



# THE LEAD STORY

NEWSLETTER FOR LEADERSHIP JACKSONVILLE

December 2017

YLJ \* SPOTLIGHT \* CLASS NOTES

The Leadership Jacksonville office will be CLOSED  
on Monday and Tuesday, December 25-26, 2017  
and on Monday, January 1, 2018



## **Nominations** for Leadership Jacksonville Class of 2019 close on December 15.

Don't miss your opportunity to nominate emerging or demonstrated leaders with commitment and motivation to serve our community. We encourage you to explain our program to your prospective candidates to make sure they have interest before nominating them.

Remember that nominations are just the first step in the selection process. Nominees will receive instructions later about completing the required application.

All nominations received will be acknowledged. If you previously submitted a nomination and have not received an acknowledgement, please email **Yvonne Moore** or call 904-396-6263 ext. 4.

**Visit the website for program and selection information  
and to submit your nomination.**



**LEADERSHIP**  
JACKSONVILLE

**Leadership Jacksonville**  
**Class of 2018**

LJ Class 2018 Justice Day was held November 16. Thank you to the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, Duval County Jail, Jacksonville Transportation Authority, the State Attorney's Office and State Attorney Melissa Nelson (LJ 2012) for providing assistance and services throughout the day.



Melissa Nelson (LJ 2012) with Trisha Meili



Adult Program Coordinator Nicole Bryan (far right) shared afternoon camaraderie with class members Anne Detlefsen, Linda Lindenmoyer, Chase Foy, Ruple Galani and Jeannine Bytwerk



Octavius Holliday (LJ 2017) and Nat Glover (LJ 1989) with Deloris Patterson

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## Just a Reminder

Youth Leadership Jacksonville applications for freshmen and sophomores to apply for the 2018-2019 school year program are in the participating high schools.

Contact **Meg Folds**, Youth Programs Director, for any questions about our youth programs or if you would like to know who to contact at a particular school.

## Youth Leadership Jacksonville Class XXVIII



YLJ XXVIII "Inside the System" program day was held on November 9. Thank you to the speakers and volunteers who shared the many sides and broad perspectives of the criminal justice system.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**YLJ XXVIII Program Day**  
Thursday, December 7, 2017  
"Beauty Around Us"

**LJ Board of Directors Meeting**  
Monday, December 11, 2017  
12 p.m., Jessie Ball duPont Center Board Room 318

**LJ 2018 Program Day**  
Thursday, December 14, 2017  
Health Day

**Nominations CLOSE for LJ Class 2019**  
Friday, December 15, 2017

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and January 1, 2018

**CLE Reconnect Event**  
Tuesday, January 2, 2018  
5:30 p.m., Jessie Ball duPont Center, Lecture Hall Room 208

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**Leadership Connect** - remember, you still have all of December to schedule and hold your get-together. Enjoy some upcoming holiday cheer with your fellow alums.

If you are not already a part of this group, think about signing-up to Connect with future lunch groups. Click [here](#) to send your name, class year, preferred email and phone number.



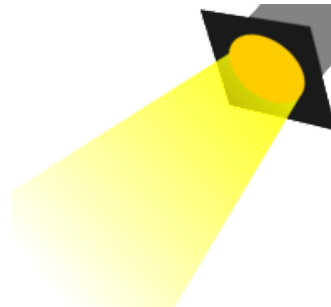
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## Alumni Spotlight



**Laurie Price**, a member of the Leadership Jacksonville Class of 2000, has been a very engaged, longtime participant on the Leadership Development Team that oversees the planning of the adult program days. She has stayed involved with Leadership Jacksonville because she says, "As many years as I've worked on the Leadership Development Team, I am continually learning from the others around the table and from the program

days. LJ has given me the opportunity to step outside of my daily scope of work and focus on some of our most pressing issues." She has been most impacted by being reminded that what we assume happened long ago was not long ago at all, by listening to Alton Yates tell his story and by hearing from class members each year who have personally experienced profiling. Laurie has met individuals through LJ who have educated and inspired her.



Alumni Spotlight is brought to you by the Alumni Relations Committee and features short spotlight interviews on Leadership Jacksonville alumni.

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## Class Notes

### 1983

Congratulations to **Bill Hodges** upon his retirement from the Jacksonville Children's Commission.

### 1986

**Jon May** retired after 30 years of service as CEO of Pine Castle in early November.

### 1988

Best wishes to **Ruth Owen** who has retired from EverBank.

### 1990

**Ramon Day** has taken a position as chief executive officer of Floridians Advocating Insurance Reform, Inc. (FAIR). FAIR is a research and educational nonprofit foundation that is involved in developing a direct payment universal health care proposal for Florida.

### 1995

**Pete Helow** celebrated the grand opening of his San Marco Roosters Men's Grooming Center in November. His new business at the intersection of Atlantic Boulevard and Hendricks Avenue is open seven days a week for men's hairstyling, haircuts, shaves and facials.



Pete Helow cuts the ribbon to open Roosters

### 1996

**Gail Johnson** has joined Merrill Lynch as a Retirement Benefit Specialist.

**Jeff Michelman** recently completed the 2017 Rotary District 5500 Ride to End Polio in Tucson, Arizona. Jeff's goal was to raise \$100,000 during the 106 mile ride - and at last report he was closing in on the goal.

Congratulations to **Penny Thompson** who has been named a 2017 Jacksonville Business Journal Health Care Hero.

### 1999

**Bryan Hensley** is now the director of planning and programs at ElderSource, Inc.

**LaTanya Wynn** is serving on the Region IV Head Start Association board which covers eight southeastern states.

### 2002

**Dave Auchter** has been promoted to vice president of corporate marketing for Haskell.

### 2005

**Mary Marx** has been selected by Results for America (RFA) for a two-year fellowship. RFA is a national nonprofit working with decision-makers at all levels of government to harness the power of evidence and data to make progress on the world's greatest challenges. As part of

RFA's inaugural class of Nonprofit Fellows, Mary joins 14 other nonprofit chief executives to create a community of nonprofit peers committed to driving large-scale systemic reform. Mary, through her work as President & CEO of PACE Center for Girls, will be focused on using evidence and data to address keeping girls in school and out of the juvenile justice system, collaborating with other nonprofits on best practices for building and using evidence in order to improve criminal justice programs and policies as well as provide an example to policymakers at all levels.

### 2010

Congratulations to **Mark Falbo** who married his best friend, Rebecca Hilding, at Seal Harbor, Maine in November.

### 2012

**Broderick Green** has moved to the Washington DC area for his new position as manager-economic development with Amazon.

**Meredith Guess** has been promoted to senior vice president corporate relationship manager at BBVA Compass.

### 2014

**Jason Perry** has been promoted to president of the development and project management divisions in Jacksonville for Signet Real Estate Group.



Zoey Alexandra Harden

### 2015

Congratulations to **Christian** and Stephanie **Harden** upon the birth of their daughter Zoey Alexandra Harden on November 9, weighing 8lbs. 14oz.

### 2016

Congratulations to **Josh** and Brooke **Cockrell** upon the birth of their daughter Stella Kathryn Cockrell on November 12, weighing 7lbs. 1 oz.



Stella Kathryn Cockrell with daddy Josh

**Chris Hoffman** has joined the board of directors of the Volunteer Lifesaving Corp in Jacksonville Beach.

### 2018

Congratulations to **Chip Bachara** whose firm, the Bachara Construction Law Group, has been named a 2018 Tier 1 Metropolitan Construction Litigation Firm by Best Lawyers and US News and World Report. Chip is also listed in the 2018 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

### New Leadership Summit

**Scott Whalen** (NLS 2006) announced his retirement as president and CEO of St. Vincent Hospital in Erie, PA earlier this year. Sunny Florida is calling him back as he plans to "winter" in Cape Coral.

### Honorary

**J.F. Bryan** received the 2017 Philanthropist Award from the Florida Association of Museums (FAM). FAM is a statewide organization representing more than 400 member museums, aquariums, gardens and zoos through advocacy for state and federal funding and professional development. J.F. was recognized for leadership and stewardship contributions to MOSH, the Cummer, Jacksonville Zoo and BOK Tower Gardens.

### Various

The number of LJ alumni who have filed to run in area elections continues to increase. The current list includes: **Michael Bateh** (LJ 2017) County Court Judge Group 3; **Rose Conry** (LJ 2010) Jacksonville City Council District 6; **LeAnna Cumber** (LJ 2017) Jacksonville City Council District 5; **Rory Diamond** (LJ 2014) Jacksonville City Council District 13; **Gette Dumont** (LJ 2017) Jacksonville Beach City Council Seat 5, District 2; **Wyman Duggan** (LJ 2009) Florida State Representative, District 15; **Jay Fant** (LJ 1996) Florida Attorney General; **Tiffany Parisi** (CLE 2017) Duval County Soil and Water Conservation District; **Nancy**



**Soderberg** (NLX 2006) United States Representative Florida Congressional District 6 and **Darryl Willie** (LJ 2016) Duval County School Board District 4.

A number of LJ alumni will be presenting at the Jacksonville Business Journal's Downtown Development program on Tuesday, December 5: **Ben Davis** (LJ 2014), **Jake Gordon** (NLS 2016), **Aundra Wallace** (NLS 2014) and **Peter Rummell** (Honorary).

Governor Rick Scott has reappointed **Patrick Kilbane** (LJ 2013) and **Giselle Carson** (LJ 2005) to the Jacksonville Aviation Authority.

The Jacksonville Women's Network has welcomed **Rosa Beckett** (LJ 2007), **Mary Pat Corrigan** (LJ 2017), **Lori Day** (LJ 2017), **Whitney Harper** (LJ 2012), **Janet Herrick** (LJ 2012), **Kristin Keen** (LJ 2016), **Pepper Lindsey** (LJ 2011) and **Penny Zuber** (LJ 2012) to its 2018 class of new members.

## Notes of Sympathy

Our condolences to **Trisha Meili** (LJ 2018) and her family upon the death of Tricia's father, John Jacob Meili, Jr. (Jack) in Pittsburg, PA on November 4.

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