



THE LEAD STORY

NEWSLETTER FOR LEADERSHIP JACKSONVILLE

October 2015

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.Start your day with fellow alums at

Reunion Breakfast

Wednesday, October 14, 2015

**7:30 a.m Check-in and mingle with friends
8 to 9:30 a.m. Breakfast and Program**

Omni Jacksonville, 245 Water Street

Join us to welcome our newest alumni
LJ Class 2015 and **NLS XIII**

Featured Speaker - **Mayor Lenny Curry**



Mayor Lenny Curry

Deadline for reservation and payment is Friday, October 9.

\$ 32 - Honorary and Dues Paid Alumni

\$ 42 - Dues Not Paid

\$ 132 - Annual Dues plus Breakfast

Click [here](#) to make reservation and payment using Visa or MasterCard.



Laura Bush

A drawing for two Bronze Level tickets to hear Florida Forum speaker Laura Bush presented by The Women's Board of Wolfson Children's Hospital on November 10 and other surprise raffles will be held.

NOMINATIONS are OPEN for the Leadership Jacksonville Class of 2017



The nomination deadline is earlier this year -
December 18.

Don't miss an opportunity to nominate a great candidate.

Goals and selection information for the Leadership Jacksonville program may be found on the **website**. Tuition for the Class of 2017 is \$3,500.

Begin your nomination [here](#).

Nominees will receive instruction on completing their application in early January.



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



Leadership Jacksonville is joining with the Harvard Business School Club of Jacksonville to bring you a panel discussion with Gary Chartrand (LJ Honorary), Preston Haskell (LJ Honorary), Michael Ward and Wayne Weaver (LJ Honorary) on the topic of investing in our community to make a difference in people's lives. Panel moderator is Karen Feagins (LJ 2016).

Reservation and Payment Deadline: Monday, November 9.

\$30 honorary, dues paid alumni and current class

\$40 alumni dues not paid and guests

Seating is limited. Reservations and payment may be made using Visa or MasterCard at **www.leadershipjax.org (Pay/Donate)**.

Leadership Jacksonville Class of 2016



Mark Tumeo and Michelle Querry

Thank you to United Way for again partnering with LJ to provide the simulation for Poverty Day, September 24, and to all volunteers who participated in the day's success.



Sarah Bermudez and Darryl Willie



Monique Brown, Jesse Forst and Jeffrey Bernardo



Veronica Scott-Fulton, Lawson Carr and Seth Shapiro



Richard Lovelace, Karen Feagins and Michael Huskey

Upcoming events:

Reunion

Wednesday, October 14, 2015
7:30 a.m., Omni Hotel

YLJ XXVI Program Day

Thursday, October 15, 2015
"Leading for a Lifetime"

LJ 2016 Program Day

Thursday, October 22, 2015
Education Day

Lunch with Leaders

Friday, November 13, 2015
12 p.m., The River Club

Class Notes

1977

Visit Jacksonville presented The Margo Dundon Tourism Advocate Award to **Wayne Wood** for "being a catalyst for many successful projects in our city that have become notable sights for visitors and residents."

1988

Sharon Wilburn retired in 2014 from the University of North Florida and recently started as program director of the Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program for the Brooks Rehabilitation College of Healthcare Sciences, School of Applied Sciences, at Jacksonville University. This new graduate program will begin in spring 2016.

Jan Brogdon is now Senior Consultant at Donor By Design Group LLC.



We mistakenly noted our alumni in last month's Lead Story. Pictured are **Jim Penrod** LJ 2013, **Izzy Spence** LJ 1987 and **Barbara Drake** LJ 1992.

1989

Dinah Kossoff is a member of the UNF Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) Leadership Council.

1995

Chris Greene is serving as co-chair of the Jacksonville Bar Association's Probate, Trustee and Guardianship Litigation committee.

2000

Mia Jones was recognized by Girls, Inc. of Jacksonville as one of their 2015 Women of Vision.

2001

Marsha Oliver has been named the director of public affairs for the City of Jacksonville.

2005

Michael Boylan is a new member of the board of directors of Yoga 4 Change.

Kevin Hyde will be one of the speakers at the October 24 TedX conference. Kevin's topic is the benefit to the community of providing job opportunities to ex-offenders.

2006

Rebecca Schwam is now working as the director of advancement at Jacksonville Country Day School.

2007

Bonnie Barnes is now working at HandsOn Jacksonville as business development & corporate activation director.

2010

Sue Nussbaum has returned to We Care Jacksonville as executive director. We Care provides specialty medical care to low-income, uninsured adults in Duval County.

2011

Matt Kane has been named by the Jacksonville Business Journal as a recipient of a BizTech Innovation Award as CEO of a Technology Company that makes "strides in developing, employing and utilizing technology."

2013

Jonathan Cantor received Visit Jacksonville's "Bring It Home, Jax! Amabassador" Award for his involvement in the successful booking of the 2016 BioFlorida, Inc. Conference in Jacksonville.

2014

Governor Rick Scott has again recognized **Dane Grey**. Dane was one of seven people recognized in September with a Governor's Young Entrepreneur Award for his work founding and expanding Elite Parking Service.

2015

Congratulations to **Christian** and Stephanie **Harden** on the birth of daughter Mackenzie Jane on September 20.

2016

Annie Grogan, president and CEO of The Hispanic Institute for Life and Learning, won a 2015 Hispanic Heritage Leadership Award from the Jacksonville Jaguars, NFL and Hispanic Heritage Foundation. The Leadership Award is given to one person in each NFL market.

Vickie Robinson was recently saluted by United Way of Northeast Florida as one of its Heroes Making a Difference.



Annie Grogan



Vickie Robinson

New Leadership Summit

Tim Cost (NLS XI) has joined the board of directors of the Jacksonville Symphony Association.

Various

A number of LJ alums were honored by The Women of Color Cultural Foundation, Inc. at their annual Ebony and Ivory Gala. The honorees were recognized for their contributions in various categories: **Dr. Cynthia Griffin** (LJ 2011) Health and Safety Award; **Marsha Oliver** (LJ 2001) Education Award; **Sylvia Perry** (LJ 1997) Economic Development Award and **Dr. Wendell P. Holmes Jr.** (Honorary) and his wife, Jacquelyn, the Distinguished Couple of the Year Award.

Northeast Florida's 2015 Ultimate CEO Award winners included **Russ Armistead** (NLS XI), **Nat Ford** (LJ 2014) and **Rose Conry** (LJ 2010).

Congratulations to the LJ alums who were honored in August as Women of Influence by the Jacksonville Business Journal: **Carol Alexander** (LJ 1998), **Jill Bechtold** (LJ 2015), **Rena Coughlin** (LJ 2004), **Dawn Emerick** (LJ 2010), **Annie Grogan** (LJ 2016), **Cheryl Grymes** (LJ 1994), **Audrey Moran** (LJ 1989), **Joanelle Mulrain** (LJ 2015), **Mary O'Brien** (LJ 2007), and **Leslie Slover** (NLS XII).

Another group of LJ alums were included in the Jacksonville Business Journal's 2015 Veterans of influence, recognizing veterans who are making a positive impact professionally and personally in the community: **Charles Jimerson** (LJ 2013), **Tracy Raulerson** (LJ 2015), **Joe Snowberger** (LJ 2015) and **Glen Ullman** (LJ 2007). Thank you for your service in the military and your continued service to our community. And congratulations on this recognition.

The 2015-2016 United Way of Northeast Florida campaign Cabinet includes **Debbie Buckland** (LJ 2009), **Tim Cost** (NLS XI), **Franklin Danley** (NLS XI), **Bill Ferry** (NLS II), **Stephen Goldman** (LJ 2005), **Charley Hood** (NLS VI), **Mike Prendergast** (LJ 2006), **Jim Robinson** (LJ 2007), **Darnell Smith** (LJ 2000), **Brian Taylor** (NLS XII) and **Scott Wooten** (NLS XII).

Youth Leadership Jacksonville

Several YLJ alums or current class members are serving on the Mayor's Young Leaders Advisory Council: YLJ XXV alums are **Aaron Anderson**, **Kaci Cartwright**, **Kevin Holzendorf II**, **Eli Mizrahi** and **Christopher Pratts**; YLJ XXVI member is **Kush Desai**.

Leaders Wanted

Jacksonville Ethics Commission

The Ethics Commission has a vacancy for a three year term beginning January, 2016. This vacancy is for an appointment by the Ethics Commission to fill one of three seats that the Commission itself fills. The Ethics Commission performs numerous functions, including assisting the Office of Ethics, Compliance and Oversight, and investigating and consideration of potential violations of the Jacksonville Ethics Code. If you are interested in applying for this opening on the Ethics Commission, please contact LJ, adminassistant@leadershipjax.org, and we will forward to you application information. Completed applications are due to the City on October 23, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Our thanks to **Unity Plaza** for providing the location for the Youth Leadership Jacksonville "In Living Color" program day in September. This lovely nonprofit facility is available for rental. Visit their website at www.unityplaza.org for more information.

If you contact them, be sure to say thanks on behalf of YLJ.

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.

Consider a recurring gift to LJ. Call 904-396-6263 x23 for details.

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