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Important dates and announcements for January!

* JACKSONVILLE LEGACY SERIES

"Lessons in Leadership: Jacksonville's Community Trustees"

Thursday, January 8, 2015, 8:30 p.m. on WJCT

* NOMINATION DEADLINE, LJ Class of 2016

Friday, January 9, 2015, 5:00 p.m.

Click [here](#) to submit your nomination.

* WEBSITE UPDATES:

A new "**Our Alumni**" page has been added to the "About Us" tab. To see alumni class lists, click [here](#).

An **Alumni Directory** as of December 2014 is available in the "member only" section. Log in and select "Download Member Directory" from the list of options. Print a copy for handy reference.

Need to pay your dues? Click **here** to pay online with Visa or MasterCard.

Happy 2015!

Leadership Jacksonville's staff wishes our alumni all of the best in the new year. We appreciate the contributions that each of you offer to make our jobs a joy. Please remember that we love hearing from you - let us know what you are up to and what we can do to make our programs even better!



Upcoming events:

Jacksonville Legacy Series
Lessons in Leadership: Jacksonville's Community Trustees
Thursday, January 8, 2015
8:30 p.m., WJCT

Nomination Deadline for LJ Class of 2016
Friday, January 9, 2015
5:00 p.m., LJ Office

LJ 2015 Program Day
Thursday, January 15, 2015
Understanding Self & Others Day 1

YLJ XXV Program Day
Thursday, January 29,
2015 "Everyday Creativity"

Application Deadline for LJ Class 2016
Thursday, January 29, 2015
5:00 p.m., LJ Office
(application available online after January 12)

Nomination Deadline for CLE Class of 2015
Friday, February 20, 2015
5:00 p.m., LJ Office

CELEBRATION 2015
Thursday, April 9, 2015
6:00 p.m., Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront

Class Notes

1979

Corrine Brown is now serving as a ranking member of the U.S. House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

1988

Thomas Weinberg was reelected from District 5 to the Canaveral Port Authority board of commissioners in 2014. He is currently serving as chairman.

The Florida First Coast Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals named **Elizabeth Head** as the Outstanding Fundraising and Development Professional for 2014.

Ruth Owen has been named as a member of the board of directors for Habitat for Humanity of Jacksonville, Inc. (HabiJax).

Quint White received the 2014 Regional Leadership Award from The Northeast Florida Regional Council. This award is given to individuals or groups in Northeast Florida that have demonstrated remarkable achievements during the year.

1989

Mike Hightower has accepted a position with Holland & Knight as a senior policy advisor.

At December's graduation **Nat Glover** received an honorary doctorate from the University of North Florida in recognition of his many years of service to our community in both law enforcement and education.



Jan Lipsky, LJ 2001 and
Barbara Moulding, LJ 1998

1993

John Wilbanks was named the 2014 Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser by The Florida First Coast Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

Karen Bowling is leaving her position as Mayor Alvin Brown's (NLS I) chief administrative officer to join Foley & Lardner.

1997

Mary Spuhler retired as executive director of the Downtown Ecumenical Services Council this past summer after 29 years of ministry and service.

2000

Mia Jones has been unanimously elected to serve a second term in the Florida House of Representatives' Leadership Offices as Minority Leader pro tempore.

2002

Barbara Goodman's previously announced retirement from the National Park Service after 33 years will be celebrated at MOSH on Friday evening, January 9. Her friends from LJ are invited and we have the details for you if you contact us.

2004

Carolyn Shehee-Williams is retiring as deputy director of the Jacksonville Public Library.

Lynn Bertram has joined the Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center as a consultant.

2008

William Cody was honored by The Sisters Network of Northeast Florida for his continuous service to cancer patients in the Jacksonville area.

Michael Freed is now a shareholder with Gunster in the business litigation practice.

Herschel Vinyard resigned effective December 1 as secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

2009

Best wishes and happy retirement to **Sandra Brooks** who retired as president of BROOKSLACAYO Advertising on October 1.

2013

Jennifer Marko is now program director for ScaleUp North Florida.

Best wishes to **Greg Steele** on his retirement as president/chief executive officer of the Youth Crisis Center.

2014

Steve Gilbert has been appointed to the Brooks YMCA advisory board of directors.

2015

Josh Martino has been named president of Bono's Pit Bar-B-Que. Josh previously served as COO and legal counsel.

Rebecca Steele retired at the end of 2014 as chief human resources officer at Acosta.

New Leadership Summit

Kelly Madden (NLS III) has been named to lead the commercial banking division of Wells Fargo for the state of Florida.



Michael Howland, LJ 2012
and Pat Geraghty, NLS XI

Various

Several Leadership Jacksonville alumni have been appointed to the Florida Supreme Court's recently created Florida Commission of Access to Civil Justice: **Jeff Atwater** (LJ 1988), **Donny MacKenzie** (LJ 1998), **Bill Van Nortwick** (LJ 1986).

The JAX Chamber's 2015 board of directors has been announced: chair, **John Delaney** (LJ 1986), chair-elect and board of governors chair, **Audrey Moran** (LJ 1989), **Don Baldwin** (NLS XII), **John Bottaro** (LJ1993), **Nelson Bradshaw** (NLS VIII), **Debbie Buckland** (LJ 2009), **Giselle Carson** (LJ 2005), **Moody Chisholm** (NLS IX), **Rose Conry** (LJ 2010), **Tim Cost** (NLS XI), **Rena Coughlin** (LJ 2004), **Cheryl Grymes** (LJ 1994), **Robert Hill** (LJ 2007), **Charley Hood** (NLS VI), **Andy King** (LJ 2011), **Ali Shelton** (LJ 2007), **Eric Mann** (NLS X), **David Mann** (NLS IX), **Scott McCaleb** (LJ 1980), **Paul McElroy** (NLS V), **Lynn Pappas** (Honorary), **William Rupp** (NLS VIII), **Tim Ryan** (NLS XII), **Leslie Slover** (NLS XII), **Darnell Smith** (LJ 2000), **Greg Smith** (NLS V), **Kerri Stewart** (LJ 2006), **Ken Sweder** (NLS VII), **Tom Van Berkel** (NLS I) and **Terry West** (LJ 2008).

Congratulations to the LJ alumni who were recently invited into membership in the Jacksonville Women's Network: **Giselle Carson** (LJ 2005), **Dale Clifford** (LJ 1987), **Rose Conry** (LJ 2010), **Mary Anne Jacobs** (LJ 2015), **Michelle Leak** (LJ 2011), **Mary Marx** (LJ 2005) and **Kathee Murphy** (LJ 2012).

Notes of Sympathy

Our condolences to **Kevin Gay** (LJ 2015) upon the death of his father Tommy on November 26.

CLE and YLJ Reconnect 2014

Over 40 Alumni of YLJ and CLE enjoyed 'Bingo', pizza, rekindling old friendships and making new ones at Mellow Mushroom Avondale on Tuesday, December 30, 2014. Special thanks to our host, JP Morgan (YLJ IX)! JP is not only the General Manager of Mellow Mushroom but has led the 'Job Interview' segment for YLJ Business Day for twelve years.



**Nominations for
Collegiate Leadership Experience Class of 2015**
continue to be accepted until **February 20, 2015**.

Click the program name to visit the website for information and selection criteria.
Click [here](#) to submit your nomination.

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There are many ways you can help Leadership Jacksonville fulfill its mission:

[Nominate a Candidate](#) - high quality candidates keep the program fresh, informative and valuable to the community. Click [here](#) to start the process.

[Volunteer for a program](#) - volunteers keep our programs running smoothly and provide valuable direction to the participants. Click here to access the volunteer form.

[Donate](#) - Your contributions, in addition to your member dues, help us keep the cost of tuition low so that we can include youth and adults from all walks of life. Click here to access the website payment center.

Please consider a contribution today.

Make a LJ Donation

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