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Make your reservation now for the

ANNUAL ALUMNI LUNCHEON

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.



Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Jacksonville Riverfront
1200 Riverplace Boulevard
Complimentary Self-Parking

This event is for all alumni of Leadership Jacksonville and New Leadership Summit and for Honorary members.

An outstanding program is planned for you, including:

- Presentation of the 2018 Tillie K. Fowler Distinguished Leadership Award to **Maria Hane** (LJ 2002)
- Welcome to Councilperson **Lori Boyer** as Honorary member
- Presentation from Sherry Magill (LJ 1993) and Hank Coxe moderated by Melissa Ross (LJ 2013) - The Task Force on Open Government
- Welcome to new alumni from Leadership Jacksonville Class of 2018 and New Leadership Summit 2018
- Awarding of this year's Best Class



Maria Hane

You may make your **reservation and payment online** by **October 23** using Visa or MasterCard .

Cost: \$35 (dues paid and Honorary) / \$45 (dues not paid)
or combine your annual dues with the luncheon reservation for \$135.



Nominations are OPEN for Leadership Jacksonville Class of 2020

Your opportunity to nominate candidates for the LJ Class of 2020 has arrived.

Nominations are open (online only) through **December 14**. Please take a moment to explain our program to your prospective candidates to ensure they have interest before nominating them.

Remember you may nominate more than one candidate and candidates only need one nomination.

Visit the website for program details, selection information, calendar and the link to begin your nomination.

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

Leadership Jacksonville Class of 2019



LJ Class 2019 Poverty Day was held September 27. Thank you to United Way of Northeast Florida for presenting and obtaining volunteers to support the poverty simulation and to Sulzbacher Center of lunch and graciously allowing use of their facilities during the program day.



Mark Dawkins and Michael Brennan with
Jeff Winkler (LJ 2015)



Back: Megan Moon and Sharol Noblejas Front:
Nader Farhat, Pilar Dixon and Allison Stocker



Kelly Pourciau, Kelly James, John Naugle and
Tessa Duvall

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YLJ XXIX "In Living Color" program day was held September 13. Students focused on family heritage and explored the impact of prejudice and intolerance on our community and ways to increase respect and appreciation for individual differences.



Kyle Reese (LJ 2008) with members of YLJ XXIX

Thank you to the many volunteers who participated as speakers and facilitators for the program activities.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nomination ARE OPEN for LJ Class of 2020

Monday, October 1, 2018 through Friday, December 14, 2018

LJ Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, October 8, 2018
Noon, Jessie Ball duPont Center, Room 318

YLJ XXIX Program Day

Thursday, October 11, 2018
"Leading for a Lifetime"

LJ 2019 Program Day

Thursday, October 25, 2018
Education Day

Annual Alumni Luncheon

Tuesday, October 30, 2018
11:30 a.m., Double Tree by Hilton Hotel

CLASS NOTES

1982

Grier Wells earned Florida Bar Civil Trial board certification.

1985

Congratulations to **Mike Weinstein** who is retiring from the City of Jacksonville effective November 9. His last day at City Hall was September 28. Mike was the City of Jacksonville's

chief financial officer and previously served as a state legislator, director with the State Attorney's Office and president of Take Stock in Children.

1991

Hugh Greene has announced his plans to retire in the summer of 2019 as president and CEO of Baptist Health of Northeast Florida. Hugh joined Baptist as chief operating officer in 1989 and has served for 18 years as president and CEO.

1993

Sherry Magill has launched **Jaxlookout**, a web-based platform and public forum focusing solely on local issues. Journalists, writers and thoughtful people are invited to investigate stories, share information and express opinions about local issues in order to elevate local public conversation and engage a broader public in deciding our community's collective future.

2003

Jax Federal Credit Union has announced that president and CEO **Gerri Sexsion** will retire in the first quarter of 2019. Gerri has served in those roles since 1997.

2004

Sherrri Worman is a charter fellow of the Construction Lawyers Society of America (CLSA). CLSA is an invitation-only international association of lawyers specializing in construction law and related fields with recognized advanced status among their peers.

2006

Kerri Stewart has joined the board of directors for Groundwork Jacksonville.

2007

The University of North Florida appointed **Heather Duncan** as its vice president for governmental affairs. She will start in November and will manage UNF's governmental affairs program and serve as a member and leader of the State University System lobbyist team.

2009

Anna Brosche is the guest speaker for the Jacksonville Women's Network's Annual Meeting on October 11.

Craig Davisson has been reappointed to a second term on the Downtown Development Review Board.

2012

Jennifer Ryan is the new chief executive officer of Volunteers in Medicine Jacksonville.

2014

Correction: **Rory Diamond** is an alum from LJ Class of 2014. He was incorrectly shown in one of the photographs in the September edition of *The Lead Story* as a graduate of LJ Class 2015.

Kirsten Doolittle earned Florida Bar board certification in Juvenile Law.

2016

Ann Sabbag was awarded the ATHENA International Local Leadership Award for professional excellence, community service and for assisting women in their attainment of professional excellence and leadership skills by the Jacksonville Women's Business Center.

2018

Congratulations to **Chase Foy** who has recently become engaged and relocated to Nashville, TN.

Patrick Krechowski earned Florida Bar board certification in City, County and Local Government Law.

Terri Lewis has joined the board of directors of Changing Homelessness.

Congratulations to **Margaret Refour** on her appointment as Chief Nursing Officer for Memorial Satilla Health in Waycross, GA. Margaret will continue to live in Jacksonville.

2019

Sel Buyuksarac is running for Duval Soil and Water Conservation District Board, Group 3.

Sarah Helms has joined Volunteers in Medicine as a psychologist.

Travis Schryer has joined Fleet Landing as chief operating officer.

Youth Leadership Jacksonville

Maryann Jaghab (YLJ XVIII, 07-08) is an attorney with Cole, Scott & Kissane P.A. The law firm named in July's edition of *The Lead Story* was incorrect.

Congratulations to **Emma Towler** (YLJ XXVIII, 17-18) who was elected senior class president for Douglas Anderson School of the Arts.

Various

Doug Milne (LJ 1978), **Kathy Para** (LJ 1995) and **Kasey Wagner** (LJ 2019) are serving on the Jacksonville Bar Association's 18-19 Pro Bono Committee.

Congratulations to **Dinah** (LJ 1989) and **Dan** (Honorary) **Kossoff** who celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on September 8.

Congratulations to the LJ alumni who have been named Ultimate CEOs by the Jacksonville Business Journal: **Keli Coughlin Joyce** (LJ 2009), **Nancy Dreicer** (LJ 2005), **Jake Gordon** (NLS 2016), **Hugh Greene** (LJ 1991), **Michael Howland** (LJ 2012), **Robert Massey** (LJ 2016) and **Teresa Miles** (NLS 2016). **Hugh Green** is receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award as Ultimate CEO.

Gwen Griggs (LJ 2005) and **Ann Sabbag** (LJ 2016) spoke at the Jacksonville Women's Business Center Leadership Awards Reception in September.

Anna Brosche (LJ 2009), **Audrey Moran** (LJ 1989) and **Sabeen Perwaiz** (LJ 2016) are panelists on policy issues of concern to women of Jacksonville and Northeast Florida at Count ME In, sponsored by Women2Women on October 18.



NOTES OF SYMPATHY

Our condolences to **Linda Lindenmoyer** (LJ 2018) and her family upon the passing of her mother.

Our condolences to **Theresa O'Donnell Price** (LJ 1999) and her family on the death of her sister, Cassie Edwards, who passed away September 14.

Our condolences to **Sylvia Perry** (LJ 1997) on the loss of her mother, Rita Carter Perry, on September 15. Rita was Florida's first founding female publisher, founding the Jacksonville Free Press 33 years ago. Sylvia continues the publication that serves the African-American community in Jacksonville.

Our condolences to the family and friends of **Jim Winston** (Honorary) who passed away September 19. Jim's involvement throughout the community is legendary and included the First Coast YMCA, Episcopal School of Jacksonville, the Jacksonville Symphony, UNF, FSCJ, the World Affairs Council, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, WJCT and JAX Chamber.

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LEADERS WANTED

Jacksonville Ethics Commission

The City of Jacksonville Ethics Commission is currently accepting applications for a vacancy on the Ethics Commission. The Ethics Commission ensures transparent and open government for the citizens. The Ethics Commission performs numerous functions, including assisting the Office of Ethics, Compliance and Oversight, and investigating and consideration of any potential violation of the Jacksonville Ethics Code.

Interested parties must complete and submit a required application available at <http://www.coj.net/departments/ethics-commission.aspx>. Completed applications are due on Friday, October 12, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. and must be submitted via e-mail to ethics@coj.net. Interviews of all applicants will be scheduled during the Nominating Committee meeting on Monday, October 15, beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Please contact Lourdes Barboza, Executive Assistant with the Office of Ethics, Compliance and Oversight, at (904) 630-4734 or lbarboza@coj.net for more information.

She Should Run

She Should Run is a non-partisan 501(c)3 that provides an approachable starting place and network for women leaders considering a future run for office and for those who support them.

She Should Run is offering a Jacksonville Regional Cohort training for women in the Jacksonville area who are interested in running for office. The Cohort includes activities and lessons to help cultivate leadership, build networks and foster communication skills.

The application is at <https://sheshouldrun.org/jacksonville-fl-cohort/> and the deadline is October 5th at 11:59 p.m. EST.

For questions, contact Kathleen Kiernan, Communications and Programs Associate at 202-796-8396, 678-735-2526 or kathleen@sheshouldrun.org.



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