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April 2014

Celebration 2014

There's still time to join your friends, classmates and fellow alums for a special evening to honor

**Toni Crawford,
William C. Mason and
Isabelle Owen Spence**



Crawford



Mason



Spence

Thursday, April 17, 2014

from **6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

at the **Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront**

\$150 per person. Purchase your ticket [here](#).

Proceeds support Youth Leadership Jacksonville and Collegiate Leadership Experience.

Sponsorship information is available by contacting Jill Dame at jill@leadershipjax.org or call 904-396-6263 x21.

Youth Leadership Jacksonville

YLJ Class XXIV concluded last Saturday with the Closing Retreat and Graduation at WJCT Studios. The studios were filled with family as the 56 class members recapped their year together with poems, skits and Prezi presentations about each of the program days. During the morning's Closing Retreat, six student teams presented their proposals to 'Help Shad Khan Sell Jacksonville' to an esteemed group of judges including Bryan Barker (LJ '08), Tiffany Galvin Green (NLS XI), Mary Harvey (LJ '00), Jerry Mallot (LJ '95) and Sara Patton with the Mayor's office. Each member of the winning team received a signed Jaguar football - thank you Jaguars! From a visit by the St. Johns Riverkeeper, to their visioning activities, the class enjoyed their last gathering.



Upcoming events:

LJ 2014 Program Day

Thursday, April 3, 2014
Economy, Growth & Preservation Day 2

CELEBRATION 2014

Thursday, April 17, 2014
6:00 p.m., Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront
See details above

New Leadership Summit

Monday and Tuesday, April 21-22, 2014
The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island

LJ 2014 Program Day

Thursday, May 1, 2014
Arts Day

Class Notes

1984

Matt Schellenberg has filed for reelection to Jacksonville City Council, District 6.

1985

Mike Weinstein has filed to run for Public Defender and has withdrawn as a candidate for City Council At Large Group 3.

1988

Susan Hamilton will receive HandsOn Jacksonville's HandsOn Community Award at their 2014 Celebrate Good event on April 10.

1990

Ramon Day has filed to run for Jacksonville City Council, District 4.



Ken Jefferson and Bill Dixon

1992

Jim Fulmer has created and produced a hospital strategy board game, "Doctor Wars" which has been selected by MENSA to be in their 2014 "MENSA approved games" competition. More about the game is at www.doctorwars.com.

1993

Ju'Coby Pittman has filed to run for Jacksonville City Council, District 9.

1994

Jane Lanier has been awarded the Sister Mary Concilia Moran Award by the Catholic Health Association of the United States for her dedication and service to Catholic health care. This award is presented each year to an individual in Catholic health care and draws critical attention to the innovative ideas and achievements by which these leaders have taken Catholic health care in new directions.

1997

Michael Corrigan has filed for reelection as Duval County Tax Collector.

Ray Alfred has been appointed to the Jacksonville Aviation Authority board of directors by Mayor Alvin Brown.

1999

Reginald Brown has filed for reelection to Jacksonville City Council, District 10.

Evin Willman has been named the major gifts officer for the Sulzbacher Center.

2005

Drew Prusiecki has been named as Volunteer Partner - DVP for the Southeast and Caribbean Division of the American Red Cross. The Division includes LA, MS, TN, AL, GA, FL, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands. In his role Drew will work closely with the vice president for the division providing guidance and advice on division goals and priorities and supporting the division by attending meetings and events with or in place of Red Cross staff.

2006

Glorious Johnson has filed to run for Jacksonville City Council, District 9.

2010

Jay Monahan has been selected as deputy commissioner of the PGA TOUR.

On May 2 **Dawn Emerick** is stepping down as the CEO of the Health Planning Council of Northeast Florida after six years at the helm. Her future plans have not been announced.

2012

Brenda Ezell has joined Lewis, Longman and Walker in the firm's Jacksonville office.

2013

Congratulations to **Christal Albrecht** who has been selected as the new college president at Alvin Community College in Alvin, TX.

2014

Ken Jefferson has filed to run for Duval County Sheriff.

Communitites in Schools of Jacksonville recently welcomed **Steve Gilbert** as its chief executive officer, becoming the third CEO in the organization's nearly 25-year history.



Janet Herrick with Chad Perce

The Mandarin Museum & Historical Society has named **Linda Levin** the 2014 recipient of the Miss Aggie Award for the tremendous services she provides our elderly citizens. The award was established in 2003 and named for Agnes Jones, proprietor and postmistress of the Old Mandarin Store and Post Office from 1928 to 1964. It honors a female Mandarin resident who has contributed to the community in the areas of business, civic, educational or charitable accomplishment.

New Leadership Summit

Mayor **Alvin Brown** (NLS I) has been appointed to the Urban Committee of the National Park Service Advisory Board. Mayor Brown has also filed for reelection as the City of Jacksonville mayor.

Collegiate Leadership Experience

Jesse Wilson (CLE 2012) has filed to run for Jacksonville City Council, At-Large Group 3.

Various

The Jacksonville Business Journal has announced the finalists for its 2014 Women in Business Awards. Leadership Jacksonville alumni who are finalists are **Rose Conry** (LJ 2010) Established Entrepreneur category and **Bonnie Barnes** (LJ 2007) Pioneer category.

The 4th Circuit Judicial Nomination Committee has submitted a list of candidates to Governor Scott to be considered for judicial vacancies. LJ alumni **Lester Bass** (LJ 2009) and **Gary Wilkinson** (LJ 2006) are on the list.

The SouthEast Community Investment Fund LLC of Jacksonville has announced its advisory board members: **Cindy Funkhouser** (LJ 2014); **Broderick Green** (LJ 2012); and **Wyman Duggan** (LJ 2009). Wyman also serves on the board of directors of the fund.

New Baptist Health Foundation board members include **Martha Frye Baker** (LJ 1997) and **Art Graham** (LJ 2001).

From an originally selected group of 10 women who have made outstanding contributions to the Jacksonville community (see March Lead Story), **Judy Smith** (LJ 1993) and **Carolyn Williams** (LJ 2005, deceased) were selected by the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women for the 2014 Women's History Month poster.

A newly created Port Task Force appointed by Mayor **Alvin Brown** (NLS I) includes: **Moody Chisholm** (NLS IX), **Joe Debs** (LJ 1991), **Adam Herbert** (Honorary), **Paola Parra Harris** (LJ 2003), **Matt Kane** (LJ 2011), and **Quint White** (LJ 1988).

Mayor **Alvin Brown** (NLS I) has named many LJ alumni to the GradNation Community Summit advisory council. The council, which comprises business, education and nonprofit leaders from throughout the community, will take effect at the GradNation Community Summit on Friday, April 4. Advisory council members will assist in developing an action plan to support efforts to raise the graduation rate in



Laurie Price and Jack Logue

Jacksonville by focusing on four key areas: early childhood education, literacy and grade-level reading, mentoring and support for middle school students, and black male achievement. Members of the council include: **Deborah Gianoulis Heald** (Honorary); **Charles Griggs** (LJ 1998); **Warren Grymes** (LJ 2007); **Jon Heymann** (LJ 2005); **Connie Hodges** (LJ 1988); **Susan Main** (LJ 1992); **Pam Paul** (LJ 1995); Dr. **Shannon Perry** (LJ 2004); and **Cleve Warren** (LJ 1985).

Leaders Wanted

We are pleased to begin a new feature with this April issue of The Lead Story. Leadership Jacksonville is known throughout the community for our outstanding alumni and their willingness to make a positive difference. We are frequently asked for member recommendations for leadership positions. When the timing allows we will publish these opportunities for your consideration. If you are interested, we encourage you to make direct contact as requested in the listings. Please don't hesitate to encourage your LJ friends to consider these opportunities too. You might be or know the perfect person.

Jacksonville Public Library Board of Trustees

This board requires commitment to provide the best possible library service for the community, an abiding interest in the library and demonstrated past involvement in community organizations that serve the public. The application process includes completing forms online, an interview with the mayor's staff, nomination by the Mayor, and finally approval by the City Council. Current **Board openings** are: 1) a resident from At Large City Council District 1 (currently Kimberly Daniels' Council district: far north Jacksonville down into part of the urban core, over to the west and far southwest side - not including Ortega or Avondale/Riverside) and 2) an At Large seat (any Duval County Resident). **In June** there will be additional openings: 3) a resident from Council At Large District 3 (currently Stephen Joost's Council district: the Mandarin area south to the county line and over to the Beaches communities, generally along Beach Boulevard and south) and 4) another At Large seat but for this you can live in or out of the county but with significant financial interests in Duval. A **job description** is attached. For more information contact **Barbara Gubbin** (NLS IV) at bgubbin@coj.net.

Duval County Food Policy Council (DCFPC) Task Forces

The mission of the DCFPC is to promote a food system that supports improved nutrition and public health; increases access to safe and wholesome food; and to strengthen and expand the regional farm and food economy. DCFPC is looking for **leaders and members for a variety of task forces**. Applicants should be individuals that can bring team building and process management skills, as well as their own organizational resources to a process that will include calling on and working with local government officials to influence policies in their respective area. Task forces include: 1) Incorporation of food/health issues in Jacksonville/Duval County's 2030 Comprehensive Plan; 2) Urban Agriculture - city and suburban agriculture takes the form of backyard, roof-top and balcony gardening, community gardening in vacant lots and parks, roadside urban fringe agriculture, urban farming and livestock grazing in open space, explore information and tools on urban agriculture; 3) Institutional Food and Children: the institutional food sector - including food served in schools, child care settings, hospitals, and senior centers - is a largely untapped resource for public health and policy that may help to address increasing rates of obesity and diet-related health problems. For more information about the task forces, contact **Cecil Williams** (LJ 2004) at cecil@emergeinsurance.com. Deadline to apply on the attached **form** has been extended to April 15.

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