



# THE LEAD STORY

NEWSLETTER FOR LEADERSHIP JACKSONVILLE

September 2016

YLJ NEWS \* LJ PROGRAM \* CLASS NOTES

The Leadership Jacksonville office will be closed on Monday, September 5 in observance of Labor Day.

## ***NOMINATIONS for Leadership Jacksonville Class of 2018 will open on September 7!***

Please thoughtfully consider nominating emerging or demonstrated leaders with commitment and motivation to serve our community.

Visit the [website](#) for selection information and to begin the process.



Nominations will be accepted until December 23 (but don't put this off!). Please note that this is just the first step in the selection process. Nominees will receive instructions on completing the required application in early January.

Tuition for the Class of 2018 is \$3,500.



## ***YLJ in the news!***

Four members of YLJ Class XXVI were welcomed to the WJXT studios on August 9 to offer tips and advice on how kids can have a successful school year. Davis Massey, Hailey Caswell, Tierra Jennings and Stephen Herring joined host Melanie Lawson to talk about challenges, motivations, bullying and social media. Enjoy the taped interview on [WJXT](#).

## ***Reunion!***

Don't miss the opportunity to mix and mingle with your fellow alums at Reunion 2017. Be sure to watch the website and *The Lead Story* October edition for details.

## **Leadership Jacksonville Class of 2017**

Class members were joined by nominators and guests at Opening Dinner on July 26.



Blake and Mindy Menzel with  
Karen Mayfield LJ 2006



Jerry Mallot, LJ 1995 with class  
members Bill Ferry, LeAnn  
Daddario and Sean Mulholland



Kate Nessel, Lori Smith and  
Mike Hornsby

Opening Retreat was held on August 19-20. Thank you to the volunteers who made the weekend a success.



Clint Pyle and Mark Sirota



Michael Bateh, Octavius  
Holliday, Alex Alston, Stephanie  
Durham and Anzhelika Siloyan



Lori Day and LeAnna Cumber

***Thank you to all alumni who have renewed dues, made contributions and submitted volunteer sign-up forms.***

The 2016-2017 adult and youth programs are off to great starts because of your commitment to furthering Leadership Jacksonville's mission to educate, connect and inspire leaders in our community. We appreciate your ongoing support to our organization and programs.

If you have not yet renewed, visit the [payment center](#) to make dues payment and donations using Visa or MasterCard. To complete our fillable volunteer form, [click here](#).

Remember that we also offer the convenience of recurring monthly donations. Call Yvonne at 904-396-6263x4 or email [admin@leadershipjax.org](mailto:admin@leadershipjax.org) for details.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**LJ Office CLOSED** Monday,  
September 5, 2016 in  
observance of Labor Day

**YLJ XXVII Program Day**  
Thursday, September 15, 2016  
"In Living Color"

**LJ 2017 Program Day**  
Thursday, September 22, 2016  
Poverty Day

**Leadership Connect** resumed for alumni groups to connect during September. If we missed you this month, you may still sign up to Connect with future groups. Click [here](#) to provide your name, class year, preferred phone number and email. **Sign up by September 15** to be included in a group for October.

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

### 2003

**Philip Green** is now state director of training at Aflac.

**Mobeen Rathore** was elected to the Florida Medical Association board of governors for a three-year term. He will be District B Representative representing Duval, Clay, Nassau, St. Johns and Putnam counties.

### 2006

**Hope McMath** has resigned as executive director of the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens after twenty-two years, seven as director.

### 2007

**Trish Kapustka**, owner of three Edible Arrangements franchises in Jacksonville, Gainesville and Ocala, earned marketing and customer service honors for Local Store Marketing and Customer Service Excellence at the Edible Arrangements National Convention held in Las Vegas in July.

## 2010

**Snowden McFall's** husband has taken a new executive position and they are relocating to San Diego, California. Her email will remain the same and her new cell number and address can be accessed on the LJ website. We will miss you Snowden!

## 2011

**Wade Rice** retired from Navy Region Southeast this past July.

## 2012

**Whitney Harper** is now managing director at ADVOS legal pllc.

## 2013

**Rollin Isbell** is senior vice president, corporate partnerships with the Jacksonville Armada FC.



Trish Kapustka  
LJ 2007



Sean Haley at NAS  
change of command

## 2014

**Gordon Bailey** is the new chair of the board of directors of PACE Center for Girls Jacksonville.

**Dana Kriznar** has been named chief of staff for Duval County Public Schools.

## 2015

**Jerry Collins** is chief, evaluation and analysis branch in the Training Innovation Division of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers, Glynco, GA.

**Joni Poitier** was honored by the American Bar Association as a 2016 "On the Rise" Top 40 Young Lawyer. She was the only attorney in Jacksonville and one of only three in Florida to receive this honor.

## 2016

Congratulations to **Sean Haley** who took command of NAS Jacksonville on August 18.

Congratulations to **Vicki Waytowich** and her husband Ric who adopted their former foster son Alex on August 8. Twelve of her fellow LJ 2016 classmates were in the courtroom to celebrate the big day with the Waytowich family.

**Darryl Willie** has been selected as a member of Leadership Florida's Leadership in Education Class II.

## New Leadership Summit

**Edward Ellison** (NLS X) is now executive director of alumni relations at Tufts University.

**Gino Tenace** (NLS X) is now chief executive officer at MOBE, LLC in Plymouth, MN.

## Various

**Laurie Price** (LJ 2000) and **Julia Burns** (LJ 2004), in partnership with Kiki Karpen, have announced the launch of Clarity Transitions, a consulting practice focused on succession planning for nonprofit agencies. Their focus is keeping the organization's mission on track by helping prepare and strengthen the organization before succession occurs. Visit [www.ClarityTransitions.net](http://www.ClarityTransitions.net) for more information.



Vicki, Ric and Alex Waytowich with LJ friends

Pace Center for Girls Jacksonville's 2016 board of directors includes: **Gordon Bailey** (LJ 2014), **Peggy Bryan** (LJ 1987), **Andrus Healy** (LJ 2013) and **Kelly Straub** (LJ 2016).

TEDxJacksonville has announced its speakers for the 2016 Conference. The group includes LJ alumni: **Gary Chartrand** (LJ Honorary), **Dane Grey** (LJ 2014) and **Mark Tumeo** (LJ 2016). **Doug Coleman** (LJ 2013) is organizer, **Sabeen Perwaiz** (LJ 2016) co-organizer and executive producer, **Jane Condon** (LJ 1990) coaching director, **Anzhelika Siloyan** (LJ 2017) special projects and **Ale'ta Turner** (CLE 2012) is in charge of student engagement for TEDxJacksonville.

**Wayne Wood** (LJ 1977) continues to serve as board president of Friends of Hemming Park. He is now adding the role of programming coordinator. **Michelle Barth** (LJ 2000) is volunteering to develop fundraising strategy and **Suzanne Jenkins** (LJ 1988) is volunteering as director of strategic planning.

**Michelle Bedoya Barnett** (LJ 2012), **Michael Bateh** (LJ 2017) and **Charles Jimerson** (LJ 2013) are serving on the board of governors for the Jacksonville Bar Association.

More recognition for LJ alumni at Rogers Towers: Florida Trend's annual Legal Elite list includes **Graham Allen** (LJ 1981), **Kevin Cook** (LJ 2009), **Troy Smith** (LJ 2008) and **Sherri Worman** (LJ 2004).



Judy Poppell, LJ 1996 and  
Deborah Heald, LJ Honorary

Congratulations to **Deborah Gianoulis Heald** (LJ Honorary) and **Davy Parrish** (LJ 1988) who will be honored as Episcopal Children's Services' Champions for Children at its February 26 Awards Gala.

**Mac McGehee** (LJ 1994) has been elected vice chair for Duval County and **Jim Mayo** (LJ 2000) vice chair for Nassau County for 2016-17 for the Florida State College at Jacksonville board of trustees. **Karen Bowling** (LJ 1993), **Latasha Garrison-Fullwood** (LJ 2004) and **Tom Majdanics** (LJ 2009) are continuing their service on the board.

The Leadership Florida Class XXXV includes **Jackie Cornelius** (LJ 1992) and **Pat Kilbane** (LJ2013).

### Youth Leadership Jacksonville

**Rade Obradovic** (YLJ XIX) was one of six from Florida and the only teacher from Jacksonville to attend an all-expense paid trip to the Honeywell Educators at Space Academy this summer, learning with other teachers from around the world new ways to connect with students and keep their interest in subjects that historically lose their interest. He will teach fifth grade at Hyde Park Elementary School this year. [Click here](#) for news coverage about Rade's space academy experience. Rade was also featured in a [Times-Union article](#) by Frank Denton (NLS VII) in November 2014.

## Notes of Sympathy

Our sympathies are with **Mitch Woodlief** (LJ 1994) and his family upon the death of his mother, Harriett Ann Woodlief, on August 13.

Our condolences to **June Chambers** (Honorary) and her family upon the passing of her husband, Jack Chambers, on August 22.

Our sympathies are with **Mia Jones** (LJ 2000) and her family upon the death of her father, Lawrence V. Jones, on August 24.





## MAKE A LJ DONATION

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