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NEWSLETTER FOR LEADERSHIP JACKSONVILLE

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The Leadership Jacksonville Board of Directors and Staff wish each of you an abundance of all good things this Thanksgiving, and want to share with you our own reflections during this holiday.

"As President of Leadership Jacksonville and as a community trustee, I am thankful to live, work, play and volunteer in our great city." - *Stephen Goldman, Board President*

"I am so thankful for all the young people that dedicate their time and energy to participate in our youth and college programs. I am especially grateful when they make the extra effort to keep in touch long after the program ends to share their success and ways their time with us positively impacted their life" - *Meg Folds, Youth Programs Director*

"I am grateful for the beauty and diversity found everywhere in our world. I am grateful for the opportunity to work in an organization of such conscientious and committed staff and volunteers who strive each day to make Jacksonville a wonderful reflection of that world." - *Yvonne Moore, Administrative Assistant*

"I am thankful for this wonderful community and for the opportunity to serve with all of you in creating an environment for us to flourish as citizens. At this time and every day, I am grateful for the loving engagement of our class members and alumni." - *Barbara Moulding, Adult Program Coordinator*

"While I am always incredibly thankful for my family, this year as I begin work at Leadership Jacksonville I am also thankful for the LJ family. The staff, boards, and volunteers have built a great organization that I have the opportunity to steer. Thank you Izzy Spence for leaving everything here in great shape." - *Jill Dame, Executive Director*

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**The Leadership Jacksonville office will be closed  
on Thursday and Friday, November 28-29, 2013.**

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### Happy Hour at Mark's Jacksonville

Mark's was the place to be on Thursday, October 17, when alumni gathered for great fun and a wonderful chance to meet members of the LJ Class of 2014!



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### LJ Class 2014 experiences the Criminal Justice system.





## Leadership Jacksonville

has an opportunity to contribute to the work of the Task Force on Consolidated Government. Our classes hear about issues related to consolidation and Councilwoman Lori Boyer addressed the Task Force's work at the Reunion Luncheon. Public input is essential in this process and you can help. The Task Force has created a Public Input Survey. The survey may be found online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RJNJF67>. If you wish to remain anonymous, you may omit any identifying information in the survey.

The survey will be on-line for completion until November 14, 2013.

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### Youth Leadership Jacksonville Class XXIV



Susie Slappey assists a diversity activity.

"One For All" said it all for YLJ Class XXIV as they met for their second program day on Thursday, October 24. Class members focused on communication, respect, appreciating differences, and understanding themselves and others.



Trish Cannan oversees group discussions.

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**NOMINATIONS** are being accepted  
for the **Leadership Jacksonville Class of 2015**  
and **Collegiate Leadership Experience Class of 2014**.

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

Click [here](#) to submit your **NOMINATIONS**. Remember, you may nominate more than one qualified candidate.

Nominations are just the first step  
Nominees will be invited later in the year to complete an application.

Nominations for **LJ Class of 2015** will be accepted until **January 10, 2014**.  
Nominations for **CLE Class of 2014** will be accepted until **February 21, 2014**.



**Youth Leadership Jacksonville Class XXV** application information has been forwarded to area high schools. This program is for students who will be high school juniors during the 2014-15 school year. If you have, or know of, an interested sophomore, have them check in their school office as soon as possible.

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## Upcoming events:

### LJ 2014 Program Day

Thursday, November 14, 2013  
Social Responsibility & Sustainability Day 3

### YLJ XXIV Program Day

Thursday, November 14, 2013 "Inside the System"

### CELEBRATION 2014

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

**NOTE DATE CHANGE TO APRIL 17**

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## Class Notes

### 1980

**Jack McWilliams** has joined the Jacksonville Office of Lewis, Longman & Walker.

### 1999

**Marlene Spalten** is president and chief executive officer of the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay, Inc.

**Cheryl Riddick** has joined the Hester Group as director of community engagement.

### 2007

Congratulations to **Jan Korb** on her October wedding to John Hirabayashi.

**Terry West** is serving as chair-elect on the WJCT board of trustees.

**Warren Grymes** was honored by Jacksonville University at this fall's homecoming game with the Distinguished Alumni Award.

### 2010

Congratulations to **Jeremy Miller** and his wife Jodie on the recent birth of their son Knox.

**Tammy Morris** has been promoted to assistant chief with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office.

### 2012

**Jennifer Gornto** has joined Northeast Florida Healthy Start Coalition as executive director.

CREW Jacksonville presented the Best Deal award to **Brenda Ezell**, Ezell Law Firm. CREW is an organization for women in commercial real estate.

### 2013

**Paul Martinez** is the Director of Intra-Governmental Services for the City of Jacksonville.

**Tayloe McDonald** has been named director of development for the Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center.

### New Leadership Summit

Take Stock in Children appointed **Ted Carter** (NLS XI), to chair its state board of directors.

### Honorary

**Preston Haskell** received the 2013 Visionary Leader Award from The Urban Land Institute North Florida District Council.

**Bishop Rudolph W. McKissick Sr.** was honored by the Jacksonville Urban League as one of three Outstanding Reformers at its 40th annual Equal Opportunity luncheon. Bishop McKissick received the Urban League's Whitney M. Young National Leadership Award for his lifelong civil rights and human rights advocacy.

### Various

United Way of Northeast Florida's 2013-14 board of trustees includes **George Scanlon** (NLS X), Treasurer, and **Barbara Drake** (LJ 1992), Community Impact Council Chair. The board of directors includes **Anna Lopez Brosche** (LJ 2009), 2013-15 Chair and **Pat Geraghty** (NLS XI), 2013 Campaign Chair.

The Florida Hospital Association has named **Moody Chisholm** (NLS IX), and **James Burkhart** (LJ 2005), to its board of trustees.

Folio Weekly announced the 2013 Best of Jax winners which include LJ alums and the organizations of which they are a part: **Barbara Gubbin** (NLS IV), Public Libraries for Best Use of Public Money and Downtown Main Library for Best Library Branch; **Melissa Ross** (LJ 2013), Best Radio Personality and First Coast Connect for Best Radio Show; **Michael Boylan** (NLS I and LJ 2005), WJCT for Best Radio Station; **Jesse Wilson** (CLE 2012), Best Author; **Hope McMath** (LJ 2006), The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens for Best Museum; and **Moody Chisholm** (NLS IX), St. Vincent's Medical Center for Best Hospital.

**Abel Harding** (LJ 2013), and **Kerri Stewart** (LJ 2006), have been named to the board of directors of Operation New Hope.

**Floyd Willis** (LJ 2001), and **Keith Stein** (LJ 2003), were honored as 2013 Health Care Heroes by the Jacksonville Business Journal.

### Youth Leadership Jacksonville

**Duneshka Moran** (YLJ XXIV), has been named Miss Independence Junior Teen and will attend the 2013 Miss American Junior Teen national pageant for her age group during Thanksgiving week in Orlando. The state pageant recognized and reward outstanding your women for their accomplishments and encourages them to set and achieve high goals.

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There are many ways you can help Leadership Jacksonville fulfill its mission:

[Nominate a Candidate](#) - high quality candidates keep the program fresh, informative and valuable to the community. Click [here](#) to start the process.

[Volunteer for a program](#) - volunteers keep our programs running smoothly and provide valuable direction to the participants.

[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.

Please consider a contribution today

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