



THE LEAD STORY

NEWSLETTER FOR LEADERSHIP JACKSONVILLE

January 2017

LJ APPLICATIONS * POLITICAL LEADERSHIP
CLE NOMINATIONS * CLASS NOTES

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Leadership Jacksonville office will be CLOSED
Monday, January 16, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day



Leadership Jacksonville Class of 2018

**ONLINE APPLICATION
will be available on January 4.**

Nominations have closed so now it is time for the next step. The application for the Leadership Jacksonville Class of 2018 will be available on our [website](#) on January 4. All interested applicants (even those not previously nominated) must complete the online application to be considered. Applicants are encouraged to begin the process as soon as possible.

**Applications must be submitted online no later than midnight
on Tuesday, January 24, 2017.**

Leadership Jacksonville's Nonpartisan Political Campaign Seminar

Application deadline January 31, 2017



This intensive five-session course providing practical knowledge for those considering entering the political arena will run April 7, 14, 21, 28 and May 5, 2017 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Information and application available on the website.

NOMINATIONS are open for Collegiate Leadership Experience Class of 2017



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COLLEGIATE EXPERIENCE

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.

Consider nominating 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.

Submit your candidate's name, phone number, email address and school name or employer to **Meg Folds** at meg@leadershipjax.org. Don't delay and risk that the class is already full.

[Click here](#) for program details.

Leadership Jacksonville Class of 2017



Cindy Watson (LJ 2014) with
Lisa Rinaman



Suzanne Montgomery (LJ 1981)
with Bill Ferry and Meg Rose

Special thanks to

Florida State College at Jacksonville, South Campus Wilson Center for the use of their facilities for Leading From Within Day on November 17 and to Mayo Clinic Jacksonville for breakfast, lunch, afternoon snack and the use of their facilities for Health Day on December 8.



Mark Bennett, Kyle Dorsey,
Pegine Echevarria and Michael Bateh



Reece Alford, Vicky Basra, Lori Day,
Robert Peek and Lori Smith



Michelle Cook (LJ 2016), JSO Director of Patrol and Enforcement and LJ board member, joined members of YLJ Class of XXVII during "Inside the System" Day on November 10.



Members of YLJ XXVII focused attention on the arts at "Everyday Creativity" Day on December 1 with volunteer Vicki Robinson (LJ 2016).



Thank you to the Museum of Science & History and the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens for their generous support of "Everyday Creativity."

Thank you to all the volunteers who help make our program days a success.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LJ 2017 Program Day

Thursday, January 12, 2017
Justice Day

LJ Office Closed

Monday, January 16, 2017
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JILL!

January 21, 2017

LJ 2018 APPLICATION Deadline

Tuesday, January 24, 2017
Submit online no later than midnight

YLJ XXVII Program Day

Thursday, January 26, 2017
"Are We Our Brothers'/Sisters' Keeper?"

Political Campaign Seminar

Application Deadline, Tuesday, January 31, 2017
Submit online

Celebration 2017

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

Alumni may continue to join **Leadership Connect** at any time. Click [here](#) to provide your name, class year, preferred phone number and email. **Sign up by January 15** to be included in a group for **February 2017**.

Class Notes

1985

Carla Miller recently moderated an international United Nations panel at the International Anti-Corruption Conference in Panama. Panelists included four mayors from Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Latin America and highlighted how local government can increase citizen trust in government.

1987

Jill Dame has been appointed by Mayor Curry to serve on the Jacksonville Public Library board.

1988

Quint White gave the keynote address at Jacksonville University's fall commencement ceremony. Quint was the first sitting JU professor to deliver a commencement keynote address.



Gary Flower LJ 1992 administers the oath of office to Rory Diamond LJ 2014 for Neptune Beach City Council

1989

Audrey Moran chaired the 23rd annual Dinner with Bill and Friends, the annual celebration for The Arc Jacksonville. Bill was an early ambassador for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities who spent the better part of his life in an institution. After Bill returned to the community he talked about "a good friend, good job and good home" for all people. The dinner celebrates the achievements of people with disabilities and sustains support programs.



Your Class Liaisons 2016-2017 help LJ stay in touch with you, spreading the word about events and activities.

1995

Bob White is the new director of development at MOSH.

1996

Adam Hollingsworth has been appointed by Governor Rick Scott to serve a four-year term on the University of North Florida board of trustees.

1998

The TaxSlayer Bowl Hall of Fame posthumously honored **Tom Shouvlin** for his volunteer leadership with the Bowl for more than 40 years.

1999

Kenneth Middleton received the Sallye B. Matthis Award from the Jacksonville chapter of the NAACP at its Freedom Fund Banquet.



Andrea Rizzi (LJ 2009), Janet Reagor (LJ 20035), Heather Solanka (LJ 2011)

2004

Al Emerick is performing in *Peter and the Starcatcher* at Theatre Jacksonville in January. The play by Rick Elice is the story of the origins of Peter Pan, the Lost Boys and Captain Hook.

2005

Jim Burkhart has resigned as president and chief executive officer of Tampa General Hospital.

Stephen Goldman and his wife Jackie chaired the 24th Annual River Garden Gala. Proceeds from the evening benefitted the River Garden Hebrew Home and Wolfson Health and Aging Center.

Ia Howard received a special award from the Jacksonville chapter of the Federal Bar Association at its annual Spirit of Giving luncheon. Ia was recognized for her service to the community and court, including as a leader in the Middle District's educational outreach programs.

2007

David Dunlap was awarded the Civility Award by the Jacksonville chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates at its annual awards banquet.

Tra'Chella Johnson Foy was installed as the 130th president of the Duval County Medical Society at its Inaugural Ball & 164th Annual Meeting in December. Tra'Chella is the first African American female to serve as president of the DCMS. Congratulations Tra'Chella!



Michael Howland (LJ 2012) and Lynne Elliott (LJ 2014) serve on the LJ Leadership Development Team

2010

Patty Adeen has been selected as one of six ambassadors to serve on the Tom Coughlin Jay Fund Foundation supporting families with children diagnosed with cancer.

2011

Ronnie King was reappointed in July to the board of directors of the Jacksonville Public Library for a second four-year term and elected as chairman of the board in October. We incorrectly reported his activity on the Library board in *The Lead Story* December edition. We apologize for the error.

Jennifer Mansfield received the civil practice Spirit of Giving Award from the Jacksonville chapter of the Federal Bar Association for her many hours of pro bono service.

2012

Courtney Grimm joined the Clay County Board of County Commissioners in September as county attorney.

Melissa Nelson has been named Folio Weekly's 2016 Person of the Year.



Rory Diamond celebrates with fellow LJ 2014 classmates Chris Hand, Tameka Gaines Holly, Steve Gilbert, Dane Grey and Tonya Seigler after his swearing in as Neptune Beach City Councilman.

2014

Rory Diamond was sworn in to the Neptune Beach City Council on December 6. The Honorable **Gary Flower** (LJ 1992) administered the oath.

2015

Alina Schreiber is now the senior vice president, product finance at One Call Care Management.

2017

Abena Horton has joined the board of directors of Communities in Schools of Jacksonville.

New Leadership Summit

Frank Denton (NLS VII) is stepping down as editor of the Florida Times-Union and Jacksonville.com after nine years in the roll. Frank will become editor at large,

responsible for the editorial page and some community initiatives. Frank will also continue as vice president for journalism for Morris Publishing Group.

Various

Several Leadership Jacksonville alumni and participants were recently welcomed into the Jacksonville Women's Network: **Jennifer Chapman** (LJ 2008), **Ann-Marie Knight** (LJ 2016), **Suzanne Crittenden** (LJ 2004), **Teresa Miles** (NLS XIV) and **Lisa Rinaman** (LJ 2017).

Sharon Wamble-King (NLS VI) and **Josh Bryan** (YLJ XII) have joined the board of directors of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Jacksonville.

The J.R.E. Lee Jacksonville Florida A&M National Alumni Association Chapter recently installed its 2017-19 officers. These include **Lawrence Dennis** (LJ 2012) as first vice president and **Joyce Couch** (LJ 2001) as corresponding secretary. **Mia Jones** (LJ 2000) was mistress of ceremonies for the event.

The International Longshoremen Association Local #1408 recently celebrated its 80th anniversary. The celebration included awards for community leaders for their hard work and dedication to Local 1408. LJ alumni receiving awards were **Corrine Brown** (LJ 1979) and **Brian Taylor** (NLS XII).



Members of "The Best Class" (2015) At Reunion 2016

The roster of the St. Mark's Episcopal Day School 2016-17 Board of Trustees includes **Randy Gordon** (LJ 2008), chair of the board **John Magevney** (LJ 2010) and **Mike Wachholz** (LJ 2011).

The Jacksonville Women's Network 2017 board of directors includes **Maribel Hernandez** (LJ 2004), Secretary; **Michelle Barth** (LJ 2000); **Barbara Gubbin** (NLS IV); **Ann Mackey** (LJ 2003) and **Laurie Price** (LJ 2000).

Collegiate Leadership Experience

Ale'ta Turner (CLE 2012) was named as one of the Black Expo Top 20 under 40 award winners.

Youth Leadership Jacksonville

Rade Obradovic (YLJ XIX) has been chosen as one of fifteen semifinalists for the 2017 Florida Blue Teacher of the Year. Rade teaches at Hyde Park Elementary School.

Notes of Sympathy

Our condolences to **Jill Bechtold** (LJ 2015), her family and friends, upon the death of her father Jeff Matthew on December 19.

Our condolences to the family and many friends of **Savannah Goodman** (YLJ XXIII) who passed away on December 19. Savannah was a graduate of Douglas Anderson School of the Arts and was currently attending Duke University. Her many accomplishments while living with Immune Deficiency Disease were recently highlighted in the Florida Times Union.

Our sympathies to **Anne Alexander** (LJ 1991) and her family upon the death of her mother-in-law Jean Alexander on December 23.

Our sympathies to **Janet** (LJ 2005) and **Hunt** (YLJ XXIII) **Reagor** upon the death of their mother-in-law/grandmother Susan Jane Hommer Reda on December 26.

Our condolences to **Sabeen Perwaiz** (LJ 2016) and her family upon the passing of her father-in-law, Mohammad Ali Ashraf, on December 28.

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