



**Leadership Johnson County**

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# Youth Leadership Academy Participant Earns Lilly Scholarship

Congratulations to Emma Dillon, current participant in LJC's first Youth Leadership Academy, on her selection as a 2020 Lilly Endowment Scholar winner. Emma was one of three students selected from over 50 applicants for her impressive community service and academic dedication throughout her high school career. The award includes a full-tuition scholarship and annual \$900 book stipend.



Emma will be graduating from Franklin Community High School a semester early and will continue her work at a local preschool. She has been accepted as a direct admit to the Indiana University Kelley School of Business in the fall of 2020, where she will pursue a degree in marketing.

Congratulations, Emma! We are proud of you and your dedication to excellence!



# December Signature Program Day

Class members participated in an economic development simulation where groups of participants researched and presented on a community within Johnson County. Guest speaker, Dana Monson, led the discussion on tax increment financing, quality of place, attracting and retaining businesses within a community, and more.

*Aspire*  
economic development  
+ chamber alliance



# Class Profiles



## Kelly Warner

### 5th Grade Teacher, Whiteland Elementary School

**Family:** Husband, Doug; Children: Brittney (34), Ashley (32), Christian (28), Clay (28), Ty (25), Shelbi (23), Jumpshot (16)

**Where do you live:** Franklin

**Favorite LJC moment or lesson to date:** I loved visiting the Farms in October - it is nice to see all that they are doing for our community.

**What or who inspires you:** My students.

**Favorite quote:** In my classroom, our motto is "Don't Do Dumb Stuff" - which is a great quote to live by!

**Hobbies and interests outside of work:** Traveling to different places with my husband.

**Something on your bucket list:** To visit Santorini, Greece with my husband.

**What's your spirit animal:** The Skunk



## Angela Tressel

### Collegiate Athletics Administrator, NCAA

**Family:** Husband, Ryan; Children, Brady (8) and Kenslee (5)

**Live:** Center Grove

**Favorite LJC moment or lesson to date:** Being accepted in the Leadership Johnson County Signature Program.

**What or who inspires you:** The experiences of my past, including those who said I couldn't/shouldn't go for something, inspire me to work hard. My children also motivate me everyday!

**Number one skill you practice that makes you successful:** Get it done attitude...with a smile.

**Favorite quote:** "Attitude reflects leadership" - Remember the Titans.

**Something on your bucket list:** Travel to Greece.

**What's your superpower:** A long battery life.



## Angela K. DeVoss

### Stay-at-home-mom, Home School Teacher

**Family:** Husband, Jeremy; 5 Sons; Billy (wife Bre & daughter Claire), Nole (14), Jeremiah (13), Roman (10), and Lucas (5)

**Live:** New Whiteland

**Favorite LJC moment or lesson to date:** This is a very difficult question to answer. I have enjoyed everything so far! I love the positive energy in the room each time we get together. It's awesome to be around people who want to learn & grow & become effective leaders in the community.

**What is innovative in your field of work:** With regard to Homeschooling, there are SO many curriculum options now days! I love choosing curriculum that will be challenging but also work with my children's unique learning styles, as well as develop their passions.

**What or who inspires you:** Ben Carson. I absolutely love his story of overcoming adversity and achieving such huge goals despite obstacles.

**Number one skill you practice that makes you successful:** There isn't much of anything that I think I can't do. (except computer/tech stuff ☺) If I really want to do something, I will find a way to learn how to do it.

**Favorite quote:** "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." ~Ben Franklin (This quote hung on a sign in my grandma's kitchen growing up. I read this quote and pondered it for years and it became a part of who I am).

**Last book you read/recommend:** "Jackie's Girl" by Kathy McKeon (which I'm still reading ☺), is a book written by the personal assistant to Jackie Kennedy. Also, "Surviving Hitler: A Boy in the Nazi Death Camps" by Andrea Warren, which follows Jack Mandlebaum's experiences prior to the war, during, and afterwards.

**Hobbies and interests outside of work:** Gardening. Specifically, I enjoy creating a habitat that encourages pollinators and various insects, as well as an annual "jungle" that I create out of sunflowers for my smallest children and (now) grandchild.

**What is your favorite restaurant:** I absolutely LOVE Roku Sushi & Pho (135 & Stones Crossing). Their food is so delicious! I could eat there every day.

# Class Profiles



**Damian Stanziano**  
**Assistant Professor, Anatomy & Physiology,**  
**Ivy Tech Community College**

**Family:** 2 high school exchange students (Libya & Spain), 1 dog, 1 turtle, 12 chickens, 2 beehives.  
**Live:** Mt. Pleasant area, unincorporated Johnson County

**Favorite LJC moment or lesson to date:** A lesson that I might have known before, but needs to be reviewed on a regular basis is that people are complicated and different with various motivations and values. A good leader needs to consider all of these things and act as the conductor of the talent orchestra in order to create a symphony of success.

**What is innovative in your field of work:** My field(s) is(are) kinesiology, physiology, public health, and, by extension, education. In education, the next “big thing” will be VR (virtual reality) classrooms. This technology can give you a 3-dimensional world with characters and objects to interact with. Imagine being in the crowd at the Gettysburg Address or on the street in front of the Roman Senate or on site to witness the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius. There are no limits how this technology can reshape education, distance learning, vocational education, and just about any other field.

**What or who inspires you:** I am inspired by my classmates in the LJC c/o 2020, who have such diverse backgrounds and specialties. Each one of them has something to teach me that I will be able to use to make my life better. I hope I can do the same for them. I have a lot to learn, and putting new actions, ideas, and practices into use is never easy.

**Last book you read/recommend:** "The Pioneers" (2019) by David McCullough. This book by the Pulitzer Prize winning historian describes 4 early Americans and their journey into the Northwest Territory (what is now Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, & Wisconsin). One of those Americans is my great-7 grandfather Brig. Gen. Rufus Putnam, who is the founder of the State of Ohio, Ohio University, and Marietta (the first permanent U.S. settlement in the NW Territory). His efforts to expand the United States began the extinguishment of slavery by halting its expansion (by one vote). Righting the wrong of slavery (ultimately worldwide) comes at a cost that we are still paying to this day, but it might have been worth the price.

**What's your superpower:** I can tell you exactly how much to give the cashier to get only quarters back as change. \$4.83...give 8 extra cents and get 1 quarter in your change. \$1.41...give an extra 16 cents and get 3 quarters in your change. This is only valuable if you want more quarters. I know...J. Jonah Jameson is probably yelling at a reporter somewhere to get pictures of me for the Daily Bugle.

**What is your perfect pizza:** It took a long time to come up with this, but I finally got the right formula. It is: bacon (or Canadian bacon), olives (black, green, or both), mushrooms, sliced garlic, pepperoni (optional but always good to add)...fuhgeddaboutit!



**Elizabeth Kuka**  
**Brand Content Strategist, One Click**

**Family:** 2 cats, Oakley and Oliver

**Where do you live:** Franklin

**Favorite LJC moment or lesson to date:** Breaking off into our project group for the first time to discuss our Myers-Briggs types and get to know each other better.

**Number one skill you practice that makes you successful:** Organization

**Hobbies and interests outside of work:** Reading, time with family and friends, cycling, home projects.

**Something on your bucket list:** Visiting Ireland, Greece, and Iceland.

**What is your perfect pizza:** Hand-tossed with pepperoni and banana pepper and a side of ranch!

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

YOU ARE INVITED!

# Wine Event

**LEADERSHIP JOHNSON COUNTY**  
SIGNATURE FUNDRAISING EVENT

Friday, March 6, 2020

6 P.M. Registration | 7 P.M. Dinner  
The Nest Event Center | Greenwood

Enjoy a four course dinner, wine tasting  
with each course, silent and live auction,  
and much more!

Tickets: \$125 per person | \$240 per couple  
\$1,100 per table (10 seats)

To reserve seats, contact Tandy Shuck at  
tshuck@franklincollege.edu or call 317-738-8264



## Thank You Good Cheer Fund Volunteers

Each year, Leadership Johnson County is asked to help input applications for the Good Cheer Fund baskets. This year we had a record number of applications entered into the system. Thank you to the following LJC graduates who donated their time to ensure a good meal is delivered to those in our community who are experiencing a difficult time. during the holiday season. Thank you also to **Jake Sappenfield ('15)** who organizes and runs this wonderful community program.

- Jen Armstrong ('18)**
- David Bauman ('11)**
- Gayle Brooks ('18)**
- Emily Cumbee (student)**
- Heather Dougherty ('18)**
- August Hartzell (student)**
- Kelsay Kasting ('12)**
- Lisa Kress ('18)**
- Amy Richardson ('17)**
- Brenda Roach**
- Betsy Schmidt ('95)**
- Tandy Shuck ('01)**
- Sally Wells ('07)**
- Brenda Wilkerson ('09)**

# GROUNDHOG DAY CELEBRATION!

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

Feel free to bring a potential  
applicant for the class of 2021  
Thursday, January 30th, 2020  
Open house from 4:30 - 6:30pm

RSVP to Lisa Kress at:  
lkress@franklincollege.edu

Location: The Elevator  
26 E. Jefferson Street  
Franklin, IN 46131



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# Breaking News

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## Alumni Inspiration

- Congratulations to LJC board member **Amanda Conklin ('18)** on her recent promotion. Amanda will serve as a director on the team of administrators that collectively oversees, leads and supports the NCAA Division I Governance Structure. That includes serving as a liaison to the bodies that oversee Division I sports, including the Division I Board of Directors, Presidential Forum and Division I Council. Fantastic leadership!
- Congratulations to **Betsy Schmidt ('95)** on her milestone achievement of dedicated service to Franklin College. Betsy is the quintessential community volunteer, setting a high bar for the LJC community. We are grateful for her generous and giving heart!



- Congratulations to **Carolyn Goerner ('14)** on her recent accomplishment of being named as ALDI's Distinguished I-Core Clinical Professor at the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University-Bloomington!
- Congratulations to **Tim Thurston ('19) and Shellee Pietras ('15)** who will open a second Promise Advisory Group office in Franklin at the beginning of the year. Stop by and say hello at 175 N. Main Street, Franklin.
- Congratulations to **Matt Culp ('06)** on his recent appointment as the new Chief of Fire for the City of Franklin.
- Congratulations to **Jobea Trefny ('15)** who obtained her SRES (Senior Real Estate Specialist) designation. She considers it an honor to serve these customers, the largest segment of an ever-growing audience, as their needs are evolving as the industry changes.
- Congratulations to LJC Board of Trustee, **Mike Leonard**, on his recent job change at Franklin College. Mike was the all-time winningest coach in the school's history, serving as the head football coach for the past 17 years. Mike will begin his new position in the Office of Development in January 2020.

### Franklin College Class Offers Data Gathering Service Free of Charge

Does your organization need data for decision-making, grant writing, or reporting purposes? Do you have data that you would like to have compiled and analyzed? For eighteen years, Franklin College has partnered with local non-profit agencies through a course, Statistical Consulting Project, in which teams of senior and junior mathematics majors and minors, as well as some sociology majors and economics majors, perform semester-long consulting projects at no cost.

Recent clients include Johnson County Community Foundation, Assist, and a consortium of education foundations, and government agencies such as the Johnson County Alternative Dispute Resolution project, Johnson County Probation Department, and the Town of New Whiteland.

Projects are selected based on scope and match with student capabilities, and will run from mid-February through early May. If you are connected with an organization that might be interested, please email Dr. Dan Callon at [dcallon@franklincollege.edu](mailto:dcallon@franklincollege.edu).



## LJC Select Workshops

### Beyond the LJC Signature Program



#### Self-Promotion

We're often asked what seems like a simple question: "Tell me about yourself." If you're uncomfortable answering this question, this workshop is for you. Join us and learn how to talk about yourself and your accomplishments in a positive (not bragging!) way, and become a stronger advocate for yourself in many situations. Workshop facilitator, Dr. Carolyn Goerner, is a professor at IU Kelley School of Business, Bloomington. She teaches Strategic Human Resource Management, Negotiation, and Organizational Change.



**Wednesday, January 15, 2020 | 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**  
**Franklin College, Dietz Center | \$49 per person |**  
**Register Here | Program Underwriters:**  
**Practical Paradigms and Vectren**



#### Social Media

Social media has been blamed for many negatives in our culture, but the positives that they provide far outweigh the negatives. In this session we will dispel some of the myths about social media and focus on how each of us can be strategic in our use of these tools. Workshop facilitator, Dr. Sarah Smith-Robbins, is the Director of Learning Technologies at the IU Kelley School of Business, Bloomington. She teaches digital and social media marketing courses and has advised over 100 universities and businesses.



**Friday, January 17, 2020 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**  
**Franklin College | \$49 per person**  
**Register Here | Program Underwriters:**  
**City of Franklin and Geek in Pink Computer Repair**

## Women in Leadership - Resiliency

Do you ever wonder what it takes to bounce back from an adverse situation? What it takes to rise to the occasion when the going gets tough? This hands-on course is full of stories and tangible ideas to help you be introspective and practical. Assess your own level of resiliency, gain learning strategies for strengthening your bounce-back factor, and more. The workshop will be facilitated by several leading speakers from throughout the state.

**Friday, February 14, 2020 | 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
**Franklin College, Napolitan Student Center | \$99 per person | Register**  
**Program Underwriters: GetAway Mojo, South Grove Eye Care,**  
**Carpenter Realtors, Practical Paradigms, and Promise Advisory Group**



GETAWAY MOJO



**Voices Concert & Holiday Open House**  
 Dec. 21 | 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.  
 Johnson County Museum of History  
 The Voices will be performing a holiday concert and the museum will be open to view the Dec-a-Trees. Cookies and refreshments will be served. This event is free and open to the public.

**Craft Fair at the Johnson County Fairgrounds**  
 Dec 21 | 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
 Johnson County Fairgrounds, Scott Hall

**Grab last minute Christmas gifts that are unique at this annual craft and vendor fair.**



## Holiday Lights Around Johnson County

Looking for a fun way to get in the holiday spirit? Visit one of these great local attractions to see some dazzling holiday lights!

- Christmas Acres - 6211 N. 500 East, Franklin**  
 Payton Bohler, a young man whose nickname is "Griswold," put up more than 33,000 Christmas lights for the public to enjoy at Christmas Acres, his family's five-acre property. The public is invited to come to the property and drive up the circle to see the lights from the Tuesday before Thanksgiving to New Year's Eve. The display is lit from 5 to 9 p.m. each night. There is no cost, but at the end of their front sidewalk, they are collecting canned goods for the local food pantry.
- Christmas at the Park - Johnson County Park, 2949 North St., Nineveh**  
 Experience an interactive light show with more than 500,000 LED lights that dance along with the radio station you can tune into. There is also a visit with Santa, free hot chocolate and candy canes at the end. The dates are Dec. 20, 21, 22, 24, 27 and 28. The cost is \$20 per car.
- Lighted Trail - Greenwood Amphitheater, 100 Surina Way, Greenwood**  
 Come to the Greenwood Amphitheater to enjoy a lighted trail powered by Duke Energy. This is free, and it can be accessed via the community center parking lot. It is illuminated from dusk to dawn.



### Aspire Legislative Matter Luncheon

You are invited to join our Indiana State Legislators for an opportunity to hear a panel discussion on matters that mean the most to you. As voters and tax payers, your vote matters!

Friday, January 10th, 2020 | 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
 Valle Vista Golf & Conference Center  
 755 East Main Street, Greenwood  
**RSVP HERE**



### Franklin Chamber of Commerce January Luncheon

Join the Franklin Chamber of Commerce as they welcome David Pfeiffer with the Johnson County Museum of History, who will share about the history of the Franklin Wonder 5 as they celebrate 100 years!

Thursday, January 9, 2020 | 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
 Franklin College Napolitan Student Center,  
 Branigin Room | 101 Branigin Blvd., Franklin  
**RSVP HERE**



## Franklin College Announces 2019-2020 Artist-In-Residence

The Franklin College Art Department will welcome artist Kimberly McNeelan to campus to teach a woodworking class during Immersive Term in January. The class, “Design and Function in Woodworking,” will give students the opportunity to research, sketch, study different materials and try different fabrication processes—such as mold making, carving and basic woodworking. Students will take the class during Immersive Term, an intensive four-week term in January. The final project will be a collaboration between the students and the instructor to create a temporary site specific public sculpture that will be displayed on campus from Thursday, Jan. 23 through Tuesday, Feb. 18. In addition, McNeelan will also display pieces of her own work. Guests may view the art exhibit Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the Elba L. & Gene Portteus Branigin Atrium on the first floor of the Johnson Center for Fine Arts. Guests may learn more about McNeelan and her artistry during a free lecture, titled “Community Function,” at 7 p.m. on Feb. 18. The lecture will be held in the Henderson Conference Room, on the second floor of the Johnson Center for Fine Arts, and will be followed by a reception.



## Franklin College Faculty in the News

Franklin College boasts an exemplary group of professors who ensure that students receive a fabulous education. Check out some of the recent highlights with FC professors in the news.

- Professor of Fine Arts and Theatre Department Chair Gordon Strain has produced two films over the last year with Pigasus Pictures. Both films have recently garnered coveted awards. *The Miseducation of Bindu* earned the Indiana Spotlight Award at the Heartland International Festival, and *Ms. White Light* was awarded with two honors at the 37th Torino Film Festival – the Audience Award and the collateral award for Best Movie.
- Hank Nuwer, journalism professor and internationally recognized scholar of hazing education, was quoted in multiple national news stories related to recent hazing deaths across the country. A few of the most significant include “CBS This Morning,” “CBS Evening News,” and *USA Today*.
- Congratulations to Max Adolphs on his recent successful defense of this dissertation titled, “The Validity and Reliability of the PAVS and IPAQ-SF as Physical Activity Assessment Tools in atients with Obstructive Sleep Apnea.”



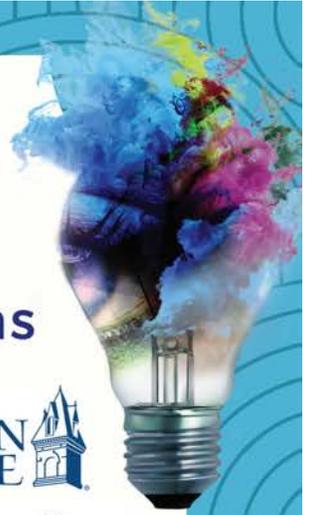
## Franklin College Student Newspaper Earns Awards at National Competition



Representatives of Franklin College’s student-run newspaper, *The Franklin*, attended the National College Media Convention in Washington, D.C., where the staff received three national awards and recognitions. This year, the staff was a finalist for the Pacemaker Award, which is considered one of the most prestigious awards in collegiate journalism. The team received a Pacemaker Finalist plaque at the convention. Also, at the convention, former executive editor of the paper, Shelby Mullis Thomas ’19 placed third for one of the Associated Collegiate Press’s Design of the Year Awards, and *The Franklin* placed sixth overall in the on-site Best of Show competition for “Newspapers Publishing Less Than Weekly.”

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## 2019-2020 Leadership Champions



PracticalParadigms  
Practical Advice for Professionals from  
Dr. Carolyn Goerner