



Leadership
JOHNSON COUNTY
at FRANKLIN COLLEGE

LEADING EDGE—FEBRUARY 2019
CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF
LEADERSHIP TRAINING!



FEBRUARY PROGRAM DAY

SOCIAL SERVICES, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION, & HEALTH LIFESTYLES



Thank you to our February Program Day Underwriters:





- Congratulations to **Katie Sparks ('19)** who joined the LJC team as the Select Workshops coordinator.
- Congratulations to **Tricia Bechman ('04)** on the birth of her son, Luke Edward Bechman. Luke was born on February 16th. Welcome to your new little leader!
- Congratulations to **Jennifer Crawhorn ('19), Pam Spencer ('18)** and **Dave Coffey ('15)** on their recent service awards from Mutual Savings Bank.
- Congratulations to **Jay Goad ('99)** who was recently appointed a board member with the Johnson County Community Foundation.
- Congratulations to **Ben Stout ('19)** who recently accepted a new position as a Quality Supervisor with Pinnacle Oil.
- Congratulations to **Carolyn Goerner ('14)** who recently contributed to an article for MarketWatch. [Check it out!](#)

- Congratulations to **John Pitt ('16)**, who accepted the award for Top Large State RRBN, in the Indiana National Guard ARNG R&R BN for year 2018.



- Check out the great article on the LJC Signature Program Class of 2019 Community Projects. Thank you to The Daily Journal for sharing our story. [Read Here!](#)
- Leadership Johnson County was honored to receive the Community Impact Award at the Franklin Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Luncheon. Thank you to all our participants, sponsors, donors and friends for this award!

Community Project Flashback

Ever wonder if your community project made a lasting impact? For the Class of 2001, Great Old Barns of Johnson County, the answer is yes!

The Indiana Barn Foundation is a new group started with the goal of preserving and identifying Farm style barns in the state of Indiana. The LJC project group had identified 486 barns that qualified for the project. The Indiana Barn Foundation was thrilled to have a copy of the CD showcasing these treasures. Nearly 20 years later, still making an impact!



Barn trek: These Leadership Johnson County Class of 2001 members are among seven who have embarked on a project to locate and catalog Johnson County barns. In front of a barn at 2410 S. Nineveh Road, kneeling, are Jeff Beaman (left) and Jeff Beck. Standing are John Chiarotti (left), Mike Ransdell (center) and Byron Bayne (right).

LJC Signature Program Class Profiles



Mark Hatfield

Attorney, Van Valer Law Firm, LLP

Family – Wife, Casey; Daughters, Paisley and Addison

Where do you live – Greenwood

What is your favorite LJC moment or lesson to date – I truly enjoyed the agriculture day. I am newer to Johnson County and it was neat to get out in the community and learn a little more about local farms!

Last book you read: Do you recommend—Shoe Dog by Nike founder Phil Knight. Great book about entrepreneurship, perseverance and overcoming obstacles; I would highly recommend!

Hobbies and interests outside of work: I enjoy being active in any way I can, but I truly love sports and hanging out with my family. Anytime I can combine those two things I am certainly at my happiest.

What is your perfect pizza? Any take on a “meat lovers” pizza... I am a pizza-holic!



Carissa Bratcher

Human Resources Specialist at Franklin Community Schools

Family – Husband: Tony, Lieutenant at Sugar Creek Twp. Fire Department; Son: Noah (age 6)

Where do you live – Greenwood, IN

What is your favorite LJC moment or lesson to date – I enjoyed the civil civic discourse activity that Bonnie led and the discussions with my classmates that resulted.

What or who inspires you – My son is one of my biggest inspirations. He’s taught me a lot about life through our journey. Noah wasn’t dealt the easiest hand early in his life, but he’s not let it stop his genuine love and compassion for people, and I think that’s admirable.

Tell me about a project or accomplishment that you consider to be the most significant in your career. – I am currently working on a project at FCS under the

direction of Jeff Mercer that focuses on ensuring FCS is an employer of choice. Being able to give back to our employees and make FCS even better has always been one of my priorities, and I feel fortunate to be able to make that a reality and learn from one of best while doing it.

Favorite quote – “I’m going to make everything around me beautiful – that will be my life.” – Elsie de Wolfe



James Michael Hughey

Academic Support Technologist at Franklin College

Family—Partnered, no children

Where do you live—Franklin, IN

What is your favorite LJC moment or lesson to date—Circular Introductions are so enjoyable because we get a personal moment with so many people we may only see on occasion.

What is innovative in your field —Innovation in my field brings us some of the latest classroom technology, allowing students and faculty to collaborate in ways no generation before has.

Number one skill you practice that makes you successful—Practicing Empathy. People don’t call you when everything is going great, and you have to be prepared to make any issue seem manageable.

Favorite Restaurant—Ralston’s on Mass Ave, Indianapolis is a favorite restaurant of mine. Creative menu (try the peach duck wrap!), great beer selection, and an inviting patio!

LJC Signature Program Class Profiles



Ruthie Leeth

School Counselor

Family—Mom, Dad, 3 brothers (Tony, Andy, Spencer), sister (Abbie), niece Evie, and a puppy (Ernie)

Where do you live—Franklin

What is your favorite LJC moment or lesson to date—My favorite thing so far has been Orientation weekend and having the opportunity to get to know so many neat people in Johnson County!

What or who inspires you—I LOVE to listen to Dr. Jill Bolte-Taylor speak about the brain. She is a neuroanatomist who had a stroke at the age of 37 (as she was studying at Harvard) causing the left side of her brain to shut down. She studied herself re-learning to speak, read, walk, and write while she learned about the neuroplasticity of the brain. Her work on overcoming trauma is fascinating. She now lives in Bloomington, Indiana. Her TedTalk is one of the top five most viewed of all time and she has a newer one called “The Neuroanatomical Transformation of

the Teenage Brain” that is very interesting. Her book *My Stroke of Insight* is a New York Times bestseller. As a school counselor, understanding how our brains work for us is one of the greatest gifts we can give our students.

Last book you read. Do you recommend—Present over Perfect by Shauna Niequist. Highly recommend!

Favorite restaurant—A family favorite is Tre Bicchieri in Columbus. They have the best make-your-own pasta dishes!



John Venter

School Administrator

Family Married to Jill with three children, Sam, Sophie, and Savannah

Where do you live? Whiteland

What is your favorite LJC moment or lesson to date? Myers-Briggs discussion

Number one skill you practice that makes you successful Accountability. When I say I will do something, I do it. I also do not take on commitments that I either do not understand or cannot fulfill.

Last book you read. Do you recommend Outliers by Malcolm Gladwell. Love the perspective on what makes people successful!

Hobbies and interests outside of work I’m a pretty good tennis player for my age. I’ve developed a lot of friendships and met some great people over the years due to the sport.



Matt Koehling

Financial Advisor

Family - Wife- Abby, Son- Bennett

Where do you live- Greenwood/Center Grove

What is your favorite LJC moment or lesson to date- I really enjoyed the ball tossing game to help us remember names of all of our classmates.

Hobbies and interests outside of work—I enjoy DIY projects and small woodworking projects around the house. I am also very good at taking things apart, fixing them, and putting them back together. YouTube is a wonderful resource.

Something on your bucket list—I have always wanted to sky dive and jump out of a helicopter at the top of a mountain, but as I get older these seem less and less appealing. Plus I think my wife would kill me. :)

If you could appear on one game show, what would you choose and why— Price is right- I grew up on that show and have always wanted to be a contestant. COME ON DOWN!

Groundhog Day Celebration!



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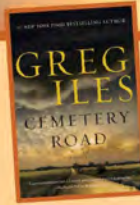
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Authors at JCPL presents

GREG ILES

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of "Natchez Burning" series.



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Franklin Chamber of Commerce
Connections & Craft Brews for
Young Professionals
March 6th | 4:30–6:30 p.m.
Shale Creek Brewing
[Learn More Here!](#)

Don't miss the next Authors at JCPL event!
March 10th | 3 p.m.–4 p.m.
The Historic Artcraft Theatre
[Learn More Here!](#)

Team Gray Matters of Leadership Johnson County presents



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Johnson County Senior Services

Have you had the chance to taste the areas best restaurants and bakeries? Now is your chance! Join team Gray Matters to benefit the Johnson County Senior Services.

April 11 | 5 p.m.—8 p.m. | The National Guard Armory

[Learn More & Purchase Tickers Here!](#)

2019 Greater Greenwood Chamber Legislative Matters Luncheon

Spend time with state legislators who will participate in a panel discussion. During the luncheon attendees will have a chance to pose questions to our top elected officials and get answers on matters that mean the most to them.

March 8, 2019 | 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Valle Vista Golf & Conference Center
755 East Main Street | Greenwood, IN 46143

[RSVP Here](#)



2019 Franklin Chamber March Luncheon

Join the Franklin Chamber of Commerce for their monthly luncheon. Meet other chamber members, network and learn about Franklin at this event.

March 14, 2019 | 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.
Compass Park Event Center
690 State Street | Franklin, IN 46131

[RSVP Here](#)



Applications for the LJC Signature Program are now available on our website.

Early submission deadline is February 27th, final deadline is March 6th!

Please encourage nominees to fill out their application for the opportunity to become part of the next LJC Best Class Ever!

[Find application here!](#)



Restore Old Town Greenwood currently has four openings on their board.

They are looking for passionate community members with familiarity in planning special events, fundraising, working collaboratively with leaders, residents, and small businesses. Each member serves a two-year term.

[Learn more!](#)



Join this year's Rock the Block and choose LJC Youth Leadership Academy as your nonprofit of choice. When you do, you help us ensure we are one of the organizations considered for the "Big Awards!" We only need 8 more runners/walkers to qualify! The LJC Public Relations Committee is running the Kids Free Run so stop by and say hello.

[Register here!](#)

Application available on the LJC Website.
Deadline to apply is March 15th. Spread the word!

YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

GET READY FOR A NEW EXPERIENCE!
LEADERSHIP JOHNSON COUNTY WILL BEGIN TAKING
APPLICATIONS FOR THE FIRST YOUTH LEADERSHIP
ACADEMY IN FEBRUARY 2019.

THE PROGRAM WILL BRING TOGETHER 30 JUNIOR
AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM
ACROSS THE COUNTY TO LEARN LEADERSHIP
SKILLS AND GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING
OF THE COMMUNITY. FOR MORE
INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT
LEADERSHIPJOHNSONCOUNTY.ORG

BEGINNING 2019-2020
SCHOOL YEAR





JUNE 28, 2019



**Registration is open for
this college-wide effort to benefit
Franklin College Athletics.**

Join us for a day of golf with coaches,
staff and student-athletes at Hillview Country Club.

Donors and paying participants have the opportunity to designate which
athletic team they want their entry to benefit.

Register Now!

World Premier of Evolutionary

Franklin College Theatre Department will present the world premiere of *Evolutionary* by Indiana playwright Ben Ayres. Performances will be held on March 14, 15 and 16 at 8 p.m. and on March 17 at 2 p.m., in Théâtre Margot in the Johnson Center for Fine Arts. Audience discretion is advised.

Tickets are free for students, faculty and staff with a valid Franklin College ID. Admission for students and seniors is \$8 and \$12 for general admission. Reservations can be made by email at tickets@FranklinCollege.edu or by phone at (317) 738-8029 or (800) 852-0232, ext. 8029. Please claim reservations ten minutes before the performance. The box office opens one hour before the performance.



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