

A message from your president

I am truly honored to work with Leadership Jacksonville! As I attend events, work with the Board and speak to alumni, I am amazed by the drive and desire to learn more, do more and constantly seek opportunities to create informed and motivated community trustees.



In addition to our many programs and events, our focus over the next year will center on three key areas: creating a forward-thinking **Strategic Plan**, finding new and engaging ways to maintain a close connection with our **Alumni** - all while ensuring we **Reach** into our diverse community to ensure all areas are represented.

I welcome your thoughts and feedback on how we can work together to further Leadership Jacksonville's goals.



Save the Date! Note a new location!

ANNUAL REUNION LUNCH, Tuesday September 23, 2014

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Omni Hotel Jacksonville, 225 Water Street

Mark your calendar today and join your fellow LJ alums at the **Omni Hotel** as we

- Induct Honorary Lifetime Members

Helen Lane and

The Honorable Warren Jones

- Welcome our Newest Alumni from **LJ Class 2014** and **NLS XII**

Watch for more details coming soon to the website and in the next Lead Story. Local alumni will also receive a printed invitation.

Collegiate Leadership Experience

The Class of 2014 wrapped up their summer together at Closing Retreat August 2. All left with a renewed desire for active community involvement and trusteeship. Thank you to the speakers, volunteers, and sponsors who made this summer's CLE program a great success.



Just a Reminder ~ renew now!

Our new fiscal year is off to a great start, but we need your continued support to keep our programming strong. The dues period runs from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. If you have not already done so, you may **renew your dues and make donations** at the **Payment Center**.

Upcoming events:

LJ 2015 Opening Dinner
Thursday, August 7, 2014

YLJ XXV Opening Dinner
Sunday, August 17, 2014

LJ 2015 Opening Retreat
Friday and Saturday, August 22-23, 2014

Reunion Luncheon
Tuesday, September 23, 2014
11:30a.m., Omni Hotel, 245 Water Street

CELEBRATION 2015
Thursday, April 9, 2015
6:00 p.m., Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront

Class Notes

1982

Grier Wells received a President's Award of Merit from the outgoing Florida Bar president in response to his "wealth of leadership on a multitude of issues, particularly the Clients' Security Fund administration" and for his service and contributions as a twelve year member of the Florida Bar Board of Governors.

1980

Scott McCaleb has been named president of Vulcan Lands, Inc. and is currently serving on the board of directors for JTA, JAX Chamber and University of North Florida Foundation.

1983

Michael Kenney is currently serving as chair of the State of Florida Agriculture Museum.

John Godfrey is serving on the Jacksonville Waterways Commission.

1988

Quint White recently won the Christi P. Veleta Environmental Award for his years of work on behalf of the St. Johns River. This award is given annually by the City of Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board and recognizes long-term environmental stewardship and superior environmental initiative.

We were delighted to recently learn that **George Penick** is head of school at St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Jackson, MS.

After earlier announcing her intent to retire at the end of 2014, **Connie Hodges** has stepped down as CEO and president of United Way of Northeast Florida and will remain as executive of philanthropic outreach through mid-December.

1989

Nat Glover is a finalist for this year's Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Awards, presented by HBCU Digest. The awards recognize the achievement and influence of these colleges and universities.

Kenneth Reddick was recently elected president of Riverside Fine Arts Association.

1992

Kenneth Sekine has been appointed to a newly created advisory board for SottoPelle, a bio-identical hormone replacement therapy provider.

Jackie Cornelius was chosen as a National Grammy Awards adjudicator by the Grammy Foundation and was recognized as a Florida Model Arts School Leader through 2016 by the Florida Alliance for the Arts.

1994

New officers selected by the JAXPORT board of directors include **John Falconetti**, chairman.

David Robertson is continuing at RS&H as a special advisor and member of its board of directors.

1996

Jeff Michelman is now associate dean for undergraduate studies and director of the Honor's Program at the University of North Florida.

1998

Dominic "Donny" MacKenzie has taken office as first vice president of The Florida Bar Foundation, a statewide charitable organization whose mission is to provide greater access to justice.

2000

Oliver Barakat has been re-elected for a second term as chairman of the Downtown Investment Authority. He was recently featured in the Jacksonville Business Journal discussing his vision for downtown and his optimism for the future of Jacksonville.

State Representative **Mia Jones** was appointed by Mayor Alvin Brown (NLS I) as the city of Jacksonville's first health commissioner. She will lead a new campaign to help enroll the more than 25,000 uninsured Duval County children in Medicaid or Florida Healthy Kids. Mia has also been named a member of the board of directors of Feeding Northeast Florida.

2004

Cindy Sadler and her son Ryan created My Drivers, a new luxury car service featuring Mercedes, BMW and Audi not previously available in Jacksonville.

2006

Genni Jett has joined Berkshire Hathaway Home Services as realtor.

2007

Carrie Davis is one of 50 leaders selected by NeighborWorks America for the NeighborWorks Achieving Excellence Program, an 18-month educational program for senior leaders in organizations working to benefit their communities, conducted in collaboration with Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

2009

The Jacksonville Business Journal has announced the 8th annual Ultimate CEO awards recognizing CEOs who have displayed an outstanding commitment to excellence in Northeast Florida and included **Tom Majdanics** for medium business.

2010

Cleveland Ferguson, in his role as president of Florida Legal Services, is serving as a designated director of The Florida Bar Foundation.

2011

The Reinhold Foundation presented **Darren Dailey** its 2014 Celebrate Clay Extraordinary Director Award for his innovative work growing the Jacksonville Children's Chorus by offering multiple rehearsal locations across the community.

2012

Meredith Guess is immediate past president of the Junior League and is heading the upcoming Nordstrom's Charity Gala.

Governor Rick Scott will present the Governor's Business Ambassador award to **Kathryn Murphy** on August 19.

Johnnetta Moore is the new division chief for the Social Services Division in the City of Jacksonville.

2013

Patrick Kilbane has begun his year of service as the president of the Young Lawyers Section of the Jacksonville Bar Association.

2014

Congratulations to **Cindy Funkhouser** who has been selected for Jacksonville Business Journal's 8th annual Ultimate CEO Awards in the small business category.

Nat Ford has been selected to be a member of Leadership Florida Class XXXIII.

Rory Diamond has been chosen for Leadership Florida's Connect Class V. This program is for existing and emerging leaders who are professionals between ages 25-39.

New Leadership Summit

Frank Denton (NLS VII) has been elected president of the Florida Society of Newspaper Editors.

Ajay Samant (NLS IX) has announced that he will officially step down from his administrative duties as dean of the Coggin College of Business at the University of North Florida on December 31. He will take a sabbatical for the spring semester of 2015 to pursue academic research and rejoin the business college as a professor of finance.

Congratulations to **Patrick Geraghty** (NLS XI) who has been selected for Jacksonville Business Journal's 8th annual Ultimate CEO Awards in the large business category.

Leslie Slover (NLS XII) has been appointed by Deutsche Bank to the newly created position of regional head, responsible for Jacksonville, as well as Cary, N.C. In this roll Leslie will also be appointed to the North American Executive Committee.

Various

Lester Bass (LJ 2009) and **Devin Reed** (LJ 2007) are two of six candidates forwarded by the 4th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission to Governor Rick Scott for consideration for appointment to a Duval County Court judicial vacancy.

Odette Struys (LJ 2008) and **Michelle Leak** (LJ 2011) have joined the board of directors of Visit Jacksonville for 2014.

A number of Leadership Jacksonville alumni have been selected by the Jacksonville Business Journal as 2014 Women of Influence. Among the 27 to be honored at the 11th annual awards event on August 28 are: **Ann Bittinger** (LJ 2008), **Rose Conry** (LJ 2010), **Jill Dame** (LJ 1987), **Mary Fisher** (LJ 2006), **Mia Jones** (LJ 2000), **Snowden McFall** (LJ 2010), **Jeanne Miller** (LJ 1999), **Ellen Raftery** (NLS XI), and **Nicole Thomas** (LJ 2013).

Collegiate Leadership Experience

Kara Tucker (CLE 2007) has been appointed by Governor Rick Scott to the Florida Rehabilitation Council. Kara is a member of the Neptune Beach City Council and a Counselor for the Disabilities Resource Center.

Chris Folds has joined Habitat for Humanity Jacksonville as the new development manager responsible for donor prospects and retention, engagement and outreach, special events. and grant applications.

Youth Leadership Jacksonville

Dane Addison (YLJ XVI) will lead the first regional office of Brand Mortgage in Northeast Florida.

Notes of Sympathy

Our condolences to **Keith Stein** (LJ 2003) and **Benjamin Stein** (YLJ XIII) and their family upon the death of son and brother **Daniel Stein** (YLJ XVI) on July 5.

Our condolences to **Athena Mann** (LJ 1999) and her family upon the recent death of her aunt Margie Feloson July 3.

Sympathy is extended to **Harry Shorstein** (Honorary) and his family on the passing on July 1 of his brother Jack.

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of **Sherry Murray** (LJ 2013) who passed away on July 11.

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