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COVID-19 Update

At Leadership Jacksonville the health and well-being of our participants, volunteers, staff and visitors is important to us. Leadership Jacksonville staff are working remotely and our office is closed to visitors until further notice. We are utilizing Zoom for video conferencing interviews and meetings and we will issue updates as any events are impacted.

Celebration 2020
NEW DATE: Thursday, June 11

Celebration 2020 is our annual fundraiser that benefits Youth Leadership Jacksonville. We are grateful for our sponsors and donors who have committed to Celebration 2020. If you have purchased your tickets we appreciate your understanding and hope that you are able to join us on June 11. **Learn more about our Celebration 2020 honorees, sponsorship opportunities and please support us with ticket purchases.**

Next Generation

Leadership Jacksonville's Next Generation broadens participant's knowledge about Jacksonville and provides a greater understanding about the community's assets, issues and opportunities for growth. NextGen includes unmatched networking opportunities with diverse leaders, engaging speakers, activities and the sharing of ideas. Participants grow professionally and are empowered to engage in bettering this or any community. NextGen connects peers in engaging and meaningful ways.

The deadline for online applications is Monday, April 6.

Encourage rising community leaders in your network to apply today.

Share: www.leadershipjax.org/next-generation

Next Generation Class of 2019 Members

LJ's Behind-The-Scenes Tour with JTA

Over 50 Leadership Jacksonville, New Leadership Summit and Next Generation alumni gathered at the Jacksonville Transportation Authority's new Jacksonville Regional Transportation Authority Center on Tuesday, March 10. Nat Ford (LJ 2014), Chief Executive Officer of JTA, briefed alumni on the facility's innovative multi-modal hub that improves connectivity for community members.

THANK YOU to JTA for hosting us and giving our alumni a behind-the-scenes tour.

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Class of 2020
Economy, Growth and Preservation Day 1

LJ 2020's Economy, Growth and Preservation Day 1 was held on March 5.The day focused on how to grow and prosper with a vibrant economy and still protect, preserve and improve the quality of life in a sustainable way.

Thank you to our Program Day Sponsor, Crowley Maritime Corporation and its Crowley Cares Program, and Jacksonville University (lunch sponsor) and to Berry & Co. Real Estate (afternoon break sponsor).

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LEADERSHIP JACKSONVILLE YOUTH LEADERSHIP

GIVING THANKS

Thank you to our Youth Leadership Jacksonville selection committee volunteers for your dedication and commitment. We are also thankful to our YLJ alumni who served as greeters!

Due to COVID-19, Closing Retreat and Graduation for YLJ Class 2020 was postponed. We will share an update once it's rescheduled.

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Alumni Spotlight

Anna Catherine McCrary
Next Generation
Class of 2018
Youth Leadership Jacksonville
Class of 2013

Anna Catherine has volunteered with Next Generation and Youth Leadership Jacksonville program days. She will be graduating with a Masters of Public Health in Health Policy and Management from Emory University this spring. Anna had the best time witnessing NextGen 2019 members experiencing their program days. Anna believes that LJ fills a vital role in the community for leaders. She remembers the jail tour experiences in YLJ and NextGen in addition to a police ride-along. "They changed my perspective about community responsibility, the importance of relationships with police officers and my awareness of how the criminal justice system works." Anna believes it is vital to meet others through the LJ network to see how they crafted their healthcare careers in Northeast Florida specifically Jacksonville so she can return to work in her hometown. Anna believes that LJ connects others with "new people who have new perspectives."

Alumni Spotlight features short interviews with Leadership Jacksonville alumni.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Applications remain OPEN online for Next Generation 2020
Deadline to apply: April 6, 2020

LJ 2020 Program Day
CANCELLED
Thursday, April 2, 2020
Economy, Growth and Preservation Day 2

Board of Directors Meeting
VIRTUAL
Monday, April 13, 2020
Noon, Zoom Video Conference

NLS 2020
RESCHEDULED
Monday and Tuesday, April 27-28, 2020
White Oak, Yulee, FL

LJ 2020 Program Day
VIRTUAL
Thursday, April 30, 2020
Arts and Culture Day

Celebration 2020
Thursday, June 11, 2020
6 p.m., Jessie Ball duPont Center

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CLASS NOTES

In center, Deborah Mosley Norman (LJ 1991) with family

1985
Mike Weinstein has been selected to run the Kids Hope Alliance as acting Chief Executive Officer.

1987
Peggy Bryan received the Social Responsibility Metro Volunteer of the Year Award from the First Coast YMCA.

1991
Deborah Mosley Norman received the Education Excellence Award at the inaugural Jacksonville Image Awards.

1995
Tonyaa Weathersbee will be inducted into the University of Florida College of Journalism and Communications Hall of Fame on April 17. The honor was created to recognize alumni who have excelled in their careers. More that 31,000 have graduated from the college but the award has only been given to 161 alumni.

2002
Braxton Gillam has been elected to fill a seat on The Florida Bar board of governors, representing the 4th Judicial Circuit.

Congratulations to **Bruce Musser** upon his March 14, 2020 marriage to Kyle Enriquez.

2006
Congratulations to **Dwaine Stevens** who was recently promoted at Publix to director of community relations. His 40 year career at Publix

was recently highlighted in the Jacksonville Business Journal.

Bruce Musser (LJ 2002) and Kyle Enriquez

2009

Lelia Duncan has accepted a position as Executive Director of Big Brother Big Sisters of Western North Carolina. She will start in late April. Her organization serves 11 Western North Carolina counties through 10 branch offices and is headquartered in Asheville.

2013

Nicole Thomas received the Pinnacle Award at the inaugural Jacksonville Image Awards.

Carson Tranquille opened Tranquille Realty Inc., a real estate brokerage company, on January 1, 2020. He has been a licensed realtor since 1989.

J.F. Bryan (Honorary), Ken Jefferson (LJ 2014) and Carson Tranquille (LJ 2013) at the JTA Tour

2014

Jason Perry has started his own real estate development company NINEOAKS.

Tameka Gaines Holly has joined ElderSource as Chief Operations Officer.

2017

Alex Alston is currently serving as President of the Board of Directors of the Police Athletic League of Jacksonville.

Meg Rose is the 2020 Corporate Chairman for the JDFR One Walk on April 18 - raising money to create a world without type 1 Diabetes. For more information about the virtual walk check out www.JDRF.org.

Stephanie Stephens is facilitating a workshop called My Soul Card on April 23 during Hope at Hand's month long 5th Annual Jax Poetry Fest.

2018

Terri Lewis was recognized by HRO Today as a 2020 EMEA Superstar in the Practitioner category.

Jimmy Midyette has filed to run as a candidate for election for Duval County Clerk of Courts.

John Wallace has joined Smith Hulsey & Busey as a shareholder.

Courtney Weatherby-Hunter, Katherine Hardwick, George Rainbolt, Anjali Lueck and Brian Bucher (LJ 2020)

2019

Tracy Dixon has been named a 2020 UiPath MVP. She is one of six in America and twenty worldwide. UiPath is a leader for robotic process automation, the fastest growing segment of global enterprise software. The MVP program recognizes engaged, passionate and exceptional RPA experts who share their knowledge and experience to support the UiPath Community.

Keith Lechwar's position with Corporate Traffic Logistics is Senior Manager, Marketing and Communications.

2020

James St. George has filed to run for U.S. Congress in Florida's 3rd Congressional District.

Honorary

Tracie Davis has been elected Secretary of the Florida Legislative Black Caucus. The FLBC includes 29 African American Senators and Legislators.

New Leadership Summit

Bruce Fafard (NLS 2016) has taken a position as a principal with ExecHQ™. ExecHQ™ is a consulting firm comprised of executives with extensive C-Suite experience.

Next Generation

Anna Catherine McCrary (NextGen 2018 and YLJ 2013) is completing her Masters of Public Health in Health Policy and Management at Emory University. She has accepted a position with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the Office of the Director of Surveillance, Epidemiology and Laboratory Services through the Presidential Management Fellows Program.

Ann Mackey (LJ 2003), Ashley Strickland (NextGen 2013), and Elizabeth Wright (NextGen 2019) at the JTA Tour

Youth Leadership Jacksonville

Pyper Vaughn (YLJ 2018) is a student at the University of South Florida working on becoming a flight nurse in the Air Force. She plays lacrosse and is the service chairman of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority.

Ellie Rosenau (YLJ 2019) is a member of the Girls 2A State Championship St. Johns Country Day School Soccer Team. Ellie has contributed to their nine consecutive State Championships during her high school years.

Don Kohla (YLJ 2019) is a member of the Episcopal School of Jacksonville team that won Regional Latin Forum on January 25.

Abbey Lantinberg (YLJ 2019) won a Gold Key and Honorable Mention at the 2020 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. She was awarded a Silver Key for her photograph 'A View of You'. The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards began in 1923 and celebrates the vision, ingenuity and talent of teens across the United States.

Mallorie Sievert (YLJ 2019) has been named a National Merit Scholar finalist. Mallorie attends Douglas Anderson School of the Arts.

Charlie Lawrence (YLJ 2020) was among 37 Eagle Scouts honored by the Rotary Club of Jacksonville on March 9 for reaching Eagle rank in 2019. Charlie is a member of Troop 106 at Assumption Catholic Church.

Sam Davis (YLJ 2020) tied for seventh at the Florida Junior Tour golf event in Tallahassee.

Taylor Richardson (YLJ 2020) received the 'One to Watch' Award at the inaugural Jacksonville Image Awards.

Thanh Hogan (LJ 2019) and Robert Harris (LJ 1993) at the JTA Tour

Various

Martha Frye Baker (LJ 1997) has started her two-year term as chair of the board of trustees of The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida. LJ alumni serving on the board with Martha are **Sol Brotman** (LJ 1992), **Brian Davis** (LJ 1987), **Michael DuBow** (LJ 1999), **George Egan** (LJ 2007), **Robert Hill** (LJ 2007), **Ryan Schwartz** (LJ 2009), **Richard Sisisky** (LJ 1994), **JuJu Taylor** (LJ 1978) and **Dori Walton** (LJ 2003).

Congratulations to **Karen Mathis** (LJ 1998) and **Debbie Buckland** (LJ 2009) who were recently honored by NAIOP Northeast Florida Chapter for excellence in the commercial real estate industry for 2019. Karen received the Jesse B. Smith Award and Debbie received the DIA Klechak Award. **Oliver Barakat** (LJ 2000) in his role as Senior Vice President for CBRE was named Office Broker of the Year.

Memorial Park Association board of directors for 2020 include: **Tim Burleigh** (LJ 1997) president, **Mary Jarrett** (LJ 2008) executive vice president and chair of board affairs and **Agnes Danciger** (Honorary) and **Emily Lisska** (Honorary) board member.

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NOTES OF SYMPATHY

Our condolences to **Jennifer Garizio** (LJ 2015) and her family upon the death of her father Jerry Risi on March 17.

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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