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***Happy New Year to all!***

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**Leadership Jacksonville  
NOMINATION DEADLINE **JANUARY 10**  
for the **Class of 2015****

Click the program name above to visit the website for information and selection criteria.

Click [here](#) to submit your **NOMINATION**.

Remember, you may nominate more than one qualified candidate. Nominations are just the first step. Nominees will then be invited to complete an application.

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**TUNE IN TO WJCT  
Thursday, January 16, 2014 at 8:00 p.m.**



**The Jacksonville Legacy Series**



Delores Barr Weaver

presents the 5th episode of our award winning series of conversations with extraordinary leaders of the Jacksonville community.

This episode will feature Delores Barr Weaver, local philanthropist and champion for the disadvantaged.

All episodes of the Jacksonville Legacy Series are available for viewing at [www.leadershipjax.org](http://www.leadershipjax.org).

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**Nominations for Collegiate Leadership Experience Class of 2014**  
continue to be accepted until **February 21, 2014**.

Click the program name to visit the website for information and selection criteria.

Click [here](#) to submit your nomination.



CLE and YLJ alums celebrate first prize in the Trivia Challenge.



The annual CLE and YLJ **RECONNECT** event was great fun  
December 30, 2013  
at High Tide Burrito.



Friends 'reconnect' to start the new year!

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## Upcoming events:

### **Nomination Deadline for LJ Class of 2015**

Friday, January 10, 2014  
5:00 p.m., LJ Office

### **Jacksonville Legacy Series Delores Barr Weaver Episode**

First Airing, Thursday, January 16, 2014  
8:00 p.m., WJCT

### **LJ 2014 Program Day**

Thursday, January 16, 2014  
Understanding Self & Others Day 1

### **YLJ XXIV Program Day**

Thursday, January 30, 2014  
"Are We Our Brothers'/Sisters' Keeper?"

### **Applications Due for LJ Class 2015**

Thursday, January 30, 2014  
5:00 p.m., LJ Office

### **CELEBRATION 2014**

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

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## Class Notes

### 1986

The Northeast Florida Regional Council presented the 2013 Regional Leadership Award to **John Edwards, Jr.**

### 1987

The United States Senate has confirmed President Obama's nomination of **Brian Davis** to the Middle District of Florida bench.

### 1991

**Hugh Greene** received the 2013 Community Leadership Award from Modern Healthcare magazine.

### 1992

**James Fulmer** was elected chair of medicine at Baptist Medical Center-Jacksonville.

### 1994

The JAXPORT board of directors has selected **John Falconetti** to be vice chairman.

### 1996

**Larry Hamilton** was recognized at the Federal Bar Association, Jacksonville Chapter's annual "Spirit of Giving Lunch" by LJ alum U.S. District Judge **la Morales Howard** (LJ 2005) for his pro bono work with a team of attorneys on a contentious international child custody case.

### 2000

**Laurie Price** will leave Hope Haven Children's Clinic January 13 to pursue freelance and consulting work in the areas of CEO transitions, board development, organizational development and grant writing.

**Donna Harper** was elected chair of the 2014 Jacksonville Transportation Authority board of directors.

**Ellen Bushnell**, Bushnell & Co., has been named the JAX Chamber's South Council 2014 Small Business Leader of the Year.

### 2001

By unanimous vote, the Florida Public Service Commission elected Commissioner **Art Graham** as chairman to serve a two-year term beginning January 2014. Graham was recently reappointed by Governor Rick Scott to serve a four-year term on the Commission through January 2018.

### 2002

**Kendall Spencer** has been named the new president and chief executive officer of Jacksonville Bancorp Inc. and chief executive officer of The Jacksonville Bank.

**David Auchter** has been appointed to the board of directors of The First Tee.

### 2003

**Mobeen Rathore** has been installed as the 127th president of the Duval County Medical Society.

### 2005

**Nancy Dreicer**, formerly interim CEO of Chappel Schools Inc., has been promoted to president and CEO.

### 2006

**Kevin Holzendorf** has been appointed to the Jacksonville Transportation Authority's board of directors by Mayor Alvin Brown.

### 2008

**Ben Warner** accepted the 2013 Special Achievement Award for Jacksonville Community Council, Inc. from the Northeast Florida Regional Council.

HCI Group has named **Juan Diaz** Senior Vice President and General Counsel.

### 2010

Congratulations to Parker and **Maggie Hightower** on the birth of their daughter Margaret Grace.

**Rose Conry**, Staff Time, has been named the JAX Chamber's Entrepreneurial Growth Division 2014 Small Business Leader of the Year.

**Crystal Broughan** has joined Marks Gray as Of Counsel, serving as lead attorney for the Intellectual Property Team.

## 2013

**Abel Harding** has joined Wells Fargo Private Bank as senior private banker.

## 2014

**Dana Kriznar** is chief of strategic planning at Duval County Public Schools.

### New Leadership Summit

**Janette Wilcox** (NLS XI) has been appointed to the board of directors for the Braided Light Dance Project. She was also appointed to the finance committee of the JAX Chamber.

**Nancy Soderberg** (NLS IV) has been appointed by Mayor Alvin Brown to serve on the Jacksonville Port Authority board of directors.

Congratulations to **Pat Geraghty** (NLS XI) who has been named Floridian of the Year by Florida Trend.



Pat Geraghty with Mai Keisling at recent LJ program day

### Honorary

Bishop **Rudolph McKissick, Sr.**, Senior Pastor of Bethel Baptist Institutional Church, has announced his retirement after 47 years of service. On January 5 Bishop McKissick will preach his final sermon as pastor.

### Various

NAIOP of Northeast Florida, the region's commercial real estate trade association has announced the following 2014 appointments: **Wyman Duggan** (LJ 2009) president, **David Auchter** (LJ 2002) director, **Jason Perry** (LJ 2014) director, and **Nelson Bradshaw** (NLS VIII) NAIOP of Florida board member.

### Youth Leadership Jacksonville



YLJ students enjoy bus ride to Arts Day activities

**Joni Harbottle Oleson** (YLJ XV) is one of 9 students accepted to the Communications Studies Masters program at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Congratulations to Joni on her recent marriage.

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## **Notes of Sympathy**

Our condolences to **Carolyn Gentry** (LJ 1979), and her family upon the death of her daughter Mary on November 30, 2013.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Circuit Judge **Jean Johnson** (LJ 1982), who passed away on December 12, 2013. Jean is survived by her husband Greg, their three children and four grandchildren.

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[Donate](#) - Your contributions, in addition to your member dues, help us keep the cost of tuition low so that we can include youth and adults from all walks of life. Click [here](#) to access the website payment center.

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