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NEWSLETTER FOR LEADERSHIP JACKSONVILLE

May 2017

LJ CLASS 2017 * CELEBRATION * CLASS NOTES

The Leadership Jacksonville office will be CLOSED on Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.



Youth Leadership Jacksonville Class XXVIII

Selection is complete for Youth Leadership Jacksonville Class XXVIII. Orientation for students and parents was held on April 25. Opening Retreat for the new class will be held on August 25-26.

Click [here](#) to view a class list.



Leadership Jacksonville Class of 2017



Mark Bennett, Amy D'Olimpio and Brie Wildman

Thank you to Augustine Asset Management, sponsor of Economy, Growth and Preservation Day 2 on April 6. We are also grateful to Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta for tour, lunch and meeting space, Florida State College at Jacksonville Cecil Center for use of their facilities and to Jacksonville Aviation Authority for tour of their Cecil Commerce Center facilities.

Thank you to Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens, the Jacksonville Symphony, and Ritz Theatre and Museum for the use of their facilities, the musicians of the Jacksonville Symphony for a wonderful performance and Douglas Anderson School of the Arts for the afternoon reception on Arts and Culture Day, April 26.



Anzhelika Siloyan, Greg Huntington, Tunji Williams, Shariffa Spicer and Mike Hornsby



Thank you to our Celebration honorees, Tim Cost and David Stein, and our many sponsors who made Celebration 2017 such an outstanding event.



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Wanda Willis (LJ 2002), Howard Taylor (LJ 2005) and Floyd Willis (LJ 2001)



CLE 2016 alums Ashlyn Sparks, Ryan Wagner and Kimberly Trumbull



Susan Main (LJ 1992), Michael Miller (LJ 2004) and Toni Crawford (LJ 1997)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nonpartisan Political Campaign Seminar

Friday, May 5, 2017
8:30 a.m., Jessie Ball duPont Center, Suite 318

LJ Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, May 8, 2017
12 p.m., Jessie Ball duPont Center, Suite 318

LJ 2017 Closing Retreat

Thursday, May 19-20, 2017
Amelia Island Plantation

CLE Class 2017 "Meet the Class"

Wednesday, May 24, 2017
5 p.m., Jessie Ball duPont Center Lecture Hall

LJ Office CLOSED

in observance of Memorial Day
Monday, May 29, 2017

LJ 2018 Opening Reception

Thursday, June 1, 2017
5:30 p.m., Jessie Ball duPont Center Lecture Hall

CLE Class 2017 Opening Retreat

Friday and Saturday, June 2-3, 2017
University of North Florida

Thank you for providing your feedback, comments and suggestions in the **Leadership Connect** survey. We appreciate your time to help us enhance and improve your get-togethers.



If you are not already a part of this group, you may continue to sign-up to Connect with future groups. Click [here](#) to send your name, class year, preferred email and phone number.

Class Notes

1992

Jackie Cornelius is retiring from Duval County Public Schools where she has been for 47 years, the last twenty as principal of Douglas Anderson School of the Arts.

1995

Pam Paul is leaving the Jacksonville Public Education Fund and after a well deserved break is planning to start a new chapter as a consultant.



Robert Arleigh White, LJ 1995 and Tanya Johnson-Coomes, LJ 2015

1996

Rick Morales is serving on the 2030 Mobility Plan Working Group, a group formed to evaluate the 2030 Mobility Plan and its implementation. By ordinance the plan has to be evaluated every five years.



Coley Jones, LJ 2014 and Janet Herrick, LJ 2012

1998

Karen Mathis has been named editor of the Financial News & Daily Record. In her new role Karen will oversee the Daily Record's editorial operations and staff, as well as the company's monthly, Realty-Builder Connection, and website, jaxdailyrecord.com.

2005

Kenneth Jacobs has been named to the 2017 Jacksonville Business Journal Ultimate Attorney list in the business litigation category.

2016

Clare Berry was named to the Top Residential Realtors by the Jacksonville Business Journal.

Congratulations to **Johanna** and Sean **Nestor** on the birth of their daughter Aria on March 25.

Ann Sabbag was selected as one of the Top 50 Women-Led Business Leaders in Florida by the Commonwealth Institute South Florida.



Aria Mackenzie Nestor

2017

Stephanie Durham has joined the board of directors of Learn to Read Jacksonville.

New Leadership Summit

Barbara Gubbin (NLS IV) has been named the recipient of the Ernest A. DiMattia Jr. Award for Innovation and Service to Community and the Profession by the American Library Association. Barbara has also announced that she will be retiring from the Jacksonville Public Library at the end of June. This year marks Barbara's 40th as a public librarian.

Ajay Samant (NLS IX) is now serving as the Dean of the College of Business at Illinois State University.

Various

Elana Schrader (LJ 2007) and **Michael Barker** (LJ 2015) have joined the We Care Jacksonville board of directors.

Bill Adams (LJ 2014), **Michael Bateh** (LJ 2017) and **Brian Coughlin** (LJ2016) are among the eleven candidates vying for a seat on the Jacksonville Bar Association Board of Governors. The online election concludes on May 15.

Panelists at the Jacksonville Business Journal's Business of Sports Summit on May 23 include: **Bill McConnell** (NLS XIII), **Paul Astleford** (NLS XI) and **Ken Babby** (NLS XIV).



Judy Lanier (LJ 1991), Martha Barrett (LJ 1981), Teala Johnson (LJ 1984) and Mike Hightower (LJ 1989)

Notes of Sympathy

Our condolences to **Jeanne Miller** (LJ 1999) and her family upon the death on April 20 of her father, John Craddock.

Our condolences to **Chuck** (LJ 2006) and Sandra **Hedrick** and their family upon the death of Sandra's father, Charles Krueger on April 23.

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