,  
Michael Bateh, Lori Day



David Conte, Mark Bennett,  
LeAnn Daddario



Pegine Echevarria, Chris Conroy,  
Kelly Shefelbine, Glori Katz, Vicky  
Basra, Priyesh Patel



Jennie Muniz, Meg Rose, Shariffa  
Spicer, Faith Hall, Anzhelika Siloyan

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## LJ 2017 Program Day

Thursday, April 6, 2017

Economy, Growth and Preservation Day 2

## Nonpartisan Political Campaign Seminar

Friday, April 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2017

8:30 a.m., LJ Office

## LJ Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, April 10, 2017

12 p.m., LJ Office

## Celebration 2017

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

6 p.m., Jessie Ball duPont Center

## YLJ Class XXVIII Orientation

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

6 p.m., Jessie Ball duPont Center

## LJ 2017 Program Day

Thursday, April 27, 2017

Arts and Culture Day

If you participate in **Leadership Connect**, be sure to watch your email for an upcoming Survey Monkey. Please take a few moments to provide us your feedback, comments and suggestions.



## Class Notes

### 1980

**Chuck Diebel** received the Office Broker of the Year Award from NAIOP Northeast Florida (Commercial Real Estate Development Association).

### 1989

**Carolyn Aidman** was recognized by Emory University at their Women of Excellence Awards in March for her role in mentorship in the university and public health care communities. Carolyn will soon be returning to Jacksonville and is looking forward to reconnecting with former colleagues and friends.

### 1993

**Eric Green** has been appointed interim executive director of the Jacksonville Port Authority.



Carolyn Aidman (front row center) and friends at Women of Excellence Awards, Emory University

## 1995

U.S. Representative **John Rutherford** has been named to a task force on denying terrorists entry into the United States. He is also serving on the Border and Maritime Security Subcommittee and the Emergency Preparedness and Response Subcommittee.

## 1996

**Carlotta Guyton-Slayton** and a group of friends hosted the 20th annual "Weaving the Web of Our History" Black History Month event at her home at the end of February.

**Sam Tysver** has been selected as Hope Haven's interim CEO for the next several months to help position the organization for continued success while they conduct their permanent CEO search.

## 1997

St. Paul AME Church Girl Scout Troop #1748 honored a number of local trailblazing women in labor and business as part of their Women's History Month Celebration. The awards honored women who overcame challenges to succeed in their chosen field, both paid and unpaid. **Sylvia Perry** was honored in the business category.

## 1999

**Jeanne Miller** was guest speaker at UNF's Taylor Leadership Institute Speakers' Bureau in March. Her topic was advice on consensus-building and how to facilitate a cooperative approach to problem solving.

## 2002

**Wanda Willis** is associate director of development for major gifts at Florida State College at Jacksonville Foundation, Inc.

## 2007

**Bonnie Barnes** is moving to Key Largo where she has accepted a position at [www.REEF.org](http://www.REEF.org), doing her part to help our marine environment. After being a scuba diver for 30 years and part of the Jacksonville Reef Research Team, Bonnie is excited to work with this active association of divers and marine enthusiasts who are committed to ocean conservation.

## 2010

**Ilona Fischer** has joined Berkshire Hathaway HS Florida Network Realty as realtor.

## 2015

**Jessica Evans** has been named as one of the Women of Distinction for the Girl Scouts representing St. Johns County.

**Jacqueline Rudloff** has been named assistant vice president and counsel for Deutsche Bank.

## 2017

**Stephanie Durham** has joined PACE Center for Girls as associate director for education.

**Pegine Echevarria** is the March 2017 cover story of **Motivation Magazine** and was interviewed by **ADP** for a Spark article on growing leaders using employee resource groups. Click the links for both segments.

**Blake Osner** recently appeared in Theatre Jacksonville's production of The God Game.

**Kelly Shefelbine** has announced her retirement from CSX.

## New Leadership Summit

**Michael Mayo** (NLS X) has joined the Council of Regents of the American College of Healthcare Executives. The Council is the legislative body of the professional society.

**Brian Taylor** (NLS XII) has resigned as CEO of the Jacksonville Port Authority.

## Various

**Ken Bobby** (NLS XIV), **Rory Diamond** (LJ 2014) and **Keith Goldfaden** (LJ 2011) have been named to the Jacksonville Business Journal's 40 Under 40 list, a group of leaders who have shaped our area and have the promise to do even more in the future.

Leadership Jacksonville was well represented at the recent Women Business Owners of Northeast Florida Signature Event. **Audrey Moran** (LJ 1989) was a keynote speaker. **Ann Sabbag** (LJ 2016) and **Janet Herrick** (LJ 2012) were Pechakucha Presenters. **Ellen Bushnell** (LJ 2000) was named Distinguished Member.

TedX Jacksonville's next event, "Water: Duval's Untapped Resource" on April 5 will include Daniel Bean (LJ 2010) and Aundra Wallace (NLS XIII).

Generation W's 2017 Women's Conference speakers included **Elana Schrader** (LJ 2007), **Pat Geraghty** (NLS XI) and **Michelle Cook** (LJ 2016).

**Sherry Magill** (LJ 1993) and **J.F. Bryan IV** (Honorary) will receive Pinnacle Awards at HandOn Jacksonville's 2017 Celebrate Good VIP Awards Dinner on April 24. Sherry is receiving the Bernard V. Gregory Servant Leader Award and J.F. is receiving the Edward R. Hayes Unity in Action Award.

The Atlantic Institute honored two Leadership Jacksonville alumni at its 9th Annual Award and Friendship Dinner on March 23. **Darnell Smith** (LJ 2000) received the Community Service Award and **Hope McMath** (LJ 2006) received the Educational Service Award.

**Reggie Brown** (LJ 1999) was the keynote speaker for the 13th annual Bob Hayes Hall of Fame Banquet where **Tracy Gaffney** (LJ 1991) was a recipient of a Bob Hayes Community Service Award.

A number of Leadership Jacksonville alumni participated as mentors at the Jacksonville Business Journal's Mentoring Monday. Thank you to: **Martha Barrett** (LJ 1981), **Debbie Buckland** (LJ 2009), **Jennifer Chapman** (LJ 2008), **Susan Cuthbertson** (LJ 2010), **Lori Day** (LJ 2017), **Brenda Ezell** (LJ 2012), **Maxine McBride** (LJ 2011), **Kathee Murphy** (LJ 2012), **Teresa Myers** (LJ 2010), **Mary O'Brien** (LJ 2007), **Ann Sabbag** (LJ 2016), **Ali Shelton** (LJ 2007), **Lynn Sherman** (LJ 2011), **Ellen Sullivan** (LJ 2017) and **Susan Walker** (LJ 2000).

### Collegiate Leadership Experience

**Odot Ikon** (CLE 2015) has been promoted to financial representative II with Fidelity Investments and has relocated to Tampa, FL.

## Notes of Sympathy

Our condolences to **Chuck Hedrick** (LJ 2006) and his family upon the passing of his mother, Jean Hedrick on March 3 in Chesterfield, MO.

Our condolences to **Sean Mulholland** (LJ 2017) upon the sudden death of his younger brother in early March.

Our condolences to **Anne Alexander** (LJ 1991) and her family upon the passing of her husband Mark on March 21.

Our condolences to **Murray** (LJ 1985) and **Elise** (LJ 1987) **Beard** upon the death on March 30 of Murray's mother, Joyce Nichols Beard.

## MAKE A LJ DONATION

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