



THE LEAD STORY

NEWSLETTER FOR LEADERSHIP JACKSONVILLE

November 2017

YLJ * SPOTLIGHT * CLASS NOTES

The Leadership Jacksonville office will be CLOSED for Thanksgiving on Thursday and Friday, November 23-24, 2017

**Nominations are open until December 15
for Leadership Jacksonville Class of 2019**

IMPORTANT

Please consider nominating emerging or demonstrated leaders with commitment and motivation to serve our community. You may nominate more than one candidate and candidates only need one nomination.

We encourage you to explain our program to your prospective candidates to make sure they have interest before nominating them.

Nominations are just the first step in the selection process. Nominees will receive instructions later about completing the required application.

**Visit the website for program and selection information
and to submit your nomination.**



**Attention
Family and Friends of Current High
School Freshmen and Sophomores:**

Youth Leadership Jacksonville applications for the 2018-2019 school year will arrive at the 40 participating high schools in Baker, Clay, Duval and St. Johns counties this week. Please help us get the word out to freshman and sophomore high school leaders.

PLEASE NOTE: We are making a significant change to our program, transitioning the grade level for participants from juniors to sophomores. To begin this transition, for this year only, we will select a class of sophomores AND juniors for the 2018 - 2019 program year. Students apply the year prior to participation. Therefore, this year we will accept

applications from both freshmen and sophomores. This is the only year current freshmen and sophomores will be eligible to apply to YLJ.

Contact **Meg Folds**, Youth Programs Director, for any questions about our youth programs or if you would like to know who to contact at a particular school.



A special thank you to TEDxJacksonville for providing tickets for five Youth Leadership Jacksonville students to attend the 2017 TEDx Conference on October 14 at the Florida Theatre.



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More than 150 alumni gathered for **Reunion Lunch** on October 17 as we presented the 2017 Tillie K. Fowler Distinguished Leadership Award to Laura D'Alisera (LJ 1989), inducted Pam Paul as Honorary Member and welcomed our newest alumni from LJ 2017 and NLS 2017.



Pam Paul and
Laura D'Alisera

Special thanks to the **Women's Board of Wolfson Children's Hospital** for donating two preferred seating tickets to each of the 2017-2018 Florida Forum presentations. Speakers and raffle winners are Tom Brokaw (Georgette Dumont, LJ 2017), Theo Epstein (Pam Gerrish Nelson, LJ 2011) and Caroline Kennedy (Murray Beard, LJ 1985).

And the results were announced: this year's **BEST CLASS** is LJ 2016! The class designed matching shirts in anticipation of celebrating their win.





Ray Alfred (LJ 1997) and Helen Jackson (LJ 1995)



Chantelle Quick (LJ 2011), Pam Gerrish Nelson (LJ 2011), Kelley Moore (LJ 2015) and Bill Laird (LJ 2015)



Joe Grass (LJ 2014) and David Miller (LJ 2008)

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Leadership Jacksonville Class of 2018

LJ Class 2018 Education Day was held October 26. Thank you to The Bolles School for sponsoring the program day, and to Florida State College at Jacksonville for the use of technology and facilities at their Kent Campus location.



Gwen Owens and Terri Lewis



Chase Foy, Trisha Meili, Rob Raesemann, Parvez Ahmed and Jim Dillman



Christopher Ball and Ravi Raheja



Thank you to LJ 2017 volunteers without whom the day would not be a success: Dave Farace, Tia Leathers, Michelle Braun, Stephanie Stephens and Reece Alford.

Youth Leadership Jacksonville Class XXVIII



YLJ XXVIII "Leading for a Lifetime" was held October 12. Thank you to our program day sponsor Fidelity Investments.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

YLJ XXVIII Program Day
Thursday, November 9, 2017
"Inside the System"

LJ 2018 Program Day
Thursday, November 16, 2017
Justice Day

LJ Office CLOSED for Thanksgiving
Thursday and Friday, November 23-24, 2017

Leadership Connect - remember, you have both November and December to schedule and hold your next get-together. Enjoy some upcoming holiday cheer with your fellow alums.

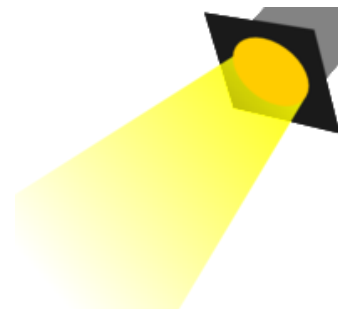
If you are not already a part of this group, think about signing-up to Connect with future lunch groups. Click [here](#) to send your name, class year, preferred email and phone number.



Alumni Spotlight



Sean Haley is the Commanding Officer of Naval Air Station Jacksonville and an alum from LJ Class of 2016. He stays involved in Leadership Jacksonville because he has been inspired by his classmates and the LJ alumni who support the city and Leadership Jacksonville's programs. Everyone has a genuine concern for the health and prosperity of Northeast Florida and works tirelessly to support countless programs and initiatives across the greater Jacksonville area. Participating in the



YLJ and CLE programs has been inspirational to Sean. Whether conducting interviews, participating in small group sessions or providing tours of Naval Air Station Jacksonville, he has been amazed to listen to and observe these young people discuss and debate ways to contribute to the responsible growth and prosperity of our community. He indicates that he wasn't focused on those issues at that age, and thinks it's imperative that we continue to cultivate and nurture that mindset in our younger generations. LJ inspired him to broaden his perspective and sphere of influence. Every action, project or decision can have lasting impact across our community and we need to have the vision and discipline to critically think about those impacts in order to minimize unintended consequences to our community and environment.

Alumni Spotlight is brought to you by the Alumni Relations Committee and features short spotlight interviews on Leadership Jacksonville alumni.

The Leadership Jacksonville **website has a NEW LOOK**. The site will work a lot better on your mobile devices, too. If you haven't visited for a while, take a few minutes to browse and enjoy.



Class Notes

1985

Mike Weinstein has been appointed by Mayor Lenny Curry to serve as interim executive director of the Kids Hope Alliance. Mike will continue to serve as chief financial officer for the city.

1989

Edward Waters College president **Nat Glover** has announced his retirement from EWC in May, 2018.

2003

Mobeen Rathore was elected as the vice chair of the American Academy of Pediatrics District X. He will represent Florida, Georgia, Alabama and Puerto Rico on the Board of American Academy of Pediatrics. Mobeen is the first UF faculty member to hold this position and the first UF faculty member to sit on the Board of the American Academy of Pediatrics. He will serve a three year term starting January 1, 2018.



Mobeen Rathore

2009

Anna Brosche received the Coggin Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of North Florida Coggin College of Business at its first gala and awards presentation on October 21.

Debbie Buckland has been selected by the board of directors of JAXChamber to be the 2019 Chamber chair. Her term as chair-elect will begin in January, 2018.

2010

Daniel Bean has been elected to serve as chairman of the board of Fresh Ministries.



LJ 2014 alums Dawn Adams, Kirsten Doolittle and Bill Adams

2012

Terri Davlantes has left Jacksonville University's EPIC Program to start JAX Cooking Studio.

Bryan Gowdy, together with his law partner Rebecca Creed, was chosen as Attorney of the Month by Attorney at Law Magazine First Coast Edition.

Dan Macferran has returned to Jacksonville and joined Effective Computer Solutions as marketing director.

2013

Lori Richards is the new Executive Director of BEAM (Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry). BEAM is a community-based organization serving low income residents living in Jacksonville's beach communities and serves residents of the zip codes 32233, 32266, 32250, 32082, 32224 and 32227. BEAM relies heavily on community support to assist Beaches' neighbors in times of need.

Melissa Ross is adding to her broadcast programming, co-hosting *The Florida Roundup*, a new statewide radio news show which airs Fridays at 1 p.m. on 89.9 WJCT-FM. This new series invites listeners to engage in a discussion about the issues affecting the State of Florida.

2014

Jacksonville Transportation Authority CEO **Nat Ford** was named chair of the American Public Transportation Association. APTA is a national public transportation advocacy group consisting of public entities that provide transportation ranging from high-speed rail to ferries.

Dane Grey received the Scott Amos Recent Alumnus of Distinction Award from Jacksonville University.



Jill Dame (LJ 1987), center, with board members Gordon Bailey (LJ 2014) and Jennifer Chapman (LJ 2008)

2015

Bill Sorenson was a presenter and a panelist at the Supporting Strategy's Business Fundamentals Bootcamp at the University of North Florida. The Bootcamp Series is designed especially for Owners, CEO's and CXO's of growing businesses with a focus on the tactical and operational expertise needed to manage a growing business. Bill presented "How to Increase the Value of Your Business in 30 Days".

Christina Parrish Stone will join Friends of Hemming Park by December 1 as director of events and programming.

2016

John Brigman is now vice president, commercial banking relationship manager at BB&T.

Ann-Marie Knight is serving as chair of United Way of Northeast Florida's #WomenUnited affinity group.

New Leadership Summit

Ellen Fitzsimmons (NLS 2003) is retiring from CSX Corporation, effective November 15.

Leon Haley Jr. (NLS 2017) has been named chief executive officer of UF Health Jacksonville effective January 1, 2018. He will continue to hold the position of dean of the University of Florida College of Medicine - Jacksonville. Leon is succeeding current CEO **Russ Armistead** (NLS XI) who will retire at the end of December. Additionally, Leon won the National Medical Fellowships' Excellence in Academic Medicine Award for 2017. This award recognizes an outstanding medical educator who has served as a mentor to health care professionals.

Various

A number of LJ alumni are serving on the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee, chosen by State Attorney **Melissa Nelson** (LJ 2012): **Vicki Burke** (LJ 1986), **Jim Clark** (LJ 1994), **Brian Davis** (LJ 1987), **Rory Diamond** (LJ 2014), **Kevin Gay** (LJ 2015), **Nat Glover** (LJ 1989), **Marcus Haile** (LJ 2014), **Bill Hodges** (LJ 1983), **Deloris Patterson** (LJ 2018), **Nina Waters** (LJ 1991) and **Vicki Waytowich** (LJ 2016).

Clay Meux (LJ 2011) and **Sherri Worman** (LJ 2004) have joined the board of directors at the law firm of Rogers Towers.

The Regional Leadership Academy's recent program graduates included **Brenda Ezell** (LJ 2012) and **James Richardson** (LJ 1994).

The 19th Annual Transformations event for Sulzbacher Center had a lot of LJ involvement! The evening was chaired by **Ann-Marie Knight** (LJ 2016) and **Darnell Smith** (LJ 2000). Honorary Chairs were **Hugh Greene** (LJ 1991) and **Pat Geraghty** (NLS XI) and the Host Committee included **Russ Armistead** (NLS XI), **Michael Aubin** (NLS IX), **Scott Cairns** (LJ 2002), **Joe Mitrack** (LJ 1999), **Michael Munz** (LJ 1997) and **Justin Spiller** (LJ 2011).



Noah Henderson (LJ 1983) and Kristi Aiello (LJ 2018)

Congratulations to the LJ alumni who were recently elected as 2018 officers and directors for the Jacksonville Women's Network:

Maribel Hernandez (LJ 2004) VP/program chair; **Ann Mackey** (LJ 2003) treasurer; and board members **Jana Ertrachter** (LJ 2003), **Barbara Goodman** (LJ 2002), **Barbara Gubbin** (NLS 2006), **Susan Mack** (LJ 2009), **Laurie Price** (LJ 2000) and **Robin Wahby** (LJ 2008).

The number of LJ alumni who have filed to run in area elections continues to increase. The current list includes: **Michael Bateh** (LJ 2017) County Court Judge Group 3; **Rory Diamond** (LJ 2014) Jacksonville City Council District 13; **LeAnna Cumber** (LJ 2017) Jacksonville City Council District 5; **Gette Dumont** (LJ 2017) Jacksonville Beach City Council Seat 5, District 2; **Rose Conry** (LJ 2010) Jacksonville City Council District 6; **Jay Fant** (LJ 1996) Florida Attorney General; **Wyman Duggan** (LJ 2009) Florida State Representative, District 15 and **Nancy Soderberg** (NLS 2006) United States Representative Florida Congressional District 6.

On Thursday, November 2 **Dawn Gilman** (LJ 2018), **Teresa Miles** (NLS 2016) and **Gail Patin** (LJ 2013) are participating on a panel to discuss how gender intersects with poverty and what Jacksonville nonprofits are doing to help. The panel is part of a TEDxFSCJ simulcast of the TEDWomen2017 conference.

The Jacksonville Public Education Fund has announced its first cohort of One by One: Public Ed Ambassadors. The cohort includes **Tabitha Cobb** (CLE 2017), **Chidinmma Egemonu** (YLJ XXVIII) and **Clayton Levins** (CLE 2014).

Notes of Sympathy

Our condolences to **John Anderson** (LJ 1987) and his family upon the death of his wife, Becky, on October 14.

Our condolences to **Kyle Reese** (LJ 2008) and **Hannah Reese** (YLJ XXVI) and their family upon the death of Kyle's father, Billy Reese, on October 24. Funeral services will be held in Amarillo, TX.

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