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### Save the Date

April 22—Social Media

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We ♥ Our Teachers



## JCCF LOVES OUR TEACHERS

JCCF is pleased to announce they are giving away eight \$250 grants to outstanding teachers from Johnson County public schools, grades K-12 in celebration of the Foundation's 25th Anniversary. The contest, 'JCCF Loves Our Teachers' will take place through the Foundation's Facebook page. Students, faculty members, parents and community members can nominate their favorite teacher and eight teachers will be selected at random by the Foundation. Winning teachers will be surprised on Teacher Appreciation Day, Tuesday, May 3rd.

## LJC ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

- Congratulations to **Amy Kelsay ('03)** who was recently named as the local celebrity representing Johnson County 4-H at the annual Johnson County Dancing with the Stars competition. Be sure to mark your calendar for great shows on September 9th & 10th!
- Thank you to **John Pitt ('16)** who recently shared this photo of soldiers from Camp Atterbury working with students from the Franklin Study Buddy program.
- Congratulations to **Melissa Parramore ('16)** and **Andy Moorman ('16)** who recently worked together to begin an off-site location for Franklin Study Buddy program at NSK. Local connections making our community better!!
- Look at all the LJC alumni we spotted at the annual United Way dinner. We have so many alumni making a huge impact in our community.
- Congratulations to S&A Group, who was awarded the **Paramount** award at the United Way Gazing at the Stars Dinner. They have been described by many as "small and mighty," as we would agree. Thank you for all the work you do as a civically minded, giving organization. Johnson County is lucky to have you!



## Thank You to Our LJC Alumni

Thank you to everyone who submitted nominations for participation in the next "best" LJC class. We received a record 65 applications! Congratulations to Board of Trustee Lisa Jones and Alumni Jeff Beck, who each won a LJC jacket for having the largest number of their nominees submit completed applications. Our program continues to grow and thrive because of the wonderful engagement of our alumni. We THANK YOU!!

# Class of 2016—New Member Profiles



**Emily M. Gettum**

**Van Valer Law Firm, Associate Attorney**

Emily and her husband, Jason, live in the Center Grove area. She has three step kids: Kayla, Elizabeth and Ethan, and their dog, Gretta.

**What is innovative in your field of work:** Our state courts are moving to electronic filing soon, as the federal courts already use. It will make a lot of aspects of litigation so much easier, including quick access to filed documents.

**What or who inspires you:** My mom and dad both inspire me, not just because they're my parents, but because of how they raised us. They always put family and education first and instilled values in us that have made us who we are today.

**Number one skill you practice that makes you successful:** Being nosy! I have always been inquisitive in all aspects of my life and now I see that somewhat annoying trait paying off in my profession. Over time I've learned how important it is to ask the right questions, read documents carefully and comb through every piece of evidence.

**Favorite quote:** Life's hard, get a helmet.

**Last book you read. Do you recommend:** I think it was something by Chelsea Handler, a quick read while I was traveling. Her books are funny for a light read!

**Hobbies and interests outside of work:** I enjoy exercising, yard work, and interesting food.

**Something on your bucket list:** Parasailing

**What is your favorite lesson or activity thus far in LJC:** I've really loved every minute of LJC so far. However, I think one thing that I will take away from LJC is from way back at our Orientation, when we did the Myers Briggs test and discussed the different preferences. It really opened my eyes so much about myself, my spouse, friends, and people I interact with on a daily basis.



**Brett Perks**

**Thrivent Financial, Financial Associate**

Brett and his wife, Susan, live in Greenwood with their two children.

**What is innovative in your field of work:** Robo Advisors

**What or who inspires you:** My wife inspires me. She is an engineer and is always looking for improvements in efficiency.

**Number one skill you practice that makes you successful:** Learn something new every day

**Favorite quote:** "So be sure when you step. Step with care and great tact and remember that Life's a Great Balancing Act. And will you succeed? Yes! You will, indeed! (98 and 3/4 percent guaranteed.) KID, YOU'LL MOVE MOUNTAINS!" - from *Oh, the Places You'll Go!* by *Dr. Seuss*

**Last book you read. Do you recommend:** *Slaying the Badger* - I recommend it if you like cycling

**What movie are you looking forward to seeing and why:** *Spectre* - I enjoy the James Bond movies

**Hobbies and interests outside of work:** Cycling, reading, music

**Something on your bucket list:** Tour the Wine Route in Alsace, France by bike

**What is your favorite lesson or activity thus far in LJC:** I enjoyed climbing to the top of the Franklin Court House and seeing the clock

# Class of 2016—New Member Profiles



**Tara Payne**

**Discover Downtown Franklin, Executive Director**

Tara and her husband, Matt, have two children - Gracey (12) and Matthew (9). They are also parents to a 1 year old Pyrenees/Lab mix, Luna. They reside in Franklin.

**What is innovative in your field of work:** Social media has been an extremely successful avenue for Discover Downtown Franklin's marketing campaign. It has engaged the community and inspired public interest in what is happening in Franklin.

**What or who inspires you:** Relationships inspire me. My relationship with God, my family, my friends, my co-workers, and my community. I love people. I'm blessed to work with individuals that challenge me to be a better me. I also enjoy advocacy. I consider myself an advocate for downtown Franklin. Figuring out what REALLY drives development and working with like-minded people to make a dream come to fruition.

**Number one skill you practice that makes you successful:** Communication.

**Favorite quote:** "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." -*Mother Teresa*

**Last book you read. Do you recommend:** *Becoming a Woman of Simplicity*. Yes, I recommend it for women. Simplifying life is a daily struggle for me.

**What movie are you looking forward to seeing and why:** I have no idea about any movies coming out. I only watch recorded baking shows with my kids in the evenings, IF there is time.

**Hobbies and interests outside of work:** When I am not watching my kids play sports, I enjoy kayaking. We recently purchased kayaks for every family member. I enjoy kayaking on a river or simply laying still on a lake. I'm looking forward to exploring Indiana on some family kayak trips this summer!

**Something on your bucket list:** A mission trip to Africa.

**What is your favorite lesson or activity thus far in LJC:** Well, I truly have enjoyed all aspects of LJC. I would say my favorite activities are the "get up and move" group activities. I MAY be slightly competitive and love working with new group members to accomplish a task.



**Amanda M DeBusk**

**Owner, Amanda DeBusk Photography**

Amanda lives in Greenwood with her cat, Louis.

**What or who inspires you:** Being active in forums of incredible photographers and studying their work, travelling.

**Number one skill you practice that makes you successful:** I think there are a lot of people who can take a good photograph given basic training, but really connecting with customers and providing an excellent experience makes a world of difference in your photography business being successful.

**Favorite quote:** "The secret to this kind of climbing," said Japhy, "Is like Zen. Don't think. Just dance along. It's the easiest thing in the world, actually easier than walking on flat ground which is monotonous. The cute little problems present themselves at each step and yet you never hesitate and you find yourself on some other boulder you picked out for no special reason at all, just like Zen." Which it was. -*Dharma Bums, Kerouac*

**Last book you read. Do you recommend:** *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail*. Yes, absolutely. :)

**Hobbies and interests outside of work:** Travelling to ALL THE PLACES. Walking my cat. Lounging in the sunshine. Dancing anytime there is music playing.

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

**What is your favorite lesson or activity thus far in LJC:** My favorite part has been personality types and leadership styles. I like learning about the people. :)

**Teena Findley**  
**Johnson County Highway Department**  
**LJC Class Year: 2014**

# TOUCHING



**What's new....**

**Professionally?** - I am still employed as an administrative assistant with the Johnson County Highway Department. I also work most Saturdays at Bud and Bloom Florist where I have worked as a floral designer part time for almost 30 years now. This fall I was able to place some of my repurposed tie purses at Suzy's Teahouse and Bakery in Franklin.

**Personally?** - My favorite part of my life is being "Meemo" to Brody, Colton, Letitia, and Calvin. They range in age from five years old down to three months old, so you can imagine those visits are BUSY. I started attending the new Franklin campus of Emmanuel Church and am very excited about my experience there. I was able to visit my youngest son in September. He lives and works at a remote fishing and hunting lodge in SE Alaska. The experience was unique, as I stayed at the float lodge (where the generator is turned off every night). I was able to fish every day and saw whales, eagles, and sea otters every day. The scenery is breathtaking and I didn't miss the fact that there was no cell phone reception.

**Do you have any current community commitments?** - I am a volunteer life coach and serve on the board for KIC-IT (Kids in Crisis Intervention Team). I have participated in several community outreach programs through KIC IT. I joined the board for the Johnson County Banquets, which provides a free Thanksgiving Day dinner for anyone in the county. I have volunteered at the annual event for several years now. I am on the board and a volunteer for Beats for Bristol, a nonprofit organization that provides fetal Doppler's to use free of charge to women in a subsequent pregnancy, who have previously suffered a loss through miscarriage or stillbirth. Our third annual Touch A Truck event is held the last Saturday in May.

**Do you have any hobbies?** - Along with sewing, I enjoy reading, cooking, and yoga. And after my trip to Alaska, I began writing a blog! [Offthegridinalaska.blogspot.com](http://Offthegridinalaska.blogspot.com) [Discoveringme.blogspot.com](http://Discoveringme.blogspot.com)

**What's your idea of a perfect day here in Johnson County?** - Two things come instantly to mind. One would be attending one of the Fourth Fridays on the Square events in downtown Franklin. I love how the community comes together and supports these events. It is fun to see friends, listen to music, check out the old cars, and find something good to eat downtown. The second would be attending one of the music events at Mallow Run. They provide quality musicians and entertainment, and of course a great place to sit with friends over a fine bottle of wine.

**What's your favorite social media format?** - Facebook

**How do you stay in touch with family, friends, LJC classmates?** - Admittedly, through Facebook!

**Name your favorite LJC Class memory.** - Standing on the roof of the courthouse. This was a huge thing for me as I hate heights. I would have to say as far as a memory goes though, I always liked that gathering time right before each class would start. It was fun to do a quick hug and catch up with classmates.

**What are your plans for the future/upcoming opportunities/etc.—professionally and/or personally?** - Planning for Touch a Truck begins this month. We are moving our event to the Johnson County Fairgrounds this year as we needed a larger venue. My daughter and I have tickets to see the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band in March in French Lick. We are both huge fans, so this is big stuff to us! I have learned not to plan my life out too far in advance and just savor the moments as they arrive. I always say I am always hopeful great things are going to happen this year.

**Be sure to check out the KIC-IT Walk/Run and Touch a Truck events. Teena will be there volunteering so say hello!**



# The Power of Innovation

Franklin College | May 18, 2016



**Cost:** \$129.00 for general public  
 \$99.00 for LJC & FC grads, Franklin and  
 Greenwood Chamber Members

**To Register:** [https://franklincollege-ubsru.formstack.com/forms/innovation\\_symposium\\_2016](https://franklincollege-ubsru.formstack.com/forms/innovation_symposium_2016)



<b>Registration:</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks:</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.—9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Keynote:</b> Mary Jo Clark & Pat Heiny, Contemporary Consulting <i>The Art of Leadership Today: Helping People and Organizations Grow in Possibilities!</i>	<b>9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Breakout Session #1:</b> A1— <i>Reinventing Your Brand</i> A2— <i>Growing an Innovative Team: Creating Connections, Overcoming Fears &amp; Unleashing Ideas</i>	<b>10:45 a.m.—Noon</b>
<b>Lunch &amp; Keynote:</b> Richard Gunderman, MD, PhD, Indiana University Medical School <i>Success is a Byproduct: The Bill Cook Story</i>	<b>Noon—1:45 p.m.</b>
<b>Breakout Session #2:</b> B1— <i>Collective Genius</i> B2— <i>The Five Cohesive Behaviors of a Team</i>	<b>2:00 p.m.—3:15 p.m.</b>
<b>Innovation—Making It Happen:</b> Samantha Julka, Founder—DORIS Research Ken Miller, Partner—DeveloperTown Randy Stocklin, Co-Founder & CEO—One Click Ventures <i>Real-life Success—Businesses Who Embrace Innovation</i>	<b>3:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.</b>

## Keynote Speakers

### Mary Jo Clark & Pat Heiny



*How do you develop a culture that fosters ingenuity and innovation? This interactive plenary session will focus on helping you develop the tools that will promote innovation in your organization.*



Known as the “leadership experts,” Contemporary Consulting offers training in all aspects of leadership.

### Richard Gunderman, MD, PhD



*Starting out in 1963 with an initial investment of \$1,500, Bill Cook and a team of innovators he assembled over the years created the largest privately held medical device manufacturer in the world. What made Cook different from other entrepreneurs, and what lessons can we learn about how to run a business?*

Richard Gunderman is Chancellor’s Professor of Radiology, Pediatrics, Medical Education, Philosophy, Liberal Arts, Philanthropy, and Medical Humanities and Health Studies at Indiana University.

For more information contact 317.738.8264 or visit us at [leadershipjohnsoncounty.org](http://leadershipjohnsoncounty.org)

# snapshots



## 7TH ANNUAL GIVE BACK GALS GOLF OUTING

Ladies! Dust off your golf clubs and join the fun at Hickory Stick Golf Club on Wednesday, June 8th. Shot gun start at 1:00 p.m.

The Give Back Gals fund was established to give women a way to give back to the community through an all ladies golf tournament. The fundraiser supports [Leadership Johnson County](#), the [Johnson County Community Foundation](#) and [Habitat for Humanity of Johnson County](#).

Grab your team of four and [register here!](#) Early bird registration is \$249, but the price increases to \$299 after May 20th. Participation includes:

- Foursome and Cart
- Post Outing Reception
- Fabulous Prizes
- Beverage Cart & Snacks
- Networking Opportunities

Purchase tickets for your chance to win \$500 in the annual ball drop. Tandy has tickets to sell, so give her a shout at [tshuck@franklincollege.edu](mailto:tshuck@franklincollege.edu)

One for \$10 or Three for \$25



## FRANKLIN ROTARY SIP & SAVOR

Join us for a fun-filled evening of unlimited beer and wine tasting, a silent auction and music by Davis & Devitt.

Sip & Savor will be held at the Johnson County Museum on Thursday, April 28th from 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Vendors include—

- Oliver Winery
- Mallow Run Winery
- SunKing Brewing Co.
- Quaff On! Brewing Co.

Tickets are \$10 per person and available at the door the evening of the event, or at BMO Harris Bank in Franklin.

All proceeds go to the club's district grant project. For additional information, check out the Franklin Rotary Club Facebook page [here!](#)

## Don't Miss Events In April

[Franklin Elks Lodge 1818](#) will host a dedication and open house on Saturday, April 23rd. Lodge opens at noon, dedication at 1:30 p.m., open house from 2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.



[KIC-IT Walk a Mile In My Shoes 5K](#) will be held on Saturday, April 30 at Franklin High School. Sign up today! KIC-IT is also in need of life coaches for their clients. Training provided. Contact [Teena Findley](#) to learn more!



***"You don't drown by falling into water. You only drown if you stay there."***

***- Zig Ziglar***

# Thank You to our April Program Day Underwriter



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**Journey**  
JOHNSON COUNTY

**Hello Johnson County merchants and business owners! As you may know, we are compiling information for the new Journey Johnson County website. This website will market the many amenities we have in Johnson County to out of town visitors as well as local residents. We are now loading in information for the categories, eat here, stay here and play here. We would like to add your business to this site.**

*There is no charge to be on the site but we need to have the following information to include you:*

LJC Alumni Business Owners—  
Submit form to be included on the  
website featuring places to EAT,  
STAY & PLAY in Johnson County!

**\*Name of business**

**\*Address**

**\*Phone**

**\*Email**

**\*Website of business (not a link to a Facebook or Yelp page)**

**\*Type of business**

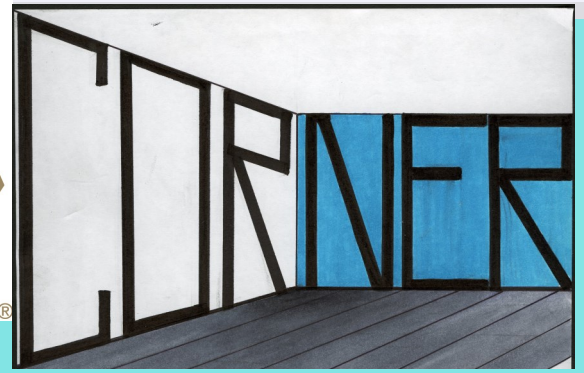
**\*Photo that shows what your business is all about- a dish on the menu, the facade of your building, anything that shows off your business in one great shot. Please send the photo in either jpeg or png format.**

ALL photos must be 1920x526 in size.

**At your convenience, if you could please send the following to Heather Tallman at [JourneyJohnsonCo@gmail.com](mailto:JourneyJohnsonCo@gmail.com) we would greatly appreciate it. If you have any questions or need help with this feel free to send Heather an email.**



# FRANKLIN COLLEGE



## Scholarship to be Renamed After LJC Founder Bonnie Pribush



*The Department of Mathematics and Computing at Franklin College announces that their annual award for the outstanding junior or senior computing student has been renamed the Bonnie Pribush Excellence in Computing Award. A departmental alum has made a \$5,000 challenge grant to create funding for that award, which will match any gifts to that fund in 2016 up to a total of \$5,000. When funding reaches \$10,000, this fund will be turned into an endowment fund whose annual earnings will fund a scholarship to accompany that award. Congratulations Bonnie!*

*Contributions to meet that challenge grant can be sent to the Office of Development and Alumni Engagement, Franklin College, 101 Branigin Boulevard, Franklin IN 46131, or you may give on-line [here!](#) Be sure to designate the gift for the Bonnie Pribush Excellence in Computing Award.*

## Franklin College Office of Alumni Engagement Invites YOU!

**SATURDAY,  
APRIL 30**

Grizzly Grand Prix  
We are bringing the bike race back to campus! Come cheer on your favorite team and join the festive atmosphere.

**TUESDAY,  
MAY 10**

Downtown Indy Luncheon Series  
FC Professor Emerita Kathy Carlson will speak.

*Enjoy these photos from the inauguration of [Dr. Thomas J. Minar](#)*

**The Office of Alumni Engagement staff look forward to seeing you!**

**[Click here](#) for information on any of our upcoming events!**



# Around the Town

## Walk A Mile In My Shoes—KIC-IT

When: Saturday, April 30th. Zumba warm-up at 9:30 a.m., 5K Run/Walk begins at 10:00 a.m.

What: 5th annual walk to raise funds and awareness for homeless teens and youth through KIC-IT. (Kids In Crisis Intervention Team).

Cost: \$20—18 and older (includes shirt), \$15—6-17 (includes shirt), Free for those 5 and under. Register at [KIC-IT.org](http://KIC-IT.org)

## Black & White Ball—Community Angels

When: Saturday, May 7th from 6:30 p.m. to midnight at the Biltwell Event Center, Indianapolis.

What: Annual gala to raise funds and awareness for Community Angels, a nonprofit organization who helps thought going through a medical crisis.

Cost: Ticket and sponsor prices vary. Click [here](#) for more information.

## Franklin College Music Department—Choral Concert

When: Saturday, May 7th at 7:00 p.m. & Sunday, May 8th at 2:00 p.m. Clarence E. and Inez R. Custer Theatre in Old Main.

What: Franklin College choral show featuring FC Singers, Women's Chorus and Men's Chorus.

Cost: Free and open to the public.

## 2016 LJC Graduation

When: Wednesday, May 11th at 5:30 p.m.

What: Annual class graduation and presentation of community projects.

Cost: Cost is \$25 per person. Contact [Kelsey](#) for more information.

## Diane Black Retirement Celebration

When: Friday, May 13th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Von Boll Welcome Center at Franklin College.

What: Help celebrate Diane Black as she retires from Franklin College.

Cost: Free. RSVP to [Kelsey](#).

## Local Chamber of Commerce—The Place to Be

### Franklin Chamber of Commerce— May Luncheon Meeting

Thursday, May, 12, 2016

Hillview Country Club

1800 E. King Street, Franklin

11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$15.00 per person

Connect with your peers at the Franklin Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon. Lunch buffet at 11:30, presentation begins at noon. LJC Alumni, Joe Kelsay ('02) will present "Agriculture Productivity and Sustainability for our Growing World."

RSVP to the [Franklin Chamber!](#)



### Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce— May Business Matters Luncheon

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

Valla Vista Golf & Conference Center

755 East Main Street, Greenwood

11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$20 per person (members), \$30 non-members

Network, make introductions and hear local business owners Brent Tilson, Tilson and Greg Simons, Simons Bitzer & Associates who will discuss steps to take to financially thrive when growing your business.

RSVP [here!](#)

