

THE LEADING EDGE

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LJC ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Daniel Stahl



We have so many graduates with impressive stories who are doing neat things in our community. I recently caught up with Daniel Stahl, LJC Class of 2017, and I think you will find his story an intriguing one.

Daniel has been a manufacturing engineer at NSK for three years. Prior to working at NSK, he was a UH-60 Blackhawk Technician – 137th Assault in the 38th Combat Aviation Brigade with the Indiana Army National Guard. Daniel was born and raised in Columbus, Indiana, where he graduated from Columbus East High School in 1997. Following high school, Daniel served for five years on active duty in the Marines as an F/A-18 Fighter Jet Technician. He was stationed in Japan for 3 years, and he also served in Australia, Guam, Taiwan, Korea, Diego Garcia and Singapore. Daniel was deployed for 9 months in support of Operation Enduring Freedom following the September 11th attacks. After his tour with the Marines, Daniel worked as an industrial manufacturing technician while earning his Bachelor's Degree in Business/Computer Science from Indiana Wesleyan University graduating with summa cum laude honors.

Daniel lives in Indianapolis with his fiancé, Mila Untal, who is a material handler at the Ulta Beauty Distribution Center. They have three children. Chow (19) is attending IWU, Dillon (18) and Sean (15) are currently attending Roncalli High School. Dillon will begin his freshman year at Purdue in the fall.

Daniel enjoys cooking (especially homemade New York Style pizzas), traveling, ethnic foods, mountain biking, snow skiing and fishing. Daniel has also developed his handyman skills over the years and that has led to his new side hustle.

After being the go-to mechanic/handyman for many family members and friends, Daniel's fiancé inspired him to start a professional handyman business to capitalize on his skills. Daniel's business can do kitchen and bath sink, faucet, toilet, and disposal maintenance and replacement. He can also do new appliance installation and appliance repair. Daniel can work on storm doors, ceiling fans, decorative lighting, landscaping, pressure washing, fence repairs, lawn mowers/small engine tune-ups, and so much more. You can reach Daniel at 317-748-8923.

Daniel's small business is planning a mission trip in April. They will help provide food, clothing and basic medical aid to people in remote regions of the Philippines who have been recently affected by typhoons and are dealing with a nearly 300% increase in food prices and crippling COVID restrictions.

When I asked Daniel for a quote or rule of thumb that helps guide him as a leader he replied, "Stand on your principles, be confident but humble, and lead by example." I think you can agree that Daniel has been and continues to do just that in his life.

Written by Tandy Shuck

SIGNATURE PROGRAM

Quality of Life Program Day



THANK YOU to our program
day sponsor:



Youth Leadership Academy

Snapshots



UPCOMING *Select Workshops*

Communicating When the Stakes Are High

 **Tuesday, April 5 | 9am - Noon**
Johnson County Armory



Do you find yourself stuck, either personally or professionally, not getting the results you want? How do you typically react when a conversation shifts from smooth and easy to tension-filled or uncomfortable? Do you go on the attack? Withdraw into silence? In this session, you'll learn how to identify when conversations become crucial and discover tools to use to help you get unstuck. Participants will gain insight into their Style Under Stress, and then build skills to help learn to look and stay in dialogue when the stakes are high.

By the end of the session, participants will:

- Be able to identify when a conversation turns crucial
- Know how to stay focused on what you really want
- Have learned how to stay in dialogue and speak persuasively, not abrasively

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Pivot, Change, and Engage as a Team

 **Thursday, April 21 | 9am - Noon**
Johnson County Armory



Tackling Workplace Engagement in an Ever-Changing Environment

This workshop is designed to help you build and support an engaged team – no matter what the work scenario might be. Learn the best ways to “meet people where they are” in terms of team engagement and bring everyone along together in the ways that feel most comfortable to them.

As a result of this workshop, participants will be able to:

- Understand the key benefits of an engaged team
- Identify when a team is NOT engaged and know the potential risk to the team and its members
- Know the difference between team building and team engagement – and how one informs the other
- How to apply team engagement concepts to teams that work together in-person or that work together in a hybrid or virtual mode.

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Meet the Signature Class of 2022!

Amy Mocas

Regional Vice President & REALTOR at Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices in Greenwood



Family: My husband and I have been married for 23 years and have 3 adult children: 2 sons and a daughter. Our youngest 2 live in Greenwood and our oldest lives in Los Angeles.

Who or what inspires you? Leaders who have a servant's heart. I gravitate to those that give back either to their community or just on a personal level. I also always try to surround myself with people who challenge me and make me strive to do better.

Talk about a significant project or accomplishment in your career. In 2020 I was the President of The REALTOR Foundation. It was during the shutdown and we had organizations that needed immediate assistance. Together we gave \$13,000 in emergency grant funds and raised \$250,000 during the pandemic to help those organizations who needed it most. I was lucky enough to also win the 2020 REALTOR of the Year for Central Indiana, which our record year definitely contributed to. It was such an amazing time in my career!

Amy Key

Customer Service Representative for JCREMC



Family: I have been married to Keith for 25 years and have 2 boys Cameron and Collin. Our fur baby is Champ.

Favorite LJC moment to date? Agriculture Day

Hobbies and interests outside of work? My hobbies include crocheting, riding our motorcycle with my husband, and playing guitar.

Something on your bucket list: To take a hot air balloon ride

Meet the Signature Class of 2022!

Caroline Griesemer

Accounting at Johnson Heating Cooling Plumbing

Family: parents Ron and Lisa

Favorite LJC moment to date? Economic Development Day

Hobbies and interests outside of work: traveling, spending time with family and friends



LJC Annual Awards

Each year, Leadership Johnson County honors leaders for their contributions to our community. LJC presents these recognitions at our annual Signature Program graduation ceremony. Nominations are due April 15, 2022.

[Nomination forms can be found here.](#)

Diane Black Servant Leader Award

Criteria:

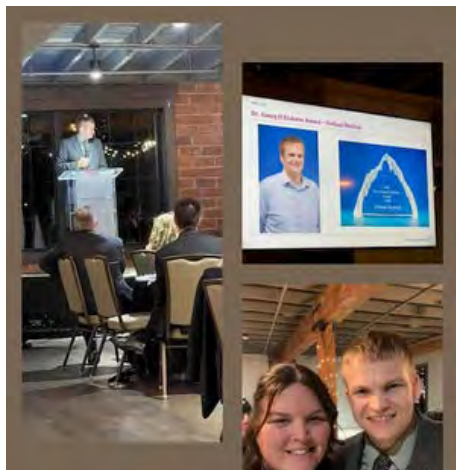
- Recipients must be graduates of the Leadership Johnson County Signature Program.
- Candidates must display ample evidence of servant leadership.
- They must be actively participating in a relevant project or program that benefits Johnson County.
- Recipients shall not be eligible to apply again for three years after receiving the award.

Bonnie Pribush Distinguished Leadership Award

Criteria:

- The recipient must be a graduate of the LJC Signature Program still residing in the Johnson County area.
- The recipient will be evaluated based on her/his accomplishments in community service and leadership.
- The recipient exemplifies the spirit and goals for civic involvement and servant leadership.

LJC ALUMNI *News*



Nathan Hedrick ('19) received the Dr. Georg H Hendress Award at the Endress+Hauser company event. Congratulations, Nathan!

Mackenzie Anders ('20) and her husband Evan welcomed their first child, Reya, on March 13. Congratulations Mackenzie!

Louise Beaman ('00) was appointed by Purdue University College of Agriculture to represent Purdue on the national Council for Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching (CARET) and has done so since 1999. At this national meeting of the Joint CARET/AHS on March 8, 2022, she was recognized for her many years of service to the Council, which included two years of serving as the national chairman, and was awarded the Lifetime of Service to CARET Award upon her retirement from CARET. Congratulations, Louise!

Congratulations to Geoff Zentz ('18), who is starting a new job at AgriNovus as the Senior Director of Innovation!

Is Your Class the Best Class Ever?

Help your class earn the official title of "BEST CLASS EVER!" We have launched the annual fundraising campaign that is a friendly competition among classes. All donations over \$10.00 count for your class. The class with the highest percentage of giving wins the title of **BEST CLASS EVER** for one year. Wouldn't it be awesome if we had more than one class hit 100% giving? We believe this is the year we can accomplish this goal – bring on the donations! You can donate [here](#).

Cooking for a Cause

Experience delicious dishes prepared by an elite group of prominent Johnson County citizens. Your tips and donations will determine the Top Chef Team.

Sunday, April 24 at Garment Factory Events

- 1:30 pm: Doors Open
- 2:00 pm: Chef Parade
- 3:45 pm: Donations Close
- 4:00 pm: Awards Ceremony

Tickets

- \$35 each pre-sale
- \$40 each at the door
- \$350 Reserved Table of 8



[Purchase tickets here.](#)



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JOHNSON COUNTY
at FRANKLIN COLLEGE

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Johnson County
Public Library

Let's Read Leadership: A Book Club for Leaders

Mon | April 11 | 6 to 7pm
open to teens and adults
Clark Pleasant Branch



Join us for our next Let's Read
Leadership session!

- Discussion will be held in the Clark Pleasant Branch Community Room
- JCPL owns 12 copies
- LJC has 3 freecopies to offer to any LJC graduate. Contact bnorcott@franklincollege.edu to enter in the drawing for a free copy!
- [Please reigster here.](#)



LJC Spring Bingo

We held a purse bingo in the fall and so many of you said you wanted more BINGO events. You also indicated you wanted prizes other than just purses, so we have delivered!



Join us on May 17 at The Barn at Bay Horse Inn!

Available sponsorships:

- A round sponsorship is \$350.00 (and comes with 8 seats to the event plus the opportunity to talk about your company and call one round of Bingo).
- A table sponsorship is \$280.00 for eight seats.

Please email Lisa at lkress@franklincollege.edu to reserve your spot now.

You're Invited to the LJC Stakeholder Breakfast

*Tuesday, April 12 at 8:30 a.m.
Henderson Conference Room at Franklin College*

Join us as we reveal the line-up of 2022-23 Select Workshops and share all of our sponsorship opportunities! We have sponsorships ranging from \$150 to \$5,000.

We will also have our 2022-2023 Punch Cards on pre-sale. (There is usually a bonus punch involved in getting your punch card early!)

[You can register here.](#)

Mid-State Athletic Conference Student Advisory Council

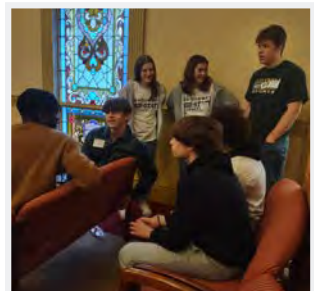
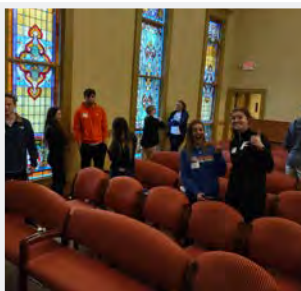
Franklin College and Leadership Johnson County hosted some incredible student-athletes at the Mid-State Athletic Student Leadership Conference on March 7.

Approximately 100 students who help lead their teams came together to further enhance their leadership skills. LJC Signature Program graduates **Brad Coy ('10)** and **Dr. Carolyn Goerner ('14)** facilitated discussions on Emotional Intelligence and Self-Branding. The students came from eight local schools.

Students enjoyed the day and learning more about leadership and themselves:

- The session on Emotional Intelligence teaches essential life skills
- It was a great way to get a better understanding of how to be a better leader
- This lesson taught me things that I will carry with me into the upcoming softball season
- It allowed me to open up more to others!
- It pushed us out of our comfort zone and taught us how to present ourselves positively to others
- I had no idea about imposter syndrome and that was good stuff

Our future looks bright!



Fraud Prevention Workshop

Thank you to MaKayla Thurman, Treasury Management Officer for First Merchants Bank, for presenting at this workshop to help businesses mitigate potential fraud and protect their businesses.



GRIZLead



LJC is excited to partner with the Franklin College Athletic Department on a new project—GRIZLead—to provide all FC student-athletes with leadership development opportunities during their college experience.

Each session will qualify toward the LJC Endorsed Student Leader designation. FC students who attend five LJC programs during their four years at Franklin College qualify for the endorsement. Of the 19 student-athletes who attended the first session, 13 signed up for the endorsement that day! We expect this program to grow over the coming months and years.

Assistant Athletic Director and Head Volleyball Coach Randi Garrett approached LJC with the idea of presenting Lunch & Learn sessions several times each semester. And GRIZLead was born. We held our first session in February with **Dr. Carolyn Goerner ('14)**, LJC Leadership Studies Consultant, leading a discussion on Applying Sports To Life. The second session is March 17, and LJC Select Series Coordinator **Bea Northcott ('97)** will focus on Defining Leadership. The final program for this year in April will be on Financial Stability with LJC Signature Program graduate **Shellee Pietras ('15)** of Promise Advisory Group.



COMMUNITY *News*



Women In Motorsports is a new initiative to amplify PNC Bank's support for gender equality and economic inclusion with the help of Chip Ganassi Racing, specifically by propelling the next generation of female engineers, mechanics, entrepreneurs and other motorsports-related careers.

This campaign includes an **inaugural internship** available to a select group of college students focused on this type of career path and will include on-site learning and career development experiences during the 2022 NTT INDYCAR season. The internship is open to eligible women attending a university, college or other higher education institution in the U.S. and includes a paid stipend and academic credit where applicable. **The application portal is open now and closes at 5pm ET on March 22, 2022.** Chip Ganassi Racing will select and notify participants by April 1, 2022. For more information please see our [Press Release](#) or if you know of any students that may want to apply, visit wim.chipganassiracing.com.

Community Calendar OF EVENTS

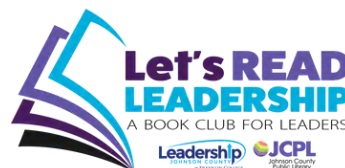
March - April 2022



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
MAR 20	MAR 21	MAR 22	MAR 23	MAR 24	MAR 25	MAR 26
MAR 27	MAR 28	MAR 29	MAR 30	MAR 31	APR 1	APR 2
	Franklin College Spring Break					
APR 3	APR 4	APR 5	APR 6	APR 7	APR 8	APR 9
		9 a.m. - noon Select Workshop: Communicating When the Stakes are High @ Jo. Co. Armory				
APR 10	APR 11	APR 12	APR 13	APR 14	APR 15	APR 16
	6-7 p.m. Let's Read Leadership @ Clark Pleasant Branch	8:30 a.m. LJC Stakeholder Breakfast @ Henderson Conf. Room	Signature Program Day: Government		Deadline for Diane Black / Bonnie Pribush Leader Award applications	
APR 17	APR 18	APR 19	APR 20	APR 21	APR 22	APR 23
		YLA Program Day: Diversity and Inclusion Day		9 a.m. - noon Select Workshop: Pivot, Change, and Remain Engaged @ Jo. Co. Armory		



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