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June 2015

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## Announcing Selections for Leadership Jacksonville Programs

Leadership Jacksonville is gearing up for the 2015-2016 program year. Congratulations to all newly selected participants.

[Leadership Jacksonville Class of 2016](#) met on May 27 at their Opening Reception. The program begins with an Opening Dinner for participants and guests on August 6. Click [here](#) for a complete LJ 2016 class list.

[Collegiate Leadership Experience Class of 2015](#) gathered for a "Meet the Class" reception May 28. The program continues through the summer and concludes with a Closing Retreat on August 1. Click [here](#) for a complete list of the Class of 2015.

[Youth Leadership Jacksonville Class XXVI](#) Orientation for students and parents was held on April 28. The program will kick-off with a two-day Opening Retreat August 21-22. Click [here](#) to view the class list and see what area high schools are represented.

## Scholarships Awarded to Youth Leadership Jacksonville Class XXIV

The Meninak Club of Jacksonville awarded its 2015 college scholarships to five Youth Leadership Jacksonville XXIV alumni on May 18. Each winner received \$5,000.



Brandon Canaday, Nease High School; Camila Rodriguez-Rojas, Stanton College Preparatory; Gracie Shepherd, Episcopal School of Jacksonville; Aleksandra Skrypko, Samuel W. Wolfson and Harold Geddies, Darnell-Cookman High School

Meninak has generously provided these scholarships exclusively to YLJ alumni since 1997.

## Upcoming events:

**CLE 2015 Opening Retreat**  
Friday and Saturday, June 5-6, 2015  
University of North Florida

**LJ Annual Meeting**  
Monday, June 8, 2015  
The River Club

**CLE 2015 Program Day** Tuesday,  
June 16, 2015 "Creating a Caring  
Community"

## Welcome New Leadership Summit XIII

Twelve Jacksonville executives gathered at The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island on May 4-5 for the thirteenth annual New Leadership Summit. This unique two day experience offers participants the opportunity to hear from and interact with key community leaders and learn about assets, issues, institutions and leadership in our region.

We welcome **NLS XIII class members** as LJ alums and thank J.F. Bryan, Jerry Mallot and Justin Terry for their continued leadership of the program.



J.F. Bryan, Honorary; Melissa Dykes, JEA; Bill McConnell, SMG; Kathleen Yohe, Deutsche Bank; Carlton DeVooght, Coastal Community Health; Chris Kaniut, Saft; Wenying Xu, Jacksonville University; David Cox, Suddath; Brian Fay, Deutsche Bank; Jerry Mallot, LJ 1995; Patrick Linfors, Boy Scouts of America; Brent Baxter, Stein Mart; Christine Sapienza, Jacksonville University and David Miles, Healogics

## Congratulations to Leadership Jacksonville Class of 2015



Closing Retreat was held on May 8-9 at the Palm Coast Hammock Beach Resort. Thank you to the planning committee Javelyn Arvay, Bill Boutwell, Deb Hardman, Mary Ann Jacobs, Bruce Jones, Lisa Gall Kight, Josh Martino, Kelley Moore and Leila Sundstrom who coordinated the entertainment, fundraising and silent auction for a lively and fun-filled evening.

LJ Class 2015 raised \$9,580 for Leadership Jacksonville.  
Thank You!

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### Class Notes

#### 1989

The Jacksonville Business Journal's Innovation in Education award recipients included **Cindy Edelman**.

#### 1995

**Joy Korman** has been named the chair of the University of North Florida board of trustees.

**Kathy Para** was presented the 2015 Liberty Bell Award at the Jacksonville Bar Association's Law Day Luncheon. Kathy is chair of the association's Pro Bono Committee.

#### 2009

Congratulations to **Anna Brosche** who won the City Council At-Large Group 1 seat in the recent elections.

#### 2010

**Cara Connolly** graduated from Tulane University School of Medicine in May and is now a MD. Cara is headed to Nashville for a residency at Vanderbilt in Diagnostic Radiology.

#### 2011

**Beth Robbins** has been working on her Master of Divinity degree at Meadville Lombard Theological School and is heading to Boston in September to begin an internship at the Arlington Street Church.



## 2013

**Abel Harding** has been named executive vice president of the North Florida market for IBERIABANK.

## 2014

**Jamie Shelton** has been appointed to the board of trustees for Jacksonville University.

**Chris Hand** has announced that he will be leaving his position as chief of staff for Mayor Alvin Brown, most likely in June 2015.

**Maria Mark** is running for reelection for Atlantic Beach City Commission Seat 2.

## 2015

**Christina Parrish** has been named executive director of Springfield Preservation and Revitalization Council (SPAR). She will also continue her law practice. Christina was incorrectly shown as a member of Class 2014 in the May edition of the newsletter.

**Jill Bechtold** has been appointed by Mayor Brown to the board of the Jacksonville Children's Commission to represent School Board District 7.

**Bill Sorenson** will be one of the featured speakers at this year's National Women's Business Conference 2015 hosted by the National Association of Women Business Owners in September. Bill's topic is how to "Significantly Increase the Value of Your Business in 30 Days."

**Leila Sundstrom** is serving on the board of directors for Episcopal Children's Services.

## Various

The Sulzbacher Center has named **Scott Cairns** (LJ 2002) and **Michele Leak** (LJ 2011) to the board of directors.

**Eric Holshouser** (LJ 2009) and **Bob Riegel** (LJ 2004) have been named to the list of America's Leading Business Lawyers in the 2015 Chambers USA.

Congratulations to the many LJ alums who have been named as finalists for the Florida Times-Union's Eve Awards: Education Finalists, **Patty Adeeb** (LJ 2010) and **Amber Amerson** (LJ 2007); Volunteer Service Finalists, **Carol Alexander** (LJ 1998) and **Julia Taylor** (LJ 1978); and Employment Finalists, **Mary Kay O'Rourke** (LJ 2011) and **Ju'Coby Pittman** (LJ 1993). The Eve winners will be named on June 5.

**Rena Coughlin** (LJ 2004) and **Charles Moreland** (LJ 2008) have been named as co-chairs of Jacksonville Mayor-elect Lenny Curry's leadership transition team.

**Christian Harden** (LJ 2015) is the 2015 president-elect for NAIOP of Northeast Florida, the region's commercial real estate trade association. **Wyman Duggan** (LJ 2009) is past president. **Kirk Wendland** (LJ 2005) is programs committee chair and **Nelson Bradshaw** (NLS VIII) is a NAIOP of Florida board member.

**Adrienne Conrad** (LJ 2006) and **Kezia Rolle** (LJ 2003) were inducted in May into the Jacksonville chapter of Jack & Jill of America, a national charitable community service organization.



**Barbara Moulding, LJ 1998 with Chris Hand, LJ 2014 at LJ Closing Retreat May 8. Chris presented Barbara with a key to the city in recognition of her retirement from LJ after 11 years as the Adult Program Coordinator.**

## Notes of Sympathy

Our condolences to **Carolyn Shehee Williams** (LJ 2004) and her family on the death of her husband Vaughn on March 26.

Our condolences to **Stephanie Coonan** (LJ 2005) and her family upon the passing of her father-in-law Captain John Joseph Coonan, USN (Ret) on April 16.

Our thanks to Friday Musicale for providing the location for the Leadership Jacksonville Class of 2016 "Meet the Class" reception. This lovely nonprofit facility is available for corporate or family rental. Visit their website at [www.FridayMusicale.com](http://www.FridayMusicale.com). If you contact them, be sure to thank them on behalf of Leadership Jacksonville.

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