



# THE LEAD STORY

NEWSLETTER FOR LEADERSHIP JACKSONVILLE

November 2015

LUNCH WITH LEADERS \* NOMINATIONS \* CLASS ART \* SUPPORT LJ \* MATCHING GIFTS AND VOLUNTEER GRANTS  
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The Leadership Jacksonville Office will be **CLOSED** for Thanksgiving  
Thursday and Friday, November 26-27, 2015



**Lunch with Leaders**  
**Friday, November 13, 12-1:30 p.m.**  
**at The River Club**



There's still time to register for Leadership Jacksonville's joint event with the Harvard Business School Club of Jacksonville. Panelists Gary Chartrand (Honorary), Preston Haskell (Honorary), Michael Ward and Wayne Weaver (Honorary) will discuss investing in our community to make a difference in people's lives. Karen Feagins (LJ 2016) will moderate.

**Reservation and payment deadline: Monday, November 9**

\$30 - honorary, dues paid alumni and current class

\$40 - alumni dues not paid and guests

This is a good time to bring a friend or coworker who might be interested in applying for a future LJ Class. Seating is limited and filling quickly - reserve your place now.

Visa or MasterCard accepted at [www.leadershipjax.org](http://www.leadershipjax.org) (**Pay/Donate**).

**IMPORTANT**

## Now is the Time to Nominate!

### Leadership Jacksonville Class of 2017

Nominations are open (on-line only) through **December 18**. Please take a minute to explain our program to your candidate and make sure they have interest before nominating.

### New Leadership Summit XIV

We are in the process of mailing invitations to this program for executives who are new to Jacksonville (within the last few years). If you have a candidate, please email **Jill Dame** with contact information.

### Collegiate Leadership Experience 2016

Consider nominating your college/graduate school children, employees, or friends. Perfect opportunity to provide a valuable experience for your summer interns. Did you know that over 85% of participants report they are more likely to be in Jacksonville after graduation because of this program? Nominations are open through February 26, 2016, but don't delay and risk that the class is already full!

[Click here to begin your LJ or CLE nomination.](#)

## CLASS



Several LJ classes, mostly during the 90's, framed a piece of art related to their class. Some include drawings or photographs of class members, other include art made by the class. Some of the pieces are signed by class members.

We will not have enough wall space to hang these works in our new offices. Would you be interested in being the caretaker of your class art? Call Jill Dame (904-396-6263) if you are interested.

Class years include 1979, 1985, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998 and 2003.

Camilla and Charlie Stambaugh and Charlie Cofer are already the keepers of 1990 and 2000.

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## Why I Support Leadership Jacksonville

Leadership Jacksonville's adult program was one of the best experiences I've had in terms of expanding my leadership skills, broadening my perspective on our community, and building relationships with many of the community trustees that make Jacksonville what it is. What I learned and the relationships I built cemented my plans to stay in Jacksonville and supported my professional growth as well. As an alumnus, I support Leadership Jacksonville with my time and financial resources so that other youth and adults can share the experience I've had. I nominate candidates for the programs each year for the same reasons. Leadership Jacksonville is one of the easiest personal and corporate contributions our family and firm support.



Justin Terry, LJ 2005  
Past President

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## Matching Gift and Volunteer Grant Programs

Our Collegiate Leadership Experience program received a \$500 grant this week from **Medtronic**. This grant was the result of **Sichao Ni's** (CLE 2009) extensive volunteer work for our program. Thank you to Sichao and Medtronic.

Our alumni at **Bank of America** and **Deutsche Bank** have notified their employers of LJ gifts and enabled us to double the value of their donations. Thank you to these outstanding corporate citizens. Does your company have a matching gift or volunteer grant program? Please let us know.

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## NEWS YOU CAN USE: Web Site Update

Did you know that you can download contact information for your LJ Classmates? If you are a dues paid member you can access the Members Area of the website (upper right on Home Page). On the Members Area select Classmates Export and follow the explanation. You can download your entire class's latest emails, mailing addresses, businesses, etc. You can only download your own class but you can find information for other alumni by selecting Member List/Search in the Members Area.

## Upcoming events:

**YLJ XXVI Program Day**  
Thursday, November 12, 2015  
"Inside the System"

**Lunch with Leaders**  
Friday, November 13, 2015  
12 p.m., The River Club

**LJ 2015 Program Day**  
Thursday, November 19, 2015  
Health

**LJ Office Closed**  
Thursday and Friday, November 26-27, 2015  
Thanksgiving Holiday

## Class Notes

### 1980

**Edythe Abdullah** has joined UNF Continuing Education as the new interim dean.

Governor Rick Scott has reappointed **Scott McCaleb** to the Jacksonville Transportation Authority board where he is currently chair.



Stephen Goldman LJ 2005,  
Peggy Bryan LJ 1987,  
Jan Brogdon LJ 1988



Wende Wilson LJ 1989,  
Mary Anne Jacobs LJ 2015



Michael Howland LJ 2012,  
Noah Henderson LJ 1983,  
Robert Franskousky LJ 1997

### 1994

The U.S. Green Building Council, North Florida has named **James Richardson** as secretary.

### 1995

**Pam Paul** joined the board of trustees of The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens.

### 1999

**LaTanya Wynn-Hall** has joined the board of trustees of Episcopal Children's Services.

### 2000

**Charlie Cofer** has announced his retirement from the Duval County Court Bench.

**Darnell Smith** has been selected to be the 2017 chair of the JAX Chamber board of directors.

## 2001

**Faith Seiders** retired from AT&T in 2013 after 26 years and is now a consultant and owner of Faithography in Hilton Head, S.C. She is serving on the board of Hilton Head Heroes, a nonprofit organization that brings families with terminally ill children to Hilton Head for a resort vacation. Faith provides a family photo shoot while the families are on location.



Wyman Duggan LJ 2009, Sandy Ramsey LJ 2001, Steve Ramsey LJ 2003

## 2004

**Carolyn Williams** has been named president of the board of directors of Learn to Read Jacksonville.

## 2006

**Darrell Perry** is principal of Timucuan Elementary School. The Project Respect: Leadership and Ambassador's program at his school was recently highlighted in the Jacksonville Free Press. The program has a diverse team of students meeting with mentors weekly.

## 2007

**Carol Hladki** retired June 30 after 30 years with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office.

**Trish Kapustka** has been elected treasurer/secretary for The Florida Public Relations Association.

## 2013

Mayor Lenny Curry has appointed **Abel Harding** to the Jacksonville Planning Commission.

## 2014

**Nat Ford** was named a transportation "Champion of Change" by the U.S. Transportation Secretary. This award recognized the JTA's recent work addressing aging bus routes, referred to as the Route Optimization Initiative. Nat was honored at the White House.



Members of the Class of 2014 attended Reunion Breakfast to find that they are the 2015 "Best Class."

**Ken Jefferson** has joined Action News Jax as crime and safety expert. You can watch Ken on WAWS TV-30 or WJAX TV-47.

**Mai Keisling** is one of ten Duval County public school teachers to receive a grant from The Community First Cares Foundation to support her in-class project. She is competing for an innovation prize that will be awarded in the spring.

**Maria Mark** has taken a position as Project Coordinator for the Environmental Leadership Program at the University of North Florida's Environmental Center. This is a brand new position in a brand new program. One of the program's areas of focus is parks.

## 2015

Mayor Lenny Curry has appointed **Ben Davis** to the Jacksonville Planning Commission.

**Tim Groover** has been named chief medical officer of Baptist Physician Partners.

**Becky Steele** was recently elected as vice chair, Florida Commission on Human Relations. Appointed by Governor Rick Scott in 2013, Becky serves on this 12-member Commission that works to promote fair treatment and human rights in Florida.

**Jeff Winkler** has been promoted to head of administration and strategy at United Way of Northeast Florida. In this new position he will lead key projects and strategies focusing on alignment of ongoing goals and objectives.

## 2016

**Dan Croft** is now working at *ruckus advertising + public relations* with 2010 alum, Susan Masucci.

Congratulations to **Moitreyi Nayek** who received a Bronze Award from Bank of America's 2015 Global Diversity and Inclusion Awards.

## Honorary

**Lynn Pappas** has been named the 2015 Visionary Leader by the Urban Land Institute North Florida.



Chantelle Quick LJ 2011,  
Nikki Sutton LJ 2011,  
Jeff Michelman LJ 1996



Johnnetta Moore LJ 2012  
and Melissa Adams LJ 2014



Darren Dailey LJ 2011, Maria  
Hane LJ 2002, Laura Sabo and  
LJ 2013, Howard Taylor LJ 2005

## Various

**Ray Alfred** (LJ 1997) has been elected chair of the Jacksonville Aviation Authority board of directors. **Patrick Kilbane** (LJ 2013) is vice chair, **Teresa Davlantes** (LJ 2012) is secretary and **Giselle Carson** (LJ 2005) is treasurer.

Leadership Jacksonville's home-to-be, the **Jessie Ball duPont Center**, and contractor Danis Construction, LLC received the Project of the Year award from Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. Florida First Coast Chapter. The project also earned Danis the Merit Choice Award, Regency Electrical Company received an Eagle Award for electrical work and the building won an Eagle Award for Historical Renovation. Leadership Jacksonville's move is planned for late December.

## Collegiate Leadership Experience

**Peter Blumeyer** (CLE 2009) passed the Florida Bar and has joined Holland & Knight as an associate in the Jacksonville office. Peter is in the Litigation Section.

## Youth Leadership Jacksonville

**Emma Weiskopf** (YLJ XXVI) was recognized in the October issue of *In the Game* as an all-around athlete who cheers, plays flag football, and is on the girl's weightlifting team at Middleburg High School.

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## **Notes of Sympathy**

Our sympathy is extended to **John Jolly** (LJ 2001) and his family on the death on October 13 of his father, Buddy Jolly.

Our condolences to the family and friends of **Rowena Stewart** (LJ 2004). Rowena passed away on September 19. Rowena was born in Jacksonville and was a graduate of Edward Waters College. She began her career doing social work in settlement houses and reformist-minded community centers, first in Jacksonville and then in Boston. From there Rowena moved into museum work and eventually became nationally known as one of the foremost African American museum directors - having led four major African American historical museum societies between 1975 and 2002 (The Rhode Island Black Heritage Society, the Afro-American Historical and Cultural Museum, the Motown Historical Museum and the American Jazz Museum). In 2002 she retired to Jacksonville where she served for a time as President of the A.L. Lewis Historical Society Board and Coordinator of the American Beach Community Center and Museum on Amelia Island. She also continued to work as a consultant to museums.

## Make a LJ Donation

Many companies sponsor matching gift programs that will match the charitable contributions made by their employees. This is a great way to enhance the impact of your giving. Check with your employer for details.

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