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NEWSLETTER FOR LEADERSHIP JACKSONVILLE

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March 2014

## Celebration 2014

An Evening to Honor Distinguished Community Trustees

**Thursday, April 17, 2014**

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

at the **Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront**

Honoring

***Toni Crawford,***

***William C. Mason, III and***

***Isabelle Owen Spence***

**Celebration** is Leadership Jacksonville's annual fundraising event benefiting Youth Leadership Jacksonville and Collegiate Leadership Experience. Support of this event helps us provide these quality programs at an affordable cost to young leaders from all walks of life.

Gather your friends and join your fellow alums for a special **Celebration** evening!

Tickets: \$150 per person

To purchase your ticket online, click [here](#).

This spectacular event would also be a great opportunity to introduce LJ to your business! Sponsorship information is available by contacting Jill Dame at [jill@leadershipjax.org](mailto:jill@leadershipjax.org) or call 904-396-6263 x 21.



Crawford



Mason



Spence

## Collegiate Leadership Experience Class of 2014

**Application Deadline: March 20, 2014**

Click the program name for information and selection criteria that can be forwarded to friends, family or co-workers who may have children eligible for the program.

Candidates may go to [www.leadershipjax.org](http://www.leadershipjax.org) to apply.

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### Upcoming events:

#### LJ 2014 Program Day

Thursday, March 13, 2014  
Economy, Growth & Preservation Day 1

#### Applications Due for CLE Class of 2014

Thursday, March, 20, 2014  
5:00 p.m., LJ Office

#### YLJ XXIV Closing Retreat

Saturday, March 29, 2014

#### CELEBRATION 2014

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

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### Class Notes

#### 1979

**Ted Pappas** was awarded the Architecture Alumni Achievement Award by Clemson University's School of Architecture at a luncheon held to celebrate the school's centennial.

#### 1983

**Bill Brinton** is the 2014-2016 chairman of The Community Foundation of Northeast Florida.

#### 1985

**Mike Weinstein** has filed to run for Jacksonville City Council At-Large Group 3.

#### 1988

**Jeff Atwater** has filed for reelection as Chief Financial Officer for the State of Florida.

#### 1991

**Nina Waters** recently concluded her term as chair of the Southeastern Council of Foundations' board of trustees.

#### 1992

**Lucy Cortese** retired from her position as executive director of Tree Hill Nature Center after 23 years. A freelance writer, Lucy publishes memoirs, poems and short stories in local and national publications, and creates custom verse for special occasions in her new business Lucy's Lines 'N Lyrics.

**Gary Flower** has filed to run for reelection as County Court Judge, Group 14.

#### 1993

Congratulations to **Patricia Vail** who was one of five attorneys recognized with an Outstanding Pro Bono Service Award for her commitment to pro bono work by Jacksonville Area Legal Aid at their annual Equal Justice Awards event.

### 1996

**Jay Fant** is running for Florida State Representative in the House District 15 race. District 15 is on the west side of the St. Johns River including Riverside, Avondale, Ortega, Argyle Forest, west to State Road 301. The primary election is August 26, 2014.

### 2000

**Mia Jones** has filed for reelection to the Florida House of Representatives, District 14.

### 2001

**John Zell** is slated to become the president of the Planned Giving Council of Northeast Florida this spring.

### 2009

**Linda Scaz** has been appointed by the JAX Chamber board as the 2014 All Councils chairperson.

**Anna Lopez Brosche** has filed to run for Jacksonville City Council At-Large Group 1.

### 2011

**Lynn Sherman** has filed to run for Jacksonville City Council, District 8.

### 2012

**Jimmy Holderfield** has filed with the Duval County Supervisor of Elections as a candidate for Sheriff.

### 2013

**R. Troy Smith** has joined the law firm of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP as partner.

### New Leadership Summit

**Peter Denoncourt** (NLS IX) has retired from Saft America, Inc.

### Various

**Mike Korn** (LJ 1986) is the 2014-15 vice president, **Dr. Tra'Chella Johnson Foy** (LJ 2007) is medical director, and **Dr. Sue Nussbaum** (LJ 2010) is board member at large of We Care Jacksonville.

The University of North Florida named **Hugh Greene** (LJ 1991) as chair of its board of trustees and **Joy Korman** (LJ 1995) as vice chair.

Clara White Mission, Inc. has named its new board of directors which includes: **Ed Perez** (LJ 2010), chairman; **Mike Freed** (LJ 2008); and **Ken Jefferson** (LJ 2014).

Mayor Alvin Brown recently recognized community leaders who were the first African Americans to lead changes in the fields of business, education and public policy with the Mayor's Trailblazer Awards. Leadership Jacksonville recipients included: **Dr. Barbara A. Darby** (LJ 1993) - first African American female campus president at Florida State College of Jacksonville, North Campus; **Tonyaa J. Weathersbee** (LJ 1995) - first African American editorial board member of the Florida Times-Union; **Dr. Floyd B. Willis** (LJ 2001) - first African American Chief of Family Medicine at the Mayo Clinic and **Bishop Rudolph W. McKissick, Sr.** (Honorary) - inaugural recipient of the Mayor's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Ten local women who have made outstanding contributions to the Jacksonville community were selected by the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women for recognition as 2014 Women's History Month honorees. These women epitomize this year's theme, Standing Strong, Standing Together: Jacksonville Women Working to Create a Stronger Community! This group includes LJ alumni **Sandy Bartow** (LJ 2007), **Susan Ponder-Stansel** (LJ 1991), **Judy Smith** (LJ 1993) and **Carolyn Williams** (LJ 2005, posthumous).

Included in the Jacksonville Business Journal's 2014 list of the 40 most promising up-and-comers under 40 in Northeast Florida are: **Trey Csar** (LJ 2011), **Juan Diaz** (LJ 2008), **Broderick Green** (LJ 2012) and **Jeremy Miller** (LJ 2010). Congratulations!

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## Notes of Sympathy

Our condolences to **Allan Wulburn** (LJ 2009) and his family upon the death of his mother, Mrs. Catherine Brantley, on February 6, 2014.

Our condolences to the family and friends of **William L. Thompson** (LJ 1994) who passed away in December.

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Volunteer for a program- volunteers keep our programs running smoothly and provide valuable direction to the participants. Click here to access the volunteer form.

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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