



THE LEAD STORY

NEWSLETTER FOR LEADERSHIP JACKSONVILLE

February 2017

ALUMNI EVENT * POLITICAL LEADERSHIP
CLE APPLICATIONS * CELEBRATION 2017 * CLASS NOTES

Attention Alumni - we have an event!

Intuition Ale Works is the place to be on

Thursday, February 9 from 5:30 until...



929 East Bay Street

Join your alumni friends for Happy Hour and a tour. We provide the tour and snacks; you add the drink of your choice. You are welcome to stay and mingle as long as you like.

Deadline Extended for



Leadership Jacksonville's Nonpartisan Political Campaign Seminar

In an effort to increase the diversity of applicants, we are extending the application deadline to
February 28, 2017.

Information and application available on the website.

Applications for Collegiate Leadership Experience 2017 are now available online.



Pass the word to your children, employees or friends. CLE offers the perfect opportunity to provide a valuable experience for your summer interns or recent graduates who are new to your business.

Collegiate Leadership Experience (CLE) is for applicants aged 18 to 30 who are rising college sophomores, juniors or seniors, graduate school students or within two years after obtaining an undergraduate or graduate degree. Since its inception in 2005 over 430 college students have graduated from the program.

[Click here](#) for program details and application.

Dedication and Naming of The Sandy and Steve Ramsey Conference Room

Thank you to LJ alumni Sandy (LJ 2001) and Steve (LJ 2003) Ramsey who have generously underwritten the cost of Leadership Jacksonville's conference room including the addition of a newly added work of art by local artist Kathy Stark (LJ 1994). The Ramsey's contribution was acknowledged at a reception on January 18. The artwork, part of a series of nature works, depicts a portion of the Jacksonville-Baldwin Rail Trail and is done in watercolor on paper.



(L to R): Sandy Ramsey, Kathy Stark, Steve Ramsey

Please join us in thanking Sandy and Steve for their continued support of Leadership Jacksonville and stop by the office to see this beautiful painting.

Mark your calendars now to join us at



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

More information will follow in a future invitation and *The Lead Story*.

Sponsorship opportunities are available; for information contact [Jill Dame](#).

Leadership Jacksonville Class of 2017



Lisa Rinaman, Sunil Joshi, Reece Alford with Bryan Gowdy, LJ 2012



Georgette Dumont and Jason Gabriel

Special thanks to the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and Duval County Jail for providing assistance, coffee and use of their facilities, Jacksonville Transportation Authority for providing the buses and the US Courthouse for the use of their facility and technology at Justice Day, January 12.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LJ 2017 Program Day

Thursday, February 9, 2017
Understanding Others Day

Alumni Happy Hour

Thursday, February 9, 2017
5:30 p.m. Intuition Ale Works

LJ Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, February 13, 2017
12 p.m., LJ Office

Past Board Presidents Breakfast

Wednesday, February 15, 2017
8 a.m., The River Club

YLJ XXVII Program Day

Thursday, February 16, 2017
"Dollars and Sense"

Celebration 2017

Tuesday, April 18, 2017
6 p.m., Jessie Ball duPont Center

Class Notes

1995

Brenda Simmons-Hutchins unveiled the 28th annual Jacksonville Black History Calendar in January. Brenda is co-creator of the calendar. The 2017 calendar is entitled "The Crisis in Black Education" and is dedicated to educators who have inspired the lives of students.

1998

Charles Griggs is serving as president of 100 Black Men of Jacksonville, Inc. The group hosted their 13th annual Infinite Scholars College Fair in January.

2002

David Auchter has joined Haskell as director/group operations principal.

2004

Kay Cowling has joined GIFTED Healthcare as president and chief operating officer. This new position has Kay relocating to New Orleans.

2005

Janet Reagor is the new associate director for The Sanctuary on 8th Street.

2006

Roland Garcia has been named to Becker's Hospital Review's 113 Hospital and Health System CIO's to Know for 2017. This is Roland's second listing in a row and is recognition for his early adoption of electronic medical records at Baptist Medical Center South.

Karen Mayfield has joined the board of directors of Jacksonville Country Day School.



Jessica Evans LJ 2015, Jan Lipsky LJ 2001 and Broderick Green LJ 2012 were all smiles when they 'connected' in January.



LJ 2000 alums Mallory Cooper and Laurie Price

2008

Sandy Wilson has joined the staff of The Episcopal Diocese of Florida as communications director.

2009

Wyman Duggan has been appointed to the board of directors at Rogers Towers.

Michael Lanier won Dance for the Cure for the Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation. He and his partner danced to "Do You Love Me". The winner was chosen based on money raised and the quality of the performance.

Ryan Schwartz has been selected to become chair-elect of the Community Foundation for Northeast Florida. His term as chair will commence in 2018.

2010

Gary Brose is embarking on a new career adventure as an intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance pilot with MAG Aerospace.

2013

Pat Kilbane is serving on the First Coast American Heart Association Heart Walk Executive Cabinet. The Heart Walk is one of the largest fundraising walks in Jacksonville - with over 25,000 attendees who last year raised over \$1.3 million dollars to fight heart disease - the #1 killer in both men and women.

2014

Bill Adams has joined the Justice for Girls: Leadership Council, an advisory council for the Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center.

Rory Diamond has been elected vice-chair of the Jacksonville Journey. Rory has also been promoted to chief executive officer at K9s for Warriors.

2015

Joe Snowberger has joined Buzz Media Group as president as the company expands its services. Joe will remain CEO of the Jacksonville Historic Naval Ship Association, working to bring the USS Adams to Jacksonville.

2016

Brian Coughlin, Dan Croft and **Sam Garrison** were guest disc jockeys with David Luckin on WJCT's Electro Lounge. The three purchased this great opportunity at the silent auction at LJ 2016's closing retreat. David was quite impressed at the selection of music that they brought to the show. The three did their class proud!

2017

Stephanie Durham has been nominated for LifeChanger of the Year. Lifechanger of the Year is an annual program funded and run by National Life Group and the National Life Group Foundation that recognizes and rewards K-12 educators and school employees from around the country. Stephanie is in the running to be one of fifteen winners that will be announced later in the year.

Tahoma Guiry has been promoted to chief management officer at K9s for Warriors.

Octavius Holliday has closed The Holliday Law Firm and is returning to the State Attorney's Office for a second tour of duty. He is excited about this new phase in his career.

Congratulations to Sean and **Kate Nesselt** on the birth of their son Patrick Michael on December 23!

Congratulations to **Priyesh** and Manisha **Patel** on the birth of their daughter Sohani Priyesh Patel on January 20.

New Leadership Summit

Monica Whiting (NLS XI), former LJ board member, has joined TECO Energy in Tampa as vice president, customer experience.

Honorary

Jim Bailey has sold the assets of Bailey Publishing & Communications to a newly formed company headed by the CEO and owner of the Sarasota-based Observer Media Group. The Financial News and Daily Record will maintain its current office space in downtown Jacksonville. Jim will continue on the Downtown Investment Authority and stay engaged in the community as he looks at business consulting and investment opportunities.



Manisha, Priyesh and daughter Sohani Patel

Various

New officers and board members for the Jacksonville Humane Society include: **Franklin Danley** (NLS XI) treasurer-elect, **Randy Goodwin** (LJ 2001) board member and **Michael Munz** (LJ 1997) board chair.

Collegiate Leadership Experience

Joe Medearis (CLE 2006) is the pastor at Arlington Presbyterian Church. He and his wife, Holly, have a three year old daughter.

Youth Leadership Jacksonville

Michael Kerekes (YLJ XV) was confirmed by the Clay County School Board as district coordinator of strategic planning and community partnerships. His job will include spearheading implementation of Superintendent Davis' 100-day plan, assisting with open enrollment and working to develop a 4-year strategic plan for the district.

Corey Portnoy (YLJ XVIII) is an associate with the law firm of Cole, Scott & Kissane, P.A. in Miami, Florida. His practice areas include maritime/admiralty, negligent security and premises liability. He was recently appointed to serve on the Florida State College of Law Alumni Board as a presidential appointee.

Pamela Rowe (YLJ VII), owner of Pamela Rowe, Speech and Music Therapy, has co-authored a new book, *Putting Your Dreams To Work: Keys To Setting Up Your Therapy Practice* to inspire therapists across the nation to start their own therapy private practice. A book signing/networking event will be held at Mudville Grille-Beach Boulevard from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on February 10.

Harrison Snowden (YLJ XXVII), son of **Todd Snowden** (LJ 2013) and grandson of **Linda Wilkinson** (LJ 1998), has worked for over a year on a benefit concert (with award winning area performers) and silent auction to raise money for Hubbard House and the Betty Griffin Center. The event will be held on Saturday, February 25 at Ponte Vedra High School. In addition, a public speaker and victim of domestic violence will speak about how Hubbard House changed her life. For more information about Harrison's benefit see <https://www.facebook.com/events/193469461128200>.

Congratulations to YLJ Class XXVI members **Maddie Daniels**, **Sarah Page** and **Valerie Starks** (Stanton) and **Adam Snowden** (Ponte Vedra) for being National Merit Scholar semifinalists.

Notes of Sympathy

Our condolences to **Sarah Bohr** (LJ 1990) and her family upon the death of her daughter, Meredith Alexander, on December 19.

Our condolences to **Doug** and **Nora Milne** (LJ 1978 and 1999) and **Jack Milne** (LJ 1984) upon the passing on January 9 of Doug and Jack's mother Betty Milne.

Our condolences to **George Egan** (LJ 2007) upon the passing on January 10, after a lengthy illness, of his father, Bob Egan.

Our condolences to the family and friends of **Iris Young** (LJ 1993) who passed away on January 10. Iris retired in 2011 as Executive Director of Jewish Family & Community Services where she served for over thirty-five years. Iris served on a variety of public and private boards and received many honors including the 2003 Humanitarian Award from the National Conference for Community & Justice.

Our condolences to **Becky** (LJ 1991) and **Tommy Grimes** (LJ 1980) and their family upon the death on January 21 of Becky's father, Ed Parks at age 100.

Our condolences Roger Sharp (husband), her family and the many friends of **Linda Foley** (LJ 1986) who passed away on January 30. Linda was a former professor, psychology department chairperson and College of Arts and Sciences associate dean at the University of North Florida. In addition to numerous articles on legal, psychological and criminal issues, Linda most recently pursued her interest in writing and published three books prior to her death. She served on the leadership development team for Leadership Jacksonville's adult program for many years, as well as on Uptown Civitan, Women's Center, Suicide Prevention Center, and Sister's in Crime boards.



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