LEADING EDGE



MEET THE LJC CLASS OF 2026



Family: Husband -Marvin, Daughter - Kylie, and Sons - Noah and Vaughn

Home: Fountaintown
Occupation: Banking
Center Manager
Employer: First
Merchants Bank

Christine Samples

Favorite Restaurant: The Rustic Root Tea Room Hobbies: Hiking, reading, yoga and learning new skills

What is your superpower? Unwavering Love Favorite Part of LJC? Ag Day - So Much Fun!!!

MEET THE LJC CLASS OF 2026



Family: Husband -Matthew and cat - Junie, **Home**: McCordsville

Occupation: Marketing Manager

Endress+Hauser

Employer:

Katie Van Hoosen

Favorite Restaurant: Revery **Hobbies**: Reading, yoga, pilates, and travel

What is your superpower?

Organization

Favorite Part of LJC? I have loved getting to know my project group so far!

REMINDERS

- Signature Applications are due March 5.
- Youth Leadership Academy
 Applications are due March 9

LEADERSHIP QUOTE

"Leadership is the capacity to transform vision into reality!"



Leadership

MEET THE LJC CLASS OF 2026



Family: Mom, Dad, grandparents, brother, sister, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, niece, and two nephews.

Home: Whiteland

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Occupation:

Environmentalist Health

Specialist

Employer: Johson County

Health Department

Mia Papageorge

Favorite Restaurant: Lou

Malnati's

Hobbies: Swimming, hiking, backpacking, traveling, and

speaking French

What is your superpower?

Flying

Favorite Part of LJC? Media

Day

MEET THE LJC CLASS OF 2026



Family: Fiance - John, and daughter - Pia Home: Franklin Occupation: Librarian Employer: Johnson County Public Library

Erin Cataldi

Favorite Restaurant: Yats

Hobbies: Reading and

thrifting

What is your superpower?

Speed Reading

Favorite Part of LJC? Ag Day
- I learned so much and have
such deeper understanding

of the community.

MEET THE LJC CLASS OF 2026



Family: Husband -Matthew (married for 16 years) and daughter finishing up both her bachelor's and master's degrees.

Home: Franklin

Occupation: Assistant

Director

Employer: Johnson County

CASA

Mandy Anderson

Favorite Restaurant: Court

Street Cafe

Hobbies: Hiking, camping, learning to sew, and joined first

book club

What is your superpower?

Diffusing Conflict

Favorite Part of LJC? I have loved getting to know my community and I love the safe space to be pushed outside my

comfort zone!



MEET THE LJC CLASS OF 2026



Family: Husband - Jason, sons Cole (Maddie), Chase, Cooper, and Cody, and our dogs - Simba and Mushu

Home: Whiteland Occupation: Assistant Director of Development Services and Communications Employer: Franklin

College

Brenda Ferguson

Favorite Restaurant: If I have to choose just one - The Willard Hobbies: Horseback riding, reading, hiking, watching and playing sports, and baking What is your superpower? Solving the mystery before the last chapter Favorite Part of LJC? I loved

farm day! I have so much admiration for our farmers!

MEET THE LJC CLASS OF 2026



Family: Married to Marvin with 4 adult daughters and one super cute grandson

Home: Greenwood Occupation: Director of

Employer: JC REMC

Meggan Purdy

Favorite Restaurant:

Antilogy

Hobbies: Reading and

traveling

Favorite Part of LJC? | enjoyed economic

development day the most because I was able to gain a better understanding of the process in a real-life format.

MEET THE LJC CLASS OF 2026



Family: Husband - Evan, Son - Aiden, and Daughter - Bridget, cat - Delta Home: Whiteland Occupation: Engineering

Supervisor Employer:

Endress+Hauser

Abby Sego

Favorite Restaurant: Up

Cellar

Hobbies: Reading and biking What is your superpower?

Efficient meetings

Favorite Part of LJC? Aq

Day!

LEADING EDGE



Bubbles and Baubles: an LJC Soiree -March 7, 2025

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Association (IMAA) Excellence in Leadership Program. This is part of our Leaderhip To Your Door Offerings. Do you have professional development needs?
contact Bea Northcott at bnorthcott@leadershipjohnsoncounty.org



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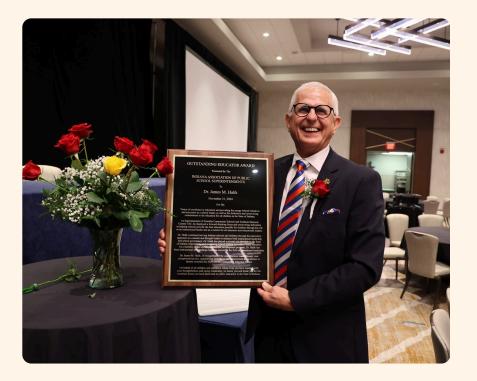


ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

James Halik, LJC Class of 1995

James M. Halik, Ph.D., Interim Superintendent of the Edinburgh Community School Corporation, Edinburgh, Indiana, recently received Indiana's 2024 Educator of the Year Award on November 21, 2024 at the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents (IAPSS) Annual Meeting held at The Westin in Indianapolis.

This is the most prestigious award IAPSS can administer, and it is an honor bestowed upon him by his peers. The process is by nomination and all nominees answer a set of questions provided by a peer review committee. The committee of peers then reviews all nominations and selects one individual to receive the award.



Serving on Boards - Discover Downtown Franklin

We love to see our LJC graduates engaged in the community. Currently serving Discover Downtown Franklin are the following LJC alums:

- Stephanie Northern 2025
 - Dana Monson 2010
 - Emily Olibo 2007
 - Krista Linke -2005
- Tricia Bechman 2004 Executive Director - Danny

Causey - 2016

Projects with Lasting Impact

Volunteer Johnson County just celebrated five years of keeping the citizens of our community informed about volunteer opportunities in our community. This Facebook page started as a Class Project for the LJC Class of 2020. Members of that project group included: Weston Bryant, Daniel Frische, Julie Gahimer, Leeanne Lollar, Todd McMullen, and David Wheatley.

To have things posted to this Facebook site please email Tandy.



Deepen Your Relationships Through Authenticity and Vulnerability

Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Johnson County Armory

Being authentic, honest, and vulnerable can improve your relationships, develop your leadership abilities, and increase your resiliency. However, it can feel intimidating to embrace and demonstrate those traits! Through interactive discussions and reflective exercises, participants in this program will learn how embracing their authentic selves and cultivating honesty and vulnerability will strengthen their relationships both in the workplace and at home, fostering deeper connections and trust.

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Facilitated by:

Nichole Alspaugh Williams, Ed.S., LMHC, NCC Senior Lecturer at the Kelley School of Business





LJC Select Workshops

March and April

Discover Your Working Genius

Thursday, April 25, 2025, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Johnson County Armory

Working Genius can be a powerful productivity tool when leveraged effectively. By understanding and utilizing their own Working Genius, individuals can focus on tasks and projects that align with their strengths, and be more productive and efficient in their work.

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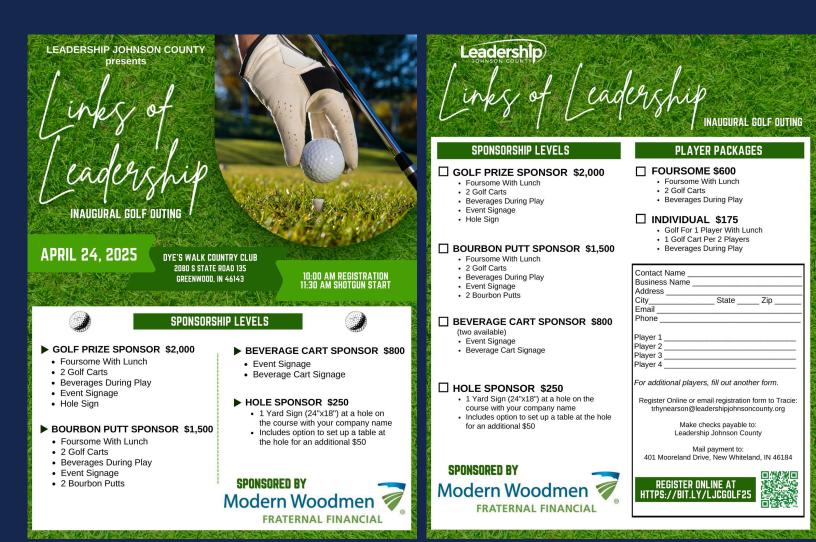




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Dr. Nora Hoover
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YRegister for LJC Select Workshops at www.LeadershipJohnsonCounty.org



LJC will be hosting our inaugural Golf Outing on
April 24, 2025, at Dye's Walk. For more information
or to sponsor this event, please contact Tracie
Rhynearson at
trhynearson@leadershipjohnsoncounty.org











































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