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Leadership Jacksonville 2024 Opening Dinner

The LJ 2024 class members, nominators, and guests enjoyed the LJ 2024 Opening Dinner on August 1 at the University of North Florida. The creative opening introductions gave everyone an opportunity to get to know each other better as they get ready for an exciting program year ahead.



**Next Generation 2023
'Building Bridges to the
Future' Day**





NextGen 2023 participated in 'Building Bridges to the Future' Day with a goal of understanding how innovation, social change, and economics intersect in our community. Local leaders from different industries spoke with the NextGen members and participants attended the Meninak of Jacksonville luncheon with keynote speaker Mayor Donna Deegan. The day joyfully ended with a heartfelt "Duuuval"!

Leadership Jacksonville Endowment Committee



Jeffrey Bernardo (LJ 2016)



Pam Gerrish Nelson (LJ 2011)



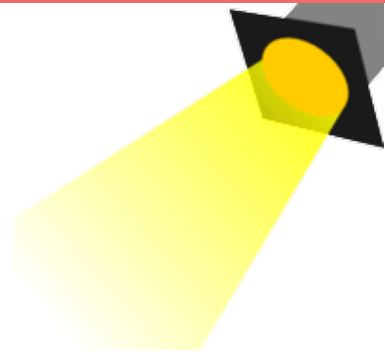
Tim Johnson (LJ 2019)



Linda Lindenmoyer (LJ 2018)



Will Smith (LJ 2011, NLS 2006)



Alumni Spotlight: The LJ Endowment Committee

We asked some of the Endowment Committee members what they enjoy most about being part of the team and here's what they shared:

Jeffrey Bernardo, (LJ 2016), Chair: "I have enjoyed being able to volunteer and help advance LJ's mission while using my professional knowledge and experience. The Endowment Committee is a team effort among alumni, staff, and board, and everyone contributes with his/her own specific set of skills.

Pam Gerrish Nelson (LJ 2011): "The Endowment Committee team is amazing! The genuine care

from everyone to be great stewards for Leadership Jacksonville's funds is ever present in each meeting."

Tim Johnson (LJ 2019): "This is a bright and engaging group of individuals who work to sustain the future of LJ each time they meet. I was honored to be asked to join and knew I could contribute based on my experience as a pension fund administrator. Seeing other members in action made me want to work with them."

UPCOMING LEADERSHIP CONNECT DATES

Leadership Connect continues to build relationships and foster new alumni connections across YLJ, NextGen, LJ and Honorary members.

Click on the dates below to sign up.



Leadership Connect Breakfast with Marcus Isom, Jr. (NextGen 2019)
Friday, August 11

Leadership Connect Lunch with Janice Donaldson (LJ 1993)
Thursday, August 17

Leadership Connect Lunch with Madelen Salter (LJ 2021)
Tuesday, August 22



Leadership Connect Happy Hour with Jeanne Maron (LJ 2004)
Wednesday, August 30

Leadership Connect Happy Hour with David Miller (LJ 2008) and Michael Miller (LJ 2013)
Friday, September 8

Leadership Connect Lunch with Quint White (LJ 1988)
Wednesday, September 13

2023 EVENTS & PROGRAM DAYS

NextGen 2023 Closing Retreat
Saturday, August 5

LJ 2024 Opening Retreat
Friday and Saturday,
August 18 and 19

YLJ 2024 Opening Retreat
Friday and Saturday,
August 25 and 26

YLJ 2024 "In Living Color" Day
Thursday, September 7

**LJ 2024 Leading From Within Day
Thursday, September 21**

**LJ 2025 Nominations Open
Friday, September 29**

UPCOMING LJ CLASS SOCIALS

Do you have an upcoming LJ Class social? Please email Manisha Joshi at manisha@leadershipjax.org and we will include it in the monthly newsletter.

LJ 1993 will have their 30th year Class Reunion on Thursday, October 12 from 5-7pm. Venue to be announced. RSVP to **Janice Donaldson** at donaldsonjanice77@gmail.com.

LJ 2014 is having their 10th anniversary Class Dinner on Monday, August 7 at 5:30pm at Seasons 52. RSVP to **Kim Holland** at 904-504-5830 or at kim_yzfr6@yahoo.com.

LJ 2021 will get together for lunch on Thursday, August 24 at 11:30am at Florida Juice & Bowl, San Marco. RSVP to **Madelen Salter** at msalter@oesjax.com

LJ 2023 will have their Class Social on Thursday, August 24 from 5-7pm at Myrtle Avenue Brewing Company. RSVP to **Errol White** at errol.e.white@gmail.com.

LJ 2021 gathered for a Class Social on July 27 at Aardwolf Brewery.



LJ 2023 enjoyed a Class Social on July 27 at Mellow Mushroom.



ALUMNI CLASS NOTES

Submit your news to
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1977

Wayne Wood (LJ 1977) received the 2023 Florida Trust for Historic Preservation's Book of the Year Award for "*Jacksonville's Architectural Heritage: Bicentennial Edition*".

2008

Mike Freed (LJ 2008) is one of the 2023 Honorees who will be recognized at the Jacksonville Area Legal Aid's [21st Annual Equal Justice Awards](#) on September 20 at the Marriott Jacksonville Downtown. JALA's Equal Justice Awards are bestowed on a person or organization who has promoted the cause of equal justice for low-income residents of Northeast Florida.

2009

Allan Wulbern (LJ 2009) was elected to the 2023-2024 Jacksonville Bankruptcy Bar Association board.

2010

Jay Monahan (LJ 2010) was [featured in LEADERS online magazine](#) on the history, leadership and culture of the PGA TOUR.

2014

Kalilah Jamall (NextGen 2014) was recognized as Employee of the Month at Jacksonville University.

2013

Congratulations to **Nicole Saunders** (NextGen 2013) on becoming an Administrative Law Judge for the State of Florida.

2016

Chris Kennelly (LJ 2016) was appointed to the Mayor's Advisory Commission on Television, Motion Picture and Commercial Production.

Bruce Fafard (NLS 2016) announced his retirement from The Museum of Science & History effective February 2024.

2018

Congratulations to **Phyllis Martin** (LJ 2018) on becoming the first Executive Director for the Jewish Endowment Foundation of Greater Charleston.

2019

Colleen Bell (LJ 2019) was named President of the Health Division at the Sulzbacher Center.

Marcus Isom Jr. (NextGen 2019) is the new President of the D.W. Perkins Bar Association for the 2023-2024 year.

2020

Dawn Alexander (LJ 2020) was named to Morgan Stanley's Pacesetter's Club, a group of the firm's successful Financial Advisors.

Amanda Crawford (LJ 2020) joined the U.S. Congress as a Field Representative for Rep. Aaron Bean and constituents, and works as a liaison with federal, district, and local agencies.

2021

Madelen Salter (LJ 2021) joined Office Environments and Services as the Executive Vice President, Sales.

2022

Rebecca Ackerman (NextGen 2022) began a new position as a part-time Adjunct Professor at American University teaching Data-Driven Decision Making.

2023

Leonard Chatman (LJ 2023) will be speaking at [TEDxSilver Spring](#) on October 28 in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Congratulations to **Shane Hester** (LJ 2023) on his new position as Associate Chief Medical Informatics Officer at UF Health Jacksonville.

LJ 2023 participated in a day of service for

the Giving Closet Project. The nonprofit organization provides clothing, laundry, and other services to some of Jacksonville's underserved students, schools, and communities.



Moez Limayem (NLS 2023) was awarded the National Academy of Inventors (NAI) Sentinel Award at their 12th Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. for his many contributions to innovation and invention. The award acknowledges individuals who fulfill the NAI's mission to recognize inventors with U.S. patents, and enhance the visibility of academic technology and innovation.

On left: **Moez Limayem**

Julianna Favale (NextGen 2023) was [featured in the Jacksonville Daily Record](#) sharing about the rewards of volunteering.

Taj Johnson (NextGen 2023) joined the Jacksonville Public Education Fund as a Strategic Initiatives Associate.

Gabrielle Williams (NextGen 2023) served as a panelist for the National Association for Kinesiology in Higher Education (NAKHE) Conference on July 4 at Jacksonville University. The discussion focused on "Building a DEI-Driven Entrepreneurial Landscape in Leadership and Higher Education".

COMBINED CLASSES & HONORARY

Laura Phillips Edgecombe (LJ 2024) and **Alex Sifakis** (LJ 2014) are among the panelists for the [TEDxJacksonville Salon "Downtown: A City Rediscovering Its Center"](#) on Monday, August 14 at the Jessie Ball duPont Center. Local stakeholders will share their vision for downtown's growth as well as the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

Clare Berry (LJ 2016) and **Joe Mitrick** (LJ 1999) are being honored as "Beach Legends" by the Beaches Museum and will be recognized at its [Beach Legends Gala](#) on September 15 at the TPC Sawgrass Clubhouse.

Carla Miller (LJ 1985) and **Alissa Swota** (LJ 2014) were among the guest speakers at the University of North Florida's Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies' Ethics Academy, which is a two-week philosophy summer camp for high school students.





NextGen and **LJ Alumni** were spotted at Vice President Kamala Harris' visit to Jacksonville on July 22 at the Ritz Theatre and Museum.

Honorary

Diana Greene (Honorary) joined The Children's Literacy Initiative as their new Chief Executive Officer.

IN SYMPATHY



Our condolences to the family of **Sylvia McDonald Johnson** (LJ 2001) who passed away on July 9.

Our thoughts are with the family of **Reverend Mother Davette Turk** (LJ 1999) who passed away on July 19. She was Florida's first female Episcopal Priest.

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