

# THE LEADING *EDGE*

LEADERSHIP JOHNSON COUNTY—JANUARY NEWSLETTER

## January Program Day—Media & Communication



# DAILY JOURNAL

Thank you to our January Program Day Underwriter





**Andy Brock**  
**Director at Anthem**

**Family:** Wife of 21 years– Kristi; Daughter – Maggie (Senior at Whiteland); Son – Max (sophomore at Whiteland)

**Where we live:** Whiteland

**What is your favorite LJC moment or lesson to date:** The mousetrap exercise and learning to trust someone you just met to guide you through safely.

**Number one skill you practice that makes you successful:** Not taking things too seriously and trying

to inject a sense of humor into all parts of my life. Laughter is good medicine to be taken often.

**Favorite quote:** Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

**Hobbies and interests outside of work:** Fantasy football, golfing, camping, traveling and spending time with my family.

**Something on your bucket list:** I am not fond of heights at all but strangely enough I would absolutely love to go sky diving!

**If you could appear on one game show, what would you choose and why:** American Ninja Warrior because I like being active, challenging myself and trying new adventures. Max and I went to see the taping in Indianapolis last year and it was so cool to see the obstacle course and participants in person.



**Amy Richardson**  
**Owner, Sixtus Management, Property Management Company**

**Family:** Husband: Rob Richardson; Children: Ryan (34), Alicia (32), Alix (23), Adri (20), Annie (18), and Aaryn (16)

**Where we live:** We live in Bargersville, close to Mallow Run Winery.

**What is your favorite LJC moment or lesson to date:** I LOVED the tour of the area farms and hearing each owner’s passion for their particular area of agriculture and each one’s desire for preservation of our farmland.

**Number one skill you practice that makes you successful:** The ability to see the good in people. Everyone has goodness somewhere inside them. Being able to see it lends understanding to even the hardest of relationships.

**Favorite quote:** *From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.* Luke 56:8

**Hobbies and interests outside of work:** Traveling and trying new restaurants with my family. We’re those crazy people you see at restaurants who take as many photos of our food as we do our family and friends!

**What is your perfect pizza:** Thin crust, sausage, ricotta, sundried tomatoes, basil – yummo!

**Name one word to describe yourself:** Grateful



**Steve Barnett**  
**Project Manager, Miller Pipeline**

**Family:** Wife, Jeannie (39 years); Daughter, Mindi (37); Stevie (33); Granddaughters, Brianna (16 ) and Kira (6)

**Where we live:** Franklin, for 59 years!

**What is your favorite moment or lesson to date:** The driving tour

**What or who inspires you:** The Worldly Wisdom of My Father

**Number one skill that you practice that makes you successful:**  
Being able to communicate with different personalities.

**Hobbies and interests outside of work:** Dirt Track Racing

**Tell me about a project or accomplishment that you consider to be the most significant in your career:**  
2012—Exalted Ruler at Franklin Elks Lodge and leading different fundraising event. We raised over \$100,000 for charity!

**Name one word to describe yourself:** Multitasker



**Kim Henderson**  
**Marketing Officer/Human Resources Specialist**  
**at Mutual Savings Bank**

**Family:** Married to Chris. 13 year old daughter, Sara, in 8th grade at FCMS

**Where do you live:** In the Windstar addition in Franklin

**What is your favorite LJC moment or lesson to date:** I like the LJC Project piece of the class. There are so many areas of the county that could use help and to have the gate wide open to pick something that will benefit the community is overwhelming but satisfying at the same time. It was great to have discussion

with my project team about the pros and cons of the ideas that we had and work to narrow down what we wanted to focus on.

**Number one skill you practice that makes you successful:** Giving my best effort to whatever I am doing. It doesn't matter if it's a small task or a big one, if you are going to do it, it's worth doing well. And those small tasks, if done well, can lead to bigger things.

**Favorite quote:** Take every chance in life, because some things only happen once.

**Tell me about a project or accomplishment that you consider to be the most significant in your career:** I started working at the bank 18 years ago as Administrative Assistant and Trust Specialist, this position also included HR related duties. Over the years I have worked my way up and my position has shifted to where I am now in Marketing and HR. I have grown in so many ways during my time at the bank, including my growth with community service and involvement.

**What's your superpower, or what's your spirit animal:** My boss calls me an Organizational Ninja. Organizing/planning/multi-tasking is definitely my superpower.

**Name of a local business you utilize personally or professionally that provides an outstanding service:** Spotlight Strategies. I have worked with them for 18 years. They are responsive, provide quality products and I never have any problems with timeliness or orders. That is very hard to find in a vendor.





**Karen Brandon**  
**Owner, My Marketing Gals**

**Family:** Bob - Husband, Mia & Jonah -11, Clara - 10, Murphy & Henri - our Love of Lab Rescue dogs

**Where do you live:** Greenwood, Indiana

**What is your favorite LJC moment or lesson to date:** “Ask for help.” is something I’m terrible at. With all of the LJC Projects, on top of current personal and work commitments, it’s a necessity to ask for help. I’ve learned to ask my LJC group partners as well as friends and family for help so I can attempt to get it all done.

**Number one skill you practice that makes you successful:** Looking at situations from all perspectives. (Perhaps my psychology degree actually came in handy.)

**Hobbies and interests outside of work:** Spending time with friends and family. Trying new local restaurants and shops. Traveling with family and girlfriend trips are a must. I also enjoy creating stained glass, salvage shopping and repurposing old into new.

**When have you been most satisfied in your life:** Enjoying simple moments with family and friends. If you are looking to extend the dinner conversation time with family I highly recommend a hot tub. We purchased one just over a year ago and had no clue the added benefit of enjoying additional time ‘unplugging’ with our kids.

**Tell me about a project or accomplishment that you consider to be the most significant in your career:** I take great pride seeing my clients business increase due to the impact my business has on them. It’s especially rewarding to see struggling businesses turn the corner towards success as a result of effective marketing. Initially when I opened my business 6 years ago I was doing something totally different, but as I talked with local business owners and listened to what they needed I changed my business model. With a passion for supporting locally owned businesses I was able to create a business around helping the mom and pop shop use their small marketing budgets and show them results that had life changing impact on their business.

**What’s your superpower, or what’s your spirit animal:** I’m guessing my spirit animal would be a dog. Loyal, honest, likes to be around others, likes to please others, finds joy in most things.

**Name of a local business you utilize personally or professionally that provides an outstanding service:** Visit Indy. While helping a client market their business it was suggested by someone to explore all Visit Indy had to offer. Initially it seemed they would be too big of an organization to take interest in a small local business. Boy was I wrong. From the initial phone call to their continued support the staff has taken time to get to know us and make us feel important. I look forward to recommending Visit Indy!

## Applications for the Class of 2018 Now Available

LJC is now accepting applications for the next “best class!” Do you know someone who would benefit from participating in LJC? Please send their name and email address to [Kate at ktaylor@franklincollee.edu](mailto:Kate at ktaylor@franklincollee.edu) and an invitation to apply for the program will be emailed.

An information session will be held on February 21 at 8:00 a.m. in the Henderson Conference Room at Franklin College. If

you know someone who would like to learn more, please pass along that information. And remember...the grad with the most submitted names and the grad with the most submitted applications will earn a Leadership Johnson County jacket!





# ALUMNI IN THE

# News

- Congratulations to **Chris Menze ('09)** and **John Bonsett ('97)** who both recently retired from the Johnson County Health Department. Thank you for your outstanding commitment and service to our community!

- Congratulations to **Sandy Thompson ('08)** who recently retired from Johnson County REMC. Enjoy your retirement to warmer weather Sandy!

- Congratulations to **Paul Hoffman ('16)** who is in the final stages of editing his second book, "Wicked Columbus Indiana." We can't wait to read the final product!

- Congratulations to **Jenny Blevins ('16)** who recently returned to Mutual Savings Bank and will begin a new career as a Loan Operations Specialist.

- Congratulations to **Jen Whitson ('13)** and her husband Clint, on the birth of their third child, Cale Lincoln Whitson. Adorable!



- Congratulations to **Joe Waltermann ('07)** who is the new Vice President and Office Manager for the new location of Lake City Bank in Greenwood. The branch opened on January 23rd.

- **Andy Bowen ('16)** has been promoted to the Retail Market Leader for the Indianapolis Central Market of First Merchants Bank. He was previously the Banking Center Manager of the Greenwood SR 135 Banking Center. Congratulations!

- Congratulations to LJC Alum **Jennifer Price Tennell ('03)** and Advisory Council member **Jeff Goben** who were recently awarded the Distinguished Hoosier Award by the Indiana State Governor for uniquely bringing admiration and respect to the state through their character and accomplishments.



- Congratulations to **Jay Goad ('99)** for his new position with Jones & Anderson CPA Group.

## LJC 2.0 - December



Leadership Johnson County

# Wine Event

Presented By:  OLD NATIONAL BANK®

*You are invited to attend A Tour of Spain, featuring fine wines and cuisine, live and silent auction, wine pull, raffle and more.*

**Saturday, March 11th, 2017**

Reception: 6:00 p.m. / Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

**Barn at Bay Horse Inn**

1468 West Stones Crossing Rd  
Greenwood, IN 46143

**Tickets**

Individual \$100.00

Sponsorships available

For more information, contact Tandy Shuck at [tshuck@franklincollege.edu](mailto:tshuck@franklincollege.edu) or 317-738-8264

**Only a few tickets remaining! [Tickets on sale now!](#)**

The LJC Wine Committee is looking for items to add to our silent and live auction. Do you have gift cards you won't use? Christmas gifts you don't want? The committee can add your items to other items and create fantastic baskets for our guests to bid on. Contact Co-Chairs [Natalie Campbell](#) or [Ashely Davidson](#) for more information!

**KIC**

**-IT**

KIC-IT (Kids in Crisis—Intervention Team) is in need of volunteers who would be willing to help with grant applications.

If you have a heart for kids and are looking for a meaningful way to help fight homelessness in Johnson County, please consider volunteering your time and talent.

Inquiries should be directed to Kimberly Spurling at [spurlingk@franklinschools.org](mailto:spurlingk@franklinschools.org).



# WOMEN in Leadership

Join Leadership Johnson County for a full day of learning about issues facing women in the workplace. A dynamic line-up of speakers will address issues around career planning and management, executive professionalism for women, the importance of a male mentor and how to learn/do/grow/develop your career.

Friday, February 24th, 2017

9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Franklin College

\$99.00 per person;  
group discounts available

[Register here!](#)

For more information,  
contact Kelsey Kasting at  
317-738-8794 or  
[kkasting@franklincollege.edu](mailto:kkasting@franklincollege.edu)



**Caroline Dowd-Higgins**

Indiana University  
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Executive Director



**Kelly Watkins**

Indiana University,  
Kelley School of  
Business



**Dale Reborn**

Franklin College,  
Director of  
Leadership  
Curriculum



**Carolyn Goerner**

Indiana University,  
Kelley School of  
Business

*Thank you to our Women in Leadership Program Underwriters*



South Grove  
Eye Care



## Expanded Learning Opportunities

Be sure to save the date for the following:

LJC 2.0—February 22, 2017—Social Services & Balance of Life—\$49.00

Power of Innovation—April 19th, 2017—\$99.00

Contact [Kelsey Kasting](#) to purchase your seat!



# JOHNSON COUNTY PRESENTS...

Explore new places and meet new faces, support great nonprofits and enjoy food, fun and community!

## Upcoming Events



[Purchase your tickets today!](#)

Each \$150 ticket includes admission for two, one entry in the reverse raffle, food & drink tickets, games and **FUN!**

A graphic for the 'Soup Bowl' event. The title 'Soup Bowl' is written in a large, blue, bubbly font with a green outline. Below the title is an illustration of three bowls of soup on a table. One bowl has the Habitat for Humanity logo on it. The background is green.

Please join us!

February 26, 2017  
Scott Hall - JC Fairgrounds  
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

\$25 Admission  
Soup Bowl, Soup, Dessert & Drink  
Silent Auction Including Beautiful Pottery  
Silent Auction 4 - 6 pm

Tickets available at the following:  
Horizon Bank - All Branches/Franklin, Greenwood & Bargersville  
Mutual Savings Bank - Both Franklin Branches  
Edinburgh Library  
Habitat ReStore - Whiteland  
At Door - Day of Event

A collage of four small photos showing people at the event, including a table with many bowls of soup and people interacting.

JCCF Lunch & Learn  
February 14th  
11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.  
Greenwood Public Library  
\$10—[RSVP HERE](#)

Lela Smith and Sarah Bradbury of Indiana Youth Institute will speak on Effective Grant

Johnson Memorial  
Hospital Foundation  
Gala—Benefiting  
Access to Behavioral  
Health

February 25, 2017

JW Marriott

[Tickets available](#)

Let's give them something  
to talk about!

The logo for The Historic Artcraft Theatre, featuring a stylized landscape with palm trees and a sun.

The Historic  
ARTCRAFT  
Theatre

# SPONSORSHIP Party

February 4, 2017  
Annual fundraiser event!

Logos for Franklin Heritage Inc., The Historic Artcraft Theatre, and Madison Street Salvage.

## The Historic Artcraft Theatre

57 NORTH MAIN STREET, FRANKLIN, IN  
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - [Ticket info here!](#)



# Alumni Relations Keeps You Connected

## GROUNDHOG DAY CELEBRATION!

### JOIN US FOR FOOD, FUN, AND NETWORKING!

Feel free to bring a potential applicant for the class of 2018!

Thursday, February 2nd, 2017

Open house from 4:30 – 6:30pm

RSVP to Kelsey Kasting  
(kkasting@franklincollege.edu)

Johnson County  
Community Foundation  
398 S. Main Street  
Franklin, IN 46131

(Additional parking to east in  
prosecutor's parking lot)

#### SPONSORED BY:



### Go-Ahead Team Fills Gap

Are you looking for an easy way to volunteer with LJC? Our Go-Ahead team members volunteer 1-2 times a year to help with set-up and tear-down of the Signature Program days. Fast, easy and a great way to stay connected....plus, you get a free LJC t-shirt!

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact [Natalie Campbell.](#)



Thank you to Hoosier Brewhouse for a fantastic lunch and great service!



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## The Statehouse File

TheStatehouseFile.com is a publication of the Franklin College Pulliam School of Journalism. Stories are researched and written by students and editors with commentary from community leaders.

Our goal is to give students the opportunity to work side-by-side with professional journalists, prepare for careers as reporters, and develop the skills to thrive in the ever-changing media industry. We also aim to provide Hoosiers as well as Indiana media organizations additional Statehouse coverage.

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## Women of Distinction Applications Now Available

The Office of Diversity & Inclusion is accepting nominations for the 2017 Women of Distinction awards. All nominations are due by noon on Wednesday, Feb. 8. The recipients will be chosen on the following criteria: Supports and promotes the idea of empowering women, demonstrates a strong and growing commitment to the community as a volunteer, demonstrates exceptional skills as a role model or mentor of women and girls through advocacy, community service and leadership. Four separate awards will be presented to a Franklin College student, Franklin College alumna, Franklin College faculty/staff member and a community member

All nominees and winners will be recognized at the Women of Distinction Breakfast on Wednesday, March 8 at 8:30 a.m. in the Henderson Conference Room. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased in the Office of Diversity & Inclusion.

If you would like to nominate a Women of Distinction, please contact [Terri Roberts-Leonard](#) for the application.

## Maura Cullen to Present on Increasing Your Diversity Competence

"Dumb Things Well-Intended People Say: 10 Skills to Increase Your Diversity Competence" will be presented by author Maura J. Cullen on Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 7 PM in the Branigin Room at Franklin College. This event is free to the public.

Maura is widely considered one of the nation's foremost authorities on diversity issues on college campuses today. Cullen will discuss statements people often make in an effort to be supportive or complimentary, but are actually problematic. Meant as joining statements, these remarks often have the opposite effect and end up creating a larger divide. Participants will gain knowledge of communications traps, how to avoid them and what tools to use in their place. Please join us at this important event!

Leadership Johnson County would like to thank our intern, Tim Morris, who has spent 120 hours with us during his January term. Tim is a senior graphics design major at Franklin College. During his time here, Tim designed the program booklet for our upcoming Women in Leadership workshop, organized years worth of community project binders, helped with solicitation for items to use in our silent auction, attended programs and events, and much more. We wish him well during his final semester at Franklin College! Tim is pictured here drawing out the winner of the raffle at our networking lunch.





# RUN FOR YOUR CHARITY!



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**5K | 10K | KIDS RUN**

**\$25 EARLY Registration  
through March 31<sup>st</sup>!**



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**April 22, 2017**  
@ Center Grove HS Campus

## This community event includes...

... 10K Run, Family-Friendly 5K Walk/Run, FREE Kids Run, Music, Food, Vendors, Giveaways & Awards! Proceeds raised benefit Johnson County area, organizations & trail projects.

## REGISTER ONLINE!

RockTheBlockRun.org

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-  @RockTheBlockRun  
#RTBRun17
-  @RocktheBlockRun



## RUN FOR US: LEADERSHIP JOHNSON COUNTY AT FRANKLIN COLLEGE

Help LJC qualify as a charity for participation in Rock the Block. We need 5 volunteers and 20 runners/walkers to register under our organization to be considered. Please help us join this fun event! [Register Here!](#)

## Grant and Scholarship Deadlines Fast Approaching

The deadline to apply for Johnson County Community Foundation grants and scholarships is fast approaching. Information on eligibility, awards and more can be found on JCCF website. In 2016, JCCF AWARDED 134 NEW SCHOLARSHIPS TOTALING \$195,930.00!! Be sure to check out the link for scholarships [here!](#) Scholarships are due online from students on February 24th. JCCF offers unrestricted cycle grants to nonprofit organizations for charitable projects in Johnson County, Indiana or serving Johnson County residents. Grant applications can be found [here](#) and are due by March 3rd.



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Thank You to our Innovation Catalyst

The Elba L. and Gene Portteus Branigin Foundation

The Innovation Catalyst is a new sponsorship level with a donation of \$10,000 for three years to help LJC continue to build and offer new and exciting programs and workshops outside of the Signature Program.

Thank You to our Technology Sponsor—Kurt Schletzer

## Edward Jones®

LJC recently applied for a technology grant from the Franklin College IT department. This was a matching grant to upgrade the technology available in the Dietz Center for Professional Development. We are excited to have secured the grant and now have a beautiful new large screen monitor for use in the building!

## What's Happening at YOUR Local Chamber

### Franklin Chamber Annual Meeting Awards Banquet

Thursday, February 9th  
11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Indiana Masonic Home Compass Park Community Center  
690 State Street  
Franklin, Indiana 46131  
Cost to attend: \$25.00 per person  
[RSVP Here!](#)

Join the Chamber for their Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet.

Awards include: Business Hall of Fame, Community Impact and Community Service

### Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce Legislation Matters Luncheon

Thursday, February 9, 2017  
11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Valle Vista  
755 East Main Street  
Greenwood, IN 46131

Cost to attend: \$20.00 per person, [RSVP Here!](#)

The Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend the Legislative Luncheon featuring Greenwood Mayor Mark Myers who will be giving the state of the city address.

