



# THE LEAD STORY

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## CELEBRATION 2015

Leadership Jacksonville is proud to announce that our 20th annual celebration of leadership will honor community trustees **Ceree Harden, Connie Hodges, and Cleve Warren.**

**Celebration** is Leadership Jacksonville's event to benefit Youth Leadership Jacksonville and Collegiate Leadership Experience, helping us to provide quality programs at an affordable cost to young leaders from all walks of life.

**Celebration 2015**  
**Thursday, April 9, 2015**

from **6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**  
at the **Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront**

Make plans now to join your friends and fellow alums for a special **Celebration** evening!  
Invitations to follow.

This fabulous event would be a great opportunity to introduce LJ to your business associates.

Sponsorship information is available by contacting Jill Dame at [jill@leadershipjax.org](mailto:jill@leadershipjax.org) or call 904-396-6263.



Harden



Hodges



Warren

## Leadership Jacksonville Class of 2015



Michael Barker, Josh Woolsey,  
Richard Salkin, Jason Spencer

Understanding Each Other Day 1  
on January 15 focused on  
appreciation and challenges  
of leadership and marked the  
half-way point for the  
Class of 2015.



Henri Li, Tracy Raulerson,  
Donnie Horner



Jennifer Garizio, Rick Moyer,  
Leila Sundstrom



Steffani Fletcher, Joe Snowberger,  
Deb Hardman



Kevin Gay, Christina Parrish  
with Mickee Brown (LJ 2009)

### Upcoming events:

#### LJ 2015 Program Day

Thursday, February 12, 2015  
Understanding Self & Others Day 2

#### YLJ XXV Program Day

Thursday, February 19, 2015  
Dollars & Sense

#### Nomination Deadline for CLE Class of 2015

Friday, February 20, 2015  
5:00 p.m., LJ office

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## Class Notes

### 1980

**Scott McCaleb** has been named chairman of the board of directors for the Jacksonville Transportation Authority, succeeding **Donna Gibbs-Harper** (LJ 2000).

### 1981

Help! We need current contact info for **Rick Brownell**, **Fred Chitty**, **Keagle Davis**, **Roberta Gordon**, **Tom Healy**, **Katherine Hilburn**, **Jim Martin** and **Christie Monson**. Help us to reconnect with your classmates.

### 1987

**Jill Dame** is serving as the chair of the board of Girls on the Run of Northeast Florida.

### 1991

**David Pierson** has joined LISC Jacksonville as fund development officer.



Nina Waters (LJ 1991) with  
Dr. Charles McIntosh

### 1993

**Gary Hall** is serving on the board of Family Nurturing Center of Florida.

### 1995

**Helen Jackson** is chairing JCCI's upcoming inquiry, Re-Think Aging: Maximizing Quality of Life and Making an Age-Friendly Region.

### 1996

**Rick Morales** is currently serving as president of the Northeast Florida Builders Association.

**Jack Logue** has just returned from Port-au-Prince, Haiti where he goes regularly to mentor the chief administrator of a 200 bed general hospital in the heart of Port-au-Prince.

### 1997

The Pillars of Success Awards, presented by the Elim Project, an initiative of Elim Community Outreach, were recently presented to individuals who give of their time, talents and resources to positively impact organizations and the lives of many. **Vanessa Boyer** was included in the 2015 honorees.

### 1998

**Karen Brune Mathis** is the 2015 President of The Meninak Club of Jacksonville.

### 2002

**Sam Hall** has joined the board of directors of The Beaches Area Historical Society.

### 2003

**Gordon Bass** has joined Florida State College at Jacksonville as its new director of campus security.

### 2004

**Terry Lorince** is stepping down from her position as the founding executive director of Downtown vision after a 14 year tenure. Terry will remain at Downtown Vision until March.

### 2006

**Mary Fisher** has been named to the board of directors for Jacksonville Online Marketing MeetUp as director of marketing/public relations.

**Kevin Holzendorf** is the secretary of the board of the Jacksonville Transportation Authority for 2015.

### 2007

**Bonnie Barnes** joined The Arc Jacksonville as business relationship specialist.

### 2008

**Ben Warner** is responsible for Chapter 2 in the newly released What Counts: Harnessing Data for America's Communities. This book of essays is available to read online, can be downloaded as a .pdf, or ordered in hard copy. Best news - it appears to be free! Ben's overview includes what has been learned through JCCI's experiences. Available at [www.whatcountsforamerica.org](http://www.whatcountsforamerica.org).

**Tricia Cannan** is serving on the board of The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach.

## 2009

We no longer have mailing addresses for a few of your classmates. Can you help us with **Leslie Bryant**, **Jeff Chartrand** or **Fred Coble**?

## 2012

**Clark Robertson** was elected to the board of directors for Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity. Phi Gamma Delta, headquartered in Lexington, KY, was founded in 1848 and has 150 chapters and colonies at colleges and universities throughout the U.S. and Canada.

**Todd Johnson** has joined Acosta Sales and Marketing as chief legal officer.

## 2013

Congratulations to **Taylor McDonald** on her recent marriage to Zach Shafer.

**Pat Kilbane** and **Michael Miller** were selected by The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida for the Weaver Philanthropic Initiative Class of 2015.

## 2014

**Coley Jones** has joined the board of ElderSource where **Linda Levin** is executive director.

## Various

The 2015 board of directors for the Civic Council includes **John Delaney** (LJ 1986); **Fred Franklin** (LJ 1998); **Nat Glover** (LJ 1989) and **Steve Halverson** (Honorary), past chairman.

The Florida Times-Union has announced the new citizen members of its editorial board. The group includes: **Lois Chepenik** (LJ 1990), **Bruce Musser** (LJ 2002) and **Sichao Ni** (CLE 2009).

**Sol Brotman** (LJ 1992) and **Robert Hill** (LJ 2007) have joined The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida's board of trustees.

A number of LJ alumni are serving on the management team for JCCI's latest inquiry, Re-Think Aging: **Mary Blake-Holley** (LJ 1999), **Skip Cramer** (LJ 1996), **Angie Hiers** (NLS XII), **Mike Korn** (LJ 1986), **Helen Jackson** (LJ 1995), **Linda Levin** (LJ 2014) and **Susan Ponder-Stansel** (LJ 1991).

**Leslie Slover** (NLS XII) chaired the 2014 Review Committee for JCCI's 30th Annual Edition of the Quality of Life Progress Report. Other LJ members on the committee were: **Lee Brown** (LJ 2006), **Suzanne Hudson-Smith** (NLS XII), **Jan Morse** (LJ 2010) and **Christina Parrish** (LJ 2015).

A large number of LJ alumni have qualified to run for office in the March 24 Jacksonville/Duval County elections: Mayor, **Alvin Brown** (NLS I); Tax Collector, **Michael Corrigan** (LJ 1997); Supervisor of Elections, **Mike Hogan** (LJ 1980); Sheriff, **Jimmy Holderfield** (LJ 2012) and **Ken Jefferson** (LJ 2014); City Council at Large Group 1, **Anna Brosche** (LJ 2009); City Council at Large Group 5, **Ju'Coby Pittman** (LJ 1993); City Council District 4, **Ramon Day** (LJ 1990); City Council District 6, **Matt Schellenberg** (LJ 1984); City Council District 8, **Lynn Sherman** (LJ 2011); City Council District 9, **Glorious Johnson** (LJ 2006); and City Council District 10, **Reggie Brown** (LJ 1999). If we missed anyone, please let us know so that we can recognize all of our members who are running for office.

Current officers of The Rotary Club of San Marco include president **Kyle Reese** (LJ 2008), president elect **Ruth Ann Hepler** (LJ 2014), secretary **Terri Florio** (LJ 2004), past president **Janet Reagor** (LJ 2005), and directors **Meg Folds** (LJ 1999) and **Steve Ramsey** (LJ 2003).

Community Hospice of Northeast Florida's board officers include **Joe Mitrick** (LJ 1999) as first vice chair; **Jack Logue** (LJ 1996) as treasurer; and **Marsha Oliver** (LJ 2001) and **Ali Korman Shelton** (LJ 2007) as new board members.

**Rick Moyer** (LJ 2015), **James Richardson** (LJ 1994) and **Christian Harden** (LJ 2015) have joined the board of directors for The Museum of Science and History.

The OneJax Institute at the University of Florida has announced its 2015 Humanitarian Awards recipients, to be honored at an April 30 event. All are Leadership Jacksonville alumni: **Cindy Edelman** (LJ 1989) will receive the gold medallion for lifetime achievement; **Gary Chartrand** (Honorary), **Audrey Moran** (LJ 1989), **Charlene Taylor-Hill** (LJ 1998), and **Cindy Watson** (LJ 2014) will receive silver medallions for outstanding dedication and community service.

### **Collegiate Leadership Experience**

**Marcus Smith** (CLE 2009) is a 2015 STEM semi-finalist for the Presidential Management Fellows Program, a flagship leadership development program for advanced degree candidates. It was created more than three decades ago by Executive Order and attracts and selects the best candidates possible to develop a cadre of potential government leaders. Marcus earned an M.S., Information Security Technology & Management from Carnegie Mellon University, a B.S., Information Technology from University of Central Florida and an A.A. from Florida State College at Jacksonville.

**Stephanie White** (CLE 2008) is currently a third year Pharm.D. at Mercer University in Atlanta. She has a degree in biochemistry from Elon University.

**Quinton White** (CLE 2005) is working on his Ph.D. in economics at UNC Chapel Hill. He received his B.A. in sociology and economics from Furman University and was married to Lane Salter in 2014.

**Daniel Barton** (CLE 2014) is a new member of Sigma Chi at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

### **Youth Leadership Jacksonville**

**Josh Bryan** (YLJ XII) was selected by The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida for the Weaver Philanthropic Initiative Class of 2015.

**Corey Portnoy** (YLJ XVII) is completing law school at Florida State University. Corey completed his undergraduate work at the University of Florida where he was a member of Florida Blue Key and the homecoming king. Among his many volunteer activities he works with Florida Guardian Ad Litem.

**Rade Obradovic** (YLJ XIX) is an 8th grade teacher at the KIPP school. **Frank Denton** (NLS VII), Times Union editor, profiled Rade's journey from the Balkans to Jacksonville during their civil war and eventually on to the University of Florida where he earned a bachelor's and master's degree in 4 years. He was a recipient of the Meninak Scholarship through his participation in YLJ. The article was published on Sunday, November 9, 2014.

**Brooks Dame** (YLJ XXI), a junior at Furman University, spent the fall semester hiking the Appalachian Trail from Maine to Georgia.

**Amos Jackson** (YLJ XXII) attends the Citadel majoring in criminal justice. He enjoys playing football and participating in track and field.

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### **Notes of Sympathy**

Our condolences to **Connie** (LJ 2008) and **Michael** (LJ 2011) **Phillips** upon the death of Connie's father. Our condolences to **Guy Cuddihee** (LJ 1996) upon the death of his mother, Dot, on January 10.

Our condolences to **Meg Folds** (LJ 1999 and Staff) and **Chris Folds** (CLE 2005) upon the death January 14 of Meg's mother and Chris' grandmother, Martha Lee Phillips.

Our condolences to **Jud Freeman** (LJ 1984) upon the passing on January 26 of his mother, Anne Wright Freeman.

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