



# THE LEAD STORY

NEWSLETTER FOR LEADERSHIP JACKSONVILLE

May 2016

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The Leadership Jacksonville office will be CLOSED on Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.

Come out and support LJ Class of 2016 as they support Leadership Jacksonville

Saturday, May 7

Join the Leadership Jacksonville Class of 2016 on Saturday, May 7th as we support leadership programming provided by Leadership Jacksonville and give your car a little extra

SHINE!

#### WHEN

MAY  
7 10 am - 2 pm

#### WHERE

RIVERSIDE (NEAR RAM)  
807 Riverside Avenue

#### MORE INFORMATION

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 Leadership Jacksonville

McDONALD'S @ TOWN CENTER  
4587 Town Center Parkway

\$10  
DONATION



Our thanks to our Celebration honorees, Nina Waters and Jerry Mallot, and our many sponsors who made Celebration 2016 one of the best ever.



Today we recognize our Gold Level Sponsors:

## David A. Stein Charitable Trust



Leadership Jacksonville Class of 2016 explored an array of Jacksonville's cultural opportunities on Arts and Culture Day April 28.



## Name Tags

We're always thrilled to see alumni wearing their LJ name tag at events.

Do you still have your LJ name tag? Would you like a replacement tag with our new logo?

If you would like a new name tag, we will order one for you at a cost of \$10 each.

To order, make your payment **online**. In the description block tell us that payment is for a name tag, show your first and last name as you would like it to appear on your name tag (no titles please) and class year. We will let you know when it arrives.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### LJ 2016 Closing Retreat

Friday and Saturday, May 20-21, 2016

### CLE 2016 Opening Reception

Thursday, May 26, 2016  
5 p.m., Jessie Ball duPont Center

### LJ Office Closed

Monday, May 30, 2016  
in observance of Memorial Day

### LJ 2017 Opening Reception

Wednesday, June 1, 2016  
5:30 p.m., Jessie Ball duPont Center

### CLE 2016 Opening Retreat

Friday and Saturday, June 3-4, 2016  
University of North Florida

### LJ Board of Directors Annual Meeting

Monday, June 13, 2016  
11:30 a.m., The River Club

## Leadership Connect

Alumni may continue to sign-up to Connect with future groups at any time. Click [here](#) to send your name, class year, preferred phone number and email. **Sign up by May 10** to be included in a group for June. Over 175 alumni are already enjoying this opportunity.

## Class Notes

### 1985

**John Rutherford** has announced that he will be a candidate for the 4th Congressional District seat.

### 1987

**David Rader** has retired from the West Virginia Mutual Insurance Company and returned to Florida. He and his wife now reside in Gainesville.

### 1991

**Mal Haughton** has joined Ewing Real Estate.

**Susan Ponder-Stansel** was honored by Jacksonville University as a 2016 Community Woman of the Year at the 18th annual Women's History Month celebration on March 15.

### 1996

**Jack Morgan** retired from the American Red Cross on April 8. Congratulations!

### 2000

**Beth Langley** has been elected to a two-year term as president of the Women's Board of Wolfson Children's Hospital. The continuing mission of the all-volunteer Women's Board is to raise community awareness of Wolfson's unique facility and fund state-of-the-art services, programs, equipment and facilities to provide the best health care for all children in the Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia region. The Women's Board just announced that last year's fundraisers have allowed them to donate over \$2 million this year to the Pediatric Surgery Center of Distinction at Wolfson Children's Hospital.



Jana Ertrachter, LJ 2003 and  
Wayne Wood, LJ 1977

### 2003

**Dick Pierpont** has retired from Harden. Congratulations!

### 2005

**Steve Canty** has been recognized for professional leadership and advanced knowledge by the Society of Certified Insurance Counselors and has been named a 2015 Jacksonville Home and Auto Insurance Professional by Five Star Professional.

### 2012

**Derek Igou** has returned to the Duval County Clerk of Courts as chief operations officer.

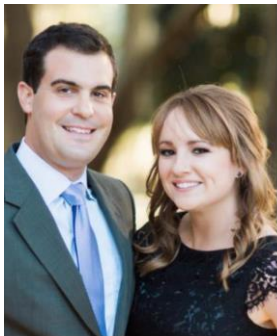
## 2015

**Jill Bechtold** accepted her invitation to join the International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC) and become part of this distinguished group of professionals with advanced skills in defense law.

**Kevin Gay** will receive the Florida Bar Foundation's Medal of Honor, the Foundation's highest award for a non-lawyer, in June at the Foundation's 40th annual reception and dinner. The award recognizes someone who is not an attorney, but has made a contribution to the improvement of the administration of justice.

Attorney General Pam Bondi awarded **Tom Hackney** the 2016 Distinguished Victim Services Award in the Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer category. Tom was nominated by **Angela Corey** (LJ 1997) for his outstanding work in the disappearance of Lonzie Barton; especially his steadfast determination to find the child and for keeping the public informed.

**Jacqueline Rudloff** has recently been named a board member of two Jacksonville nonprofits: Volunteers in Medicine and Girls on the Run of Northeast Florida.



Matt and Megan Del Pizzo

## 2016

Congratulations to **Megan Bush** on her marriage to Matthew Del Pizzo on April 2.

**Kelly Coker-Daniel** has joined the board of directors of Girls on the Run of Northeast Florida.

Congratulations to **Sabeen Perwaiz** who has been named the new executive director of the Florida Nonprofit Alliance.

**Seth Shapiro** is relocating to Coppell, Tx as vice president/associate general counsel at Nationstar Mortgage.

## Various

Congratulations to **Josh Martino** (LJ 2015) and **Ryan Tiedeberg** (LJ 2010) who were named to the Jacksonville Business Journal's 2016 40 Under 40 list, but inadvertently omitted from *The Lead Story* April edition.

Honorees at the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women's 30th Annual Women's History Month Event included: **Anna Brosche** (LJ 2009), **Tra'Chella Johnson Foy** (LJ 2007), **Ruth Waters McKay** (LJ 1985), **Joanelle Mulrain** (LJ 2015), **Kathee Murphy** (LJ 2012) and **Joni Poitier** (LJ 2016).

Congratulations to our alumni who were named by the Jacksonville Business Journal as 2016 Innovators in Education: Collaborations: **Delores Barr Weaver** (Honorary) in collaboration with The Parent Academy of Duval County Public Schools and Kim Ward; Military Champions: **Peter Racine** (LJ 2000) and the Jacksonville Jaguars Foundation; and Education Partnerships: **Jeff Chartrand** (LJ 2009). Many outstanding nonprofits and programs of the Duval County Public Schools were also recognized.

The Jacksonville Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. honored many LJ alumni at the 8th Annual Public Meeting: **PeDro Cohen** (LJ 2014); **Trey Csar** (LJ 2011); **Dan Foley** (LJ 2016); **Mia Jones** (LJ 2000); **Darryl Willie** (LJ 2016); and **Barbara Darby** (LJ 1993), **Janet Owens** (LJ 1992), **Greg Owens** (LJ 1989) and **Cleve Warren** (LJ 1985) as board members of Profectus Learning Systems, Inc.

**John Delaney** (LJ 1986) and **Audrey Moran** (LJ 1989) were honored at the Boy Scouts of America North Florida Council's American Values Dinner. **Mac Holley** (LJ 2002) chaired the event.

## Youth Leadership Jacksonville

Congratulations to **Catherine Maige** (YLJ XXV) who was named a finalist for the St. Vincent's Healthcare Mary Award, honoring the courage and willingness of young women who are seniors in high school who are serving God through their faith community and serving their neighbor.

## Notes of Sympathy

We are saddened to report the passing on April 8 of **Joyce Bizot** (LJ 1987). Joyce retired from the City of Jacksonville in 2006 as Senior Planner/Project Manager with the Neighborhood Services Division. For more than two decades prior she was an urban planner in the Community Development Division and managed economic development, housing and human services projects. Joyce will long be remembered in Jacksonville for creating in 1981 the Great American Jazz Piano Competition, part of the Jacksonville Jazz Festival. In 2009 she was inducted into the Jacksonville Jazz Hall of Fame. Our thoughts go out to her husband Dick, family and friends.

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