



THE LEAD STORY

NEWSLETTER FOR LEADERSHIP JACKSONVILLE

October 2016

LJ NOMINATIONS

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CLASS NOTES

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LEADERS WANTED

Calling all alumni - don't miss your fellow alums at



Reunion Luncheon

Tuesday, November 15, 2016



11:30 Check-in and mingle with friends
11:45 Doors open
Noon Lunch and Program

Omni Hotels & Resorts Jacksonville, 245 Water Street

Welcoming our newest alumni **LJ Class of 2016** and **NLS XIV**

Featured Speaker

Mark Lamping, President, Jacksonville Jaguars

Please make your reservation and payment by Wednesday, November 9.

\$ 36 - Honorary and Dues Paid Alumni

\$ 45 - Dues not paid

\$ 136 - Annual Dues plus Lunch

Click here to make reservation and payment using Visa or MasterCard.

REMINDER

**Nominations are open for
Leadership Jacksonville Class of 2018**

Visit the **website** for selection information and to begin the process.
Nominations will be accepted until December 23.

Nominations are just the first step in the selection process. Nominees will receive instructions on completing the required application in early January.

Harvard Business School Club of Jacksonville.

Many of you may remember last year's successful joint luncheon with the HBSCJ, featuring a panel of local leaders talking about philanthropy. We were unable to schedule a joint event this year but HBSCJ has invited any interested LJ alumni to attend their upcoming luncheon "Inside the Boardroom: Leadership Perspectives from Prominent Female Executives".

Date: October 13, 2016
Location: Epping Forest Yacht and Country Club
Time: 12-1:30 p.m. Cost \$35

Reservations must be made by October 10 at
http://www.hbsjax.org/upcoming_events.html

A BIG THANK YOU - to Collegiate Leadership Experience Class of 2009

Members of CLE 2009 graciously presented Leadership Jacksonville with a CLE contribution of \$750! Contributors included:

Peter Blumeyer	Sirisha Rayaprolu Lamba	Faheem Rathore Derrick
Sara Brown Corrigan	Kamau Leitner Chris	Robinson Alaina
Sean Corcoran	Lesshafft Sam	Simmons Marcus Smith
Jonathan Daniels	Luckerson Sichao Ni	Dan Wilkinson
Aleeyah Dixon		
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YLJ Class XXVII explored the impact of prejudice and intolerance on our community while encouraging respect and appreciation of individual differences at their "One For All" program day on September 15.



Thank you to United Way of Northeast Florida,
Department of Children & Families Services,
Sulzbacher Center, St. John's Cathedral and all our
volunteers for supporting the **LJ Class of 2017**
Poverty Day on September 22.



Robert Peek and
Chris Quinn



Sunil Joshi and
Glori Katz



LeAnna Cumber and
Kelly Shefelbine



Octavius Holliday, Lori Smith
and Bill Ferry



Georgette Dumont, Lisa Rinaman
and Priyesh Patel

Did you know?

We have added a new way for you to keep in touch and up-to-date on LJ activities. You can now follow Leadership Jacksonville on Twitter @leadershipjax as well as on Facebook at Jack Leader. Be sure to check us out.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LJ Board Meeting

Monday, October 10, 2016
12 p.m., LJ Office

YLJ XXVII Program Day

Thursday, October 13, 2016
Leading for a Lifetime"

LJ 2017 Program Day

Thursday, October 20, 2016
Education Day

Reunion Luncheon

Tuesday, November 15, 2016
11:30 a.m., Omni Hotels & Resorts Jacksonville

Celebration 2017

Tuesday, April 18, 2017
6 p.m., Jessie Ball duPont Center

Alumni may continue to join **Leadership Connect**. **Sign up by October 15** to be included in a group for November. Click **here** to provide your name, class year, preferred phone number and email.

Alumni may purchase a LJ **name tag** with the new logo. To order, make a \$10 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 forward your tag to you.



Class Notes

1980

Welcome back to Jacksonville! **Bill Colledge** and his wife Suzi have moved back to Jacksonville after many years in the Tallahassee area with the Capital City Bank.

1982

Congratulations to **Rip DuPont** who retired from Whitney National Bank in July and is returning to Jacksonville with his wife Linda to be closer to family.

1983

Florida State College at Jacksonville recently named Building A at the North Campus after deceased LJ 1983 class member **Dr. Lois Gibson**. Lois was a nursing professional, educator and philanthropist who joined the college in 1968 and served as nursing instructor, director of nursing and later dean of health services.

1987

Peggy Bryan is the new chairman of the board of directors of the First Coast YMCA. We believe that Peggy is the first female board chair for the local organization.

1993

Karen Bowling has joined NLP Logix to launch WiseEye AI, which will use the latest advances in computer vision and deep learning to identify cancer in medical images.

1996

Pat Warren is working on a Master of Divinity degree with a specialization in spiritual counseling for young people at the Interdenominational Theological Center on the Atlanta University campus.

2000

Michelle Barth has joined the Jacksonville Symphony as individual giving officer.

2002

Maria Hane is serving as board treasurer for the Florida Association of Museums.

2003

Jim O'Leary has been appointed to the board of directors of the Jacksonville Speech & Hearing Center.

Mobeen Rathore was honored as the "Physician of the Year 2016" by Baptist Health System.

2005

Sania Shuja is now Clinical Professor at UW Medicine Pathology in Seattle, Washington.

2007

Margaret Dees is heading enrollment management and communications at Jacksonville University.

Robert Hill is now vice chairman at Acosta.

Mary O'Brien left her position with Advanced Disposal in March and is sole manager of Keen, LLC, a female-owned small business and investment firm, specializing in the identification, marketing and advocacy of start up and emerging enterprises and ideas.



Nicole Bryan, LJ Adult Program Coordinator, with the Poverty Day Committee: Renee McQueen, LJ 2016; Jeff Winkler, LJ 2015; Melanie Patz, LJ 2006 and Vicki Waytowich, LJ 2016

2009

Leila Duncan has resigned as executive director at Community Connections. Leila's immediate plans are to catch her breath, spend time with family and friends, travel, write and reflect.

2010

Congratulations to **Crystal Broughan** who was named Best Intellectual Property Attorney in Jacksonville Business Journal's 2016 BizTECH Innovations Awards. The award will be presented on October 20.

Cathy Chambers has been named chair of the Florida Economic Development Council for 2016-17.

Congratulations to **Rose Conry** who, with her "pro" partner, won the Beaches Fine Arts Dancing With the Stars competition. Hope that the Mirror Ball trophy is prominently displayed!

2011

Trey Csar chaired the park committee that spearheaded the development of the John Gorrie Dog Park at Riverside Park. The park officially opened on September 17. Job well done!

Ronnie King and **Lynn Sherman** were among those honored by WJCT as First Coast's 2016 American Graduate Champions on September 15, recognizing their commitment of time, skills and resources to make sure that young people succeed and who play an active role in improving educational outcomes for all students. Watch their videos on **WJCT**.

Lynn Sherman has been appointed to the board of directors for Guardian ad Litem Foundation of Florida.

2012

Dan MacFerran is now campus president at Virginia College in Charleston, South Carolina.

2013

Rollin Isbell has left his position as senior vice president of the Jacksonville Armada FC.

First Coast Connect host **Melissa Ross** is co-hosting a 10-week series of statewide public radio programs being heard on public radio stations in all major markets across Florida every Friday at 1 p.m. *Decision Florida* is a one-hour call-in show focusing on the critical issues at stake in the 2016 presidential race and will run through November 11. Hope you caught Melissa on the September 30 episode.

2014

Nat Ford has been elected as vice chair of the American Public Transportation Association.

Ruth Ann Hepler is a full-time student in Jacksonville University's Master in Public Policy program and is working part-time for the Jacksonville Public Education Fund.

Allisa Swota assumed her role as clinical ethicist at Wolfson Children's Hospital on October 1.

2015

Tom Hackney is now head of the Department of Personnel & Professional Standards for the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office.

Christina Parrish Stone was a speaker at the September TEDxFSCJ art event, "Art (Re)Defines US".



Members of LJ Class of 2016 enjoyed an evening at the Jacksonville Symphony.

2016

Congratulations to **Michelle Cook** who has been appointed to director of operations for the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office. Michelle heads up the Department of Patrol and Enforcement and is only the second woman in the history of the city to lead the officers working patrol and enforcement.

2017

Pegine Echevarria has been nominated to membership in the Speakers Guild of America. Full-guild members are individuals whose ethics, values and commitment to service are congruent with the Guild, have proven themselves to be proficient speakers and are highly regarded by their peers and colleagues.

Anzhelika Siloyan has joined the board of directors of The Jacksonville Historical Society.

NewLeadershipSummit

Lois Becker (NLS IV) is now provost and executive vice president for academic affairs at Roosevelt University in Chicago, IL.

Denis Wright (NLS VIII) is now president of the Charlotte Campus at Florida SouthWestern State College in Punta Gorda, Florida.

Brian Johnson (NLS X) has been selected headmaster at Southwest Christian School in Fort Worth, Texas.

Daniel Wilson (NLS X) is now president of Western University of Health Sciences in Pomona, California.

Kurt Caywood (NLS XI) has been named vice president of audience by Morris Publishing Group, parent company of The Florida Times-Union. Kurt has held that position at The Times-Union since 2012.

Tim Cost (NLS XI) has been appointed to the Division 1 Board of Directors for the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Honorary

Steve Halverson has been elected to serve a three-year term on the GuideWell Mutual Holding Corp. board of directors.

Various

Congratulations to those who won elections in the recent Duval County primary: **Melissa Nelson** (LJ 2012) State Attorney for the 4th Circuit; **Charlie Cofer** (LJ 2000) Public Defender 4th Circuit who will go up against a write-in candidate in November; **Warren Jones** (Honorary) School Board District 5; and **John Rutherford** (LJ 1995) Congress 4th District and will go up against a Democratic candidate in November. We are grateful to all of the Leadership Jacksonville alumni who were willing to put their names forward to serve our community through elected office.

Congratulations to the LJ recipients of the Jacksonville Business Journal's RSM Ultimate CEO Awards: **Paul McElroy** (NLS V) at JEA; **Bruce Ferguson** (LJ 2008) at CareerSource Northeast Florida; **Mary Marx** (LJ 2005) at PACE Center for Girls; **Jim Clark** (LJ 1994) at Daniel; **Ben Davis** (LJ 2014) at Intuition Ale Works; **Rory Diamond** (LJ 2014) at K9s for Warriors; **Ray Driver** (LJ 2007) at Driver, McAfee, Peek and Hawthorne PL and **Will Ketchum** (LJ 1998) at Burdette Ketchum.

The Jacksonville Public Education Fund has added a number of LJ alumni to its board of directors: **Ronnie King** (LJ 2011), **Coley Jones** (LJ 2014), **Marsha Oliver** (LJ 2001) and **Hugh Greene** (LJ 1991).

A number of our LJ alumni were recognized by the Florida Times-Union's poll as 2016 Bold City Best. Many businesses related to our members were also winners but we try to limit Lead Story recognition to individuals or we would need a lot bigger staff to cover all of the awards! Congratulations to: **Melissa Ross** (LJ 2013) Best Radio Personality/Host; **Wayne Wood** (LJ 1977) Best Visionary of Jacksonville and **Jake Godbold** (Honorary) Boldest Person of Jacksonville's Past.

More recognition for Marks Gray shareholders: **Jerry Weedon** (LJ 1985) and **Mary Bland Love** (LJ 1989) have been named to the 2017 edition of The Best Lawyers in America.

The Rotary Club of San Marco has a number of LJ alumni as officers for 2016-17: **Steve Ramsey** (LJ 2003) president-elect, **Heather Solanka** (LJ 2011) vice president, **Janet Reagor** (LJ 2005) treasurer, **Ellen Williams** (LJ 2014) foundation chair and **Pete Helow** (LJ 1995) public relations chair. **Ruth Ann Hepler** (LJ 2014) is immediate past president.

Patrick Kilbane (LJ 2013) has been elected as chair of the Jacksonville Aviation Authority board, succeeding **Ray Alfred** (LJ 1997). **Giselle Carson** (LJ 2005) was elected vice-chair.

WJCT 89.9 radio is the place to be weekdays at 9 a.m. **Melissa Ross** (LJ 2013) hosts First Coast Connect, a daily hour-long call-in program featuring local news and events across Northeast Florida, along with a weekly round-table of local journalists. **Rick Mullaney** (LJ 1988) hosts Policy Matters, a quarterly radio program that examines current public policy issues such as taxes, healthcare and downtown redevelopment. **Kyle Reese** (LJ 2008) is co-host of Faith Matters, a quarterly radio program addressing societal issues through faith perspectives. **Karen Mathis** (LJ 1998) hosts First Coast Success, a regular segment on First Coast Connect. Check **WJCT's radio program schedule** for specific dates of upcoming Policy Matters, Faith Matters and First Coast Success.

Congratulations to LJ Alumni who are 2016 Jacksonville Business Journal Veterans of Influence: **Ann-Marie Knight** (LJ 2016), **Robert Massey** (LJ 2016) and **Quint White** (LJ 1988).

In celebration of its 30th anniversary the Jacksonville Free Press presented *Fish, Grits & Politics*, blending community organizations and opportunities with candidates and initiatives at Edward Waters on September 24. LJ alumni who presented included: **Mia Jones** (LJ 2000), **Gwen Chandler** (LJ 1988) and **Kevin Gay** (LJ 2015).

YouthLeadershipJacksonville

Matthew Herman (YLJ XXVI) was among twenty-one area high school seniors awarded scholarships by Comcast as a part of its annual Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program. The program awards \$100 scholarships to seniors based on academic performance and leadership skills.

Rachel Schwam (YLJ XXIV) has been chosen to be the point person, ambassador in admissions at Wake Forest University.

Notes of Sympathy

Our condolences to the family and friends of **Dorothy Graves Jackson** (LJ 1984) who passed away on April 22. Dorothy was one of the first women to enter the engineering program at Carnegie Mellon University and spent her professional life finding innovative ways to help others at the Urban League, HUD, the city of Rockville, MD and for the Northeast Florida Community Action Agency.

Our condolences to **Cleveland Ferguson** (LJ 2010) and his wife Jeanine upon the passing of Jeanine's mother, Bobby Penn on September 2.

Our condolences to **Jim Clark** (LJ 1994) and his family upon the death of his father, Jimmy Clark on September 7.

Our condolences to **Jim Moseley** (LJ 1998) and his family upon the passing of his grandmother Kathryn Kitty Moseley on September 12 at the age of 107.

Our condolences to **Susan Ponder-Stansel** (LJ 1991) and her family upon the death of her father John Ponder on September 13 in St. Augustine, FL.

Our condolences to **Joanne Robertson** (LJ 2015) and her family upon the passing of her mother-in-law, Jeanette Robertson on September 15.

Our condolences to the family and friends of **Kathy Clower** (LJ 1991). Kathy passed away suddenly on September 18. Kathy was actively involved with the development of the Collegiate Leadership Experience and served on the leadership development team for many years. Kathy was the winner of the Florida Times-Union's EVE award for education in 1989 when she was media curriculum coordinator, FCCJ (now FSCJ). She made award-winning video programs on subjects raging from latchkey children to the environment. A four-part video series, Jacksonville: The Inside Story, told the history of the city, its schools and its consolidated government and was used for a seminar series co-sponsored by JCCI and FCCJ.

Our condolences to the family and friends of **W.A. (Mac) McGriff** (Honorary) upon Mac's passing on September 18. Mac was a past president of Leadership Jacksonville (1986) and in addition had served on many other boards including the Mortgage Bankers Association of Florida, Associated Industries of Florida, University Medical Center, the University of Florida Foundation, UF Board of Trustees, UF Athletic Association, Community Hospice and Wolfson Children's Hospital. Mac served as interim CEO of University Medical Center from 1996-99 and was instrumental in forming the relationship between University Medical Center and Shands Health-Care, helping build the present UF Health Jacksonville.

Our condolences to the family and friends of **Tom Shouvlin** (LJ 1998) who passed away on September 21. Tom was an active supporter of the Youth Leadership Jacksonville program and a great cheerleader for Terry Parker High School. Tom was on the board of the Katie Caples Foundation and active with his fraternity. His presence and encouragement for YLJ will be greatly missed.

Our condolences to **Elizabeth Head** (LJ 1998) on the passing of her husband Robert J. Head, Jr. (Bob) on September 22.



Leaders Wanted

National Multiple Sclerosis Society

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society North Florida Chapter is seeking Leadership Jacksonville alumni to join its Board of Trustees. Their mission is to change the world for people living with MS. The board of trustees meets quarterly to provide oversight to local finance and activities, provides input to national strategies, and assists in execution of legacy events such as Bike MS and the Dinner of Champions. Learn more at www.nationalMSSociety.org and <https://www.facebook.com/MSNorthFlorida/?ref=bookmarks>. Contact: Mike Ammiano, Chair, LJ 2003, Lisa Balter, Governance Chair, LJ 2002, or Corrina Steiger Madrid, President, LJ 2012, 904-332-6889, Corrina.Madrid@nmss.org.

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