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NEWSLETTER FOR LEADERSHIP JACKSONVILLE

May 2015

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The Leadership Jacksonville office will be CLOSED on Monday, May 25, 2015, in observance of Memorial Day



After many months working through the strategic planning process, we are excited to unveil Leadership Jacksonville's new Mission Statement!



Leadership Jacksonville educates, connects and inspires diverse leaders to build and strengthen their communities.

LEADERSHIP JACKSONVILLE NEWS



Bryan

I am pleased to announce the hiring of Nicole Bryan to the position of Adult Program Coordinator. Nicole will begin full time on June 1 but has already been able to spend time with Barbara Moulding, shadowing Barbara at a program day, selection, planning meeting for 2016 and will be at the closing retreat for the class of 2015. We are looking forward to a smooth transition as we wish Barbara a happy retirement (and many safe travels) and welcome Nicole.

Upcoming events:

LJ 2015 Closing Retreat

Friday and Saturday, May 8-9, 2015
Hammock Beach Resort

LJ Office Closed

Monday, May 25, 2015

LJ 2016 Opening Reception

Wednesday, May 27, 2015
5:30 p.m., Friday Musicale

CLE 2015 Meet the Class

Thursday, May 28, 2015
5:00 p.m., Leadership Jacksonville

Class Notes

1986

Bill Van Nortwick has been selected to receive The Florida Bar Foundation's 2015 Medal of Honor, the Foundation's highest award.

1991

Nina Waters has been named a member of the board of managers for Nemours.

1993

HandsOn Jacksonville's board of directors selected **Judy Smith** to receive their top honor - The Bernard V. Gregory Servant Leader Award. Judy will be retiring from HandsOn Jacksonville in December after twenty years as president and CEO.

1997

Jennifer Carroll recently received a Torch Award from the National Newspaper Publishers Association Foundation at the 2015 Black Press Week. This award was given in recognition of Jennifer's political career, including being the first woman to be elected as lieutenant governor (Toni Jennings, an earlier woman, was appointed) and the first African American of Caribbean descent to be elected to Florida statewide office since Reconstruction.



Barbara Moulding LJ 1998, Terrance Patterson LJ 2009, and Jane Condon LJ 1990

2002

Congratulations to **Barbara Goodman** upon her marriage to Peter Fondry on April 11.

Sam Hall has initiated a Sister City Alliance with LaFalda, Argentina. Sam is the director of outreach for the Omnisara Labyrinth and Gardens in Jacksonville Beach. LaFalda also has a Labyrinth to promote peace, reconciliation and healing.

2004

Congratulations to **Maribel Hernandez** on being elected president and CEO of the First Coast Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

2007

Heather Duncan has been announced as the 2015 chairman of Gator Bowl Sports. In this role Heather presides over the Jacksonville Sports Council, TaxSlayer Bowl and Gator Bowl Charities.



Chris Oakley LJ 2010 and
Wayne Wood LJ 1977

2010

Crystal Rountree has been promoted to senior vice president of strategic initiatives and Partnerships for Teach For America. She will transition to her new role in May and will relocate to Denver, Colorado.

MaliVai Washington received the National Junior Tennis Learning Founders Service Award at the 2015 USTA Annual Meeting & Conference.

2011

Chantelle Quick and **Healthier Solanka** are serving on the board of directors of the Jacksonville Children's Chorus. Darren Dailey is the artistic and executive director.

2012

Kathryn Murphy, owner of Comfort Keepers and client of the Florida Small Business Development Center at the University of North Florida, was one of eleven select clients from eight states, and the only client from the Florida SBDC Network, to be honored at America's Small Business Development Center Network's 35th Anniversary Reception in March. America's SBDC and SBDCs nationwide help entrepreneurs realize their dream of business ownership and help existing businesses grow and succeed.

2014

Christina Parrish has been named executive director of Springfield Preservation and Revitalization Council (SPAR). She will also continue her law practice.

2015

Alina Schreiber is now senior vice president home health operations at One Call Care Management.

New Leadership Summit

Moody Chisholm (NLS IX) was honored by Florida Blue Foundation with a Sapphire Award for his contributions to health care.

Honorary

The Beaches Museum & History Park has named the 2015 recipients of the museum's Beach Legends awards. Legends are local residents chosen for recognition because of their significant contributions to the ongoing history of Palm Valley, Ponte Vedra Beach and Jacksonville Beach communities. This year's Legends, who will be formally presented on September 25 include **Eleanor Ashby**, Leadership Jacksonville Director Emeritus.

Various

The WTS 2015 Fashion Show and Fundraiser In March to assist the Advancement of Women in Transportation in Northeast Florida showcased several LJ alums: emcee **Nat Ford** (LJ 2014) and models **Rosa Beckett** (LJ 2007), **Corrine Brown** (LJ 1979) and **Kim Holland** (LJ 2014).

Collegiate Leadership Experience

Kaitlyn Schwantes (CLE 2012) was awarded the Bill and Angie Halamandaris Caring Internship at this year's Spring Graduation Ceremony at the University of North Florida. She will spend nine weeks this summer interning at the Heart of America Foundation in Washington, D.C.



Rosa Beckett, Nat Ford, Corrine Brown, and Kim Holland

Youth Leadership Jacksonville

At the *In the Game High School Sports Magazine* 2015 North Florida Fall Athletics Awards Banquet, **Hanks Massey** was recognized as one of the Boys Golf Eight.

Notes of Sympathy

Our condolences to **Angie Hiers** (NLS XII) and **Bruce LaVant** (LJ 2007) upon the death of their step-father Anthony Nelson in November 2014. This notice is a correction from April's edition of the Lead Story.

Our condolences to **Kendra** (LJ 2004) and **Parker** (LJ 2010) **McCrary** upon the death of Kendra's grandmother on April 8.

Leadership Jacksonville lost another wonderful alum on April 15 with the passing of **Kent Lindsey** (LJ 2003). Our condolences to his wife, **Pepper Lindsey** (LJ 2011), their daughter Samantha and their family and many friends. In recent years Kent has been actively engaged as the creator, producer and host of Leadership Jacksonville's Emmy winning Jacksonville Legacy Series. Kent was involved in many community activities, including serving as president of Meninak. Kent's memorial service is scheduled for Monday, May 11 at 3 p.m. in the studio at WJCT. A musical benefit for the Lindsey family is being held on Thursday, May 14 at 6 p.m. and information is available at www.GratitudeCafe.org. Kent's presence throughout the community and especially at Leadership Jacksonville will be missed.

Our condolences to **Sarah Towers Van Cleve** (LJ 1985) upon the death of her brother Charlie Towers on April 30.

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