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LJC Alumni—Networking Lunch



*Thank you to Scotty's
Brew Club for hosting
our luncheon!*



Thank you to our Alumni Relations Underwriters Sherman & Armbruster and First Merchants Bank!

The LJC Groundhog Day Celebration
has set record attendance each
year...let's keep the tradition going!

Tuesday, February 2nd, 2016
Open House from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

RSVP to Tandy by January 29th

Join us for food, fun and
networking at the Johnson
County Community Foundation!



398 S. Main St.
Franklin, IN 46131

Additional parking to East
in the Prosecutor's parking lot

Join The LJC Alumni
Relations Committee for
food, fun and
networking on the most
fun holiday of the year!
Bring a friend, spouse,
co-worker or anyone you
want to introduce to LJC!

RSVP to Tandy!



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We are extremely excited to announce Kelsey Kasting as our new Program Coordinator. Kelsey brings many years of experience as a Program and Event Manager for the National FFA Organization. She comes to us with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sales and Marketing with a minor in Organizational Leadership Supervision. Kelsey is no stranger to LJC as she is a Class of 2012 graduate and a former member of the LJC Wine Tasting Committee, which she chaired in 2013. When you see her please welcome her to the LJC Family!

LJC ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

- Congratulations to **Emily Wood ('07)** who will now serve as the social media coordinator for the entire Franklin College campus. Additionally, Emily was promoted to Assistant Director of Alumni Engagement for FC.
- Congratulations to **Don Cummings ('09)** who was recently appointed as a member of the Greenwood Redevelopment Commission by the Greenwood Common Council.
- Congratulations to Jeff Beck ('01) who was selected as the Center Grove Icon of the year. [Click here](#) to read the article. Way to go Jeff!
- The Findley Group with Franklin, Keller Williams is moving office locations to 26 Jefferson Street. Be sure to stop in and see **Kevin ('07), Suzanne ('98) and Cal ('00) Findley** and tell them congrats!
- The Franklin Chamber of Commerce just elected their new Board of Directors. Congratulations to the **NINE LJC ALUMNI** who are helping drive economic development in Franklin!
- Congratulations to **Eva ('04) and Don ('00) Goeb** on their new grandchild. The couple's son and daughter-in-law surprised them when they came home from Hawaii with their adopted child. Eva's reaction gained national attention when the video went viral. [Check out the video here!](#)
- Habitat for Humanity Johnson County will celebrate a ribbon cutting and grand opening on January 29th at 10:00 a.m. for the ReStore, located in Whiteland. Be sure to stop in and shop every Thursday and Friday from 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
- **Sheila Marcum ('00)** shared with us that her grandson, Parker Coraggio, was recently featured in the December edition of Greenwood Magazine. Most micro preemies, born at 22 weeks, do not survive. Parker is still the youngest baby ever born at St. Francis Hospital to survive. This little miracle is now 2 1/2 years old. [Read about his journey here!](#)



Class of 2016—New Member Profiles



Jake Stiles

Compass Insurance & Real Estate and Velvet Elves

Jake and his wife Ericka live in Greenwood with their daughter, Molly (12), and son, Jake II (9).

What is innovative in your field of work: Personally, I feel Velvet Elves, our real estate transaction management software, is very innovative. We are trying to pull clients into the electronic world and give them a place to go to see where their transactions (home buyer or selling) are in real time. They can also share their excitement and progress on their social networks through Velvet Elves.

What or who inspires you: I am very easily inspired. I don't have, per se, one inspiration, but more a collection of moments in any given day. I believe everyone can be an inspiration, and very often are. The most inspiring moments for me, are to see or hear about people stretching their personal boundaries, whether that is in sports, business, or life. Inspiration is everywhere, possibilities happen every day!

Number one skill you practice that makes you successful: Respect. I always show respect to others.

Favorite quote: *Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude.* ~ Thomas Jefferson

Last book you read. Do you recommend: The Four Hour Work Week, while this book has some ridiculous parts in it; it also has some gems! Get through the whole book, it will be worth it.

What movie are you looking forward to seeing and why: Also a nerd, pretty much any super hero movie....they are all fun (and the rest of the new Star Wars movies).

Hobbies and interests outside of work: Family and coaching my kids in sports.

Something on your bucket list: I would love to ride a motorcycle through the countryside in Greenland.

What is your favorite lesson or activity thus far in LJC: I like all the activities that show leadership skills through the activities. Using tangible items to display leadership concepts have been my favorite activities, thus far.



Melissa Claprod

Radiation Therapist

Melissa lives with her husband James, in Franklin. They have an 11-year old daughter, Reece.

What is innovative in your field of work: Cancer treatment & technology is always evolving. It's exciting to see the advancements in treating & curing cancer.

What or who inspires you: My parents.

Number one skill you practice that makes you successful: Listening to my patient's needs.

Favorite quote: *"I can do all things thru Christ who strengthens me."*

Last book you read. Do you recommend: I don't have much time to read for pleasure, although I enjoy doing so. I do read my Bible & recommend highly .

What movie are you looking forward to seeing and why: Zootopia - don't see many adult movies nowadays.

Hobbies and interests outside of work: Fostering cats/kittens, animal advocate, camping, spending time with friends & family.

Something on your bucket list: Swim with dolphins.

What is your favorite lesson or activity thus far in LJC: Historical tour.

Class of 2016—New Member Profiles



Paul Hoffman

Daily Journal/Special Publications Editor (Check out his upcoming event on Page 9!)

Paul lives in Columbus with his wife Kimberly. He has a son, Brett Hoffman; daughters, Kirsten Hoffman, Jaclyn Hoffman, and Emily Hoffman; stepdaughters Sarah Akemon and Rachel Akemon; and granddaughter Zoey Hoover.

What is innovative in your field of work: Use of social media to disseminate the news

What or who inspires you: People I know who have had rough patches and could have given up, but persevere nonetheless. People who do the right thing for the right reasons.

Number one skill you practice that makes you successful: Perseverance and inquisitiveness. I'm willing to work on a problem longer than many others. I also like finding answers and solutions, whether they are found inside the box or outside of the box (What box?)

Favorite quote: *"The future's uncertain and the end is always near."* - from "Roadhouse Blues" by the Doors. This reminds me that you never know what's going to happen and you never know

how much time you really have. So you should make a positive difference in the lives around you before it's too late.

Last book you read. Do you recommend: "The American Night: The Writings of Jim Morrison Volume 2" If you're interested in reading some of Jim Morrison's poetry, go for it.

What movie are you looking forward to seeing and why: "American Resurrection" because I play a small part in it... a VERY small part.

Hobbies and interests outside of work: I had my first book published in 2012: "Murder in Wauwatosa: The Mysterious Death of Buddy Schumacher." It's a true story from 1925. I have been writing the odd poem now and then and hope to have a book of poetry published when I get enough poems that aren't terrible. I like sports, am a former sportswriter, and own stock in the Green Bay Packers.

Something on your bucket list: Go to Hawaii.

What is your favorite lesson or activity thus far in LJC: There are so many lessons that have showed me how important it is to see things from other people's perspectives or see goals from a team perspective and not from my own perspective. I enjoy engaging in activities that put me outside of my comfort zone yet allow me to learn and succeed in a non-threatening environment.

Sarah Trueblood

Endress+Hauser, Talent Acquisition Specialist

Sarah lives with husband TJ in the Center Grove Area with their two daughters, Anna (6) and Claire (3).

What is innovative in your field of work: I work for an advanced manufacturing company that is constantly coming out with new and innovative technologies. In my specific line of work (Talent Acquisition/Recruiting), I have seen the field change and innovate over my 10+ year career. We are always trying to come up with new and creative ideas for attracting talent to our company and our industry (process automation). For example, we are currently implementing a new applicant tracking system and finding the best way to keep college students engaged in our company, even when we don't have an immediate job opportunity for them. We need to always be thinking of what we can do better!

What or who inspires you: My family and anyone who has overcome negative events in their lives to become successful.

Number one skill you practice that makes you successful: Disciplined organizational skills, time management and maintaining a positive attitude (oops, that was three).

Favorite quote: *"Everything happens for a reason."*

Last book you read. Do you recommend: I don't read many books at this point in my life, but I did recently finish reading "the life-changing magic of tidying up" and highly recommend if you have a goal of de-cluttering your home!

What movie are you looking forward to seeing and why: I also don't go to the movies often, but I would like to see Sisters, and would like to take the kids to see the new Alvin and the Chipmunks movie.

Hobbies and interests outside of work: Spending time with family and friends, taking photos, Zumba, small home improvement projects, and exploring new places.

Something on your bucket list: Travel to Ireland.

What is your favorite lesson or activity thus far in LJC: As a Psychology major, I really enjoyed the Myers-Briggs activity during our opening retreat.



Class of 2016—New Member Profiles



Danny Causey

Franklin Heritage, Inc. & The Historic Artcraft Theatre – Director of Architectural Salvage at Madison Street Salvage (Check out the Sponsorship Party for the Artcraft on Page 9)

Danny and his wife, Kristen live in Franklin, IN.

What is innovative in your field of work: We are one of the only non-profit architectural salvage shops. Our shop helps raise valuable funds for projects in downtown Franklin such as at The Historic Artcraft Theatre! I am also very involved in façade design in downtown Franklin and have worked on projects like Ann’s Restaurant and T-Shirt Express.

What or who inspires you: Seeing positive change in downtown Franklin inspires me to be a better business operator as well as encourages me to do more design work. My biggest supporter is my wife and family.

Number one skill you practice that makes you successful: Having a positive attitude and strong communication skills has helped to make our business a success and brings repeat customers.

Favorite quote: “There are those who look at things the way they are and ask why, I dream of things that never were, and ask why not?” – Robert Kennedy

Last book you read. Do you recommend: Outliers by Malcolm Gladwell, very interesting!

What movie are you looking forward to seeing and why: I am already excited for the next ‘new’ Star Wars movie.

Hobbies and interests outside of work: graphic design, architectural design, woodworking

Something on your bucket list: Hold an appointed or elected position in my local community and make a positive contribution.

What is your favorite lesson or activity thus far in LJC: I have enjoyed all of our expert panels, for example the infrastructure and media day.

Did You Know? It’s Time to Recruit the Next “Best” Class!

- The class with the highest number of complete referrals (name and email) sent to LJC will win a *fabulous prize*?
- It takes over 300 nominees receiving information about the program for us to receive 40-50 completed applications?
- We are looking for a cross-section of the community—all nine townships and a variety of business, agriculture, non-profit, and community volunteers to participate in the program.
- We have an information session scheduled for February 16th at 6:00 p.m. in the Henderson Conference Room for those interested in learning more about LJC.
- The deadline for applying to the Class of 2017 is March 16th!!
- Send your nominees to [Kate](#) today!

Thank You to our Sponsors!!

January Program Day

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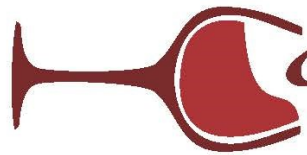
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Wine Tasting

Presented By:  **OLD NATIONAL BANK**

Saturday, March 12th, 2016

• Reception: 6:00 p.m. • Dinner: 7:00 p.m.
Indiana National Guard Armory

Tour of France

featuring wines and cuisine from France

Silent & Live Auctions

Tickets:

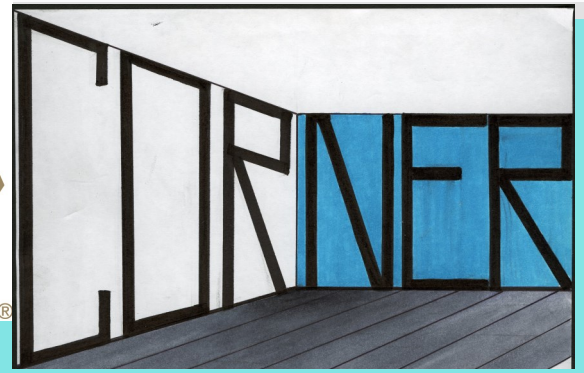
- \$100.00/each
- Table of 10 \$950.00
(goes up to \$1,000.00 after January 15, 2016)

Sponsorships available

For more information or to reserve your table, contact Tandy Shuck at tshuck@franklincollege.edu or 738-8264

***ONLY 50 SEATS REMAINING.
BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY!***

FRANKLIN COLLEGE



Check out the wonderful opportunities available to LJC Alumni through Franklin College. Each time you see the Franklin College Corner, you will know that dynamic learning, convocation or networking events are right around the corner! Come join us.

Courageous Conversations:

I Am My Sister's Keeper



FEBRUARY 9, 2016 • 7:30 PM

Richardson Chapel on the campus of Franklin College.
101 Branigin Blvd. Franklin, IN 46131

Sharon Cooper, sister of Sandra Bland, will be joining us to share her experience.

This event is open to the public and is free of charge.

SPONSORED BY:

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**Photo above of Sharon Cooper & Shandra Bland courtesy of Cosmopolitan.com*

Franklin College Coffee Chats—Engaged Learning Department at FC

When: Wednesday, January 27th
from 3:15—4:30 p.m.,
Henderson Conference Room, Franklin College

What: Join stimulating conversations regarding civic engagement at the local and national level. Join faculty and staff, students and community members for coffee, tea, light refreshments and conversation.

Cost: Free and open to public.

Franklin College Convocation Lecture Series

When: Thursday, February 25th,
7:00 p.m., Branigin Room,
Napolitan Student Center

What: Join Deborah Gray White, Ph.D., for a discussion entitled "After Slavery: A Consideration of 'Slavery By Another Name.'" In conjunction with the discussion, the film "Slavery by Another Name," will be shown at 5:00 p.m. in the Richardson Chapel.

Cost: Free and open to the public.

Engage in Our Community!



Be a Franklin Hunger Hero!

Be a Franklin Hunger Hero is a two-week online fundraising campaign (February 8- 22) to raise funds to provide a week's worth of food for 200 of Franklin Community's children during Spring Break 2016. These children have been identified as the most at risk of missing meals when school breakfast and lunch is not provided.

Be a Franklin Hunger Hero will challenge the community to support these children right within our own community that are struggling. Be a Franklin Hunger Hero.

To donate: <https://gleaners.ejoinme.org/franklinhungerheroes>

To follow: www.facebook.com/franklinhungerhero

Visit our website: www.franklinhungerheroes.com

Last year, the Franklin Hunger Hero's community project raised funds to provide food to kids who were going hungry over breaks. They decided they weren't finished. Check out the great work they continue to do, post graduation!

The Historic Artcraft Theatre, the largest renovation project of Franklin Heritage, is hosting the annual sponsorship party. This event is a great way to support the revitalization of downtown Franklin.

SEE YOUR NAME IN LIGHTS!

SPONSOR LEVELS START AT \$25

FILM

Film sponsor for the weekend's movie

CARTOON

Sponsor for the month's classic cartoon

PROGRAM

Sponsor the weekend's program handout

DELIVERY

Sponsor the film reel's delivery to the theatre

CONCESSION

Your favorite candy featured for the month!

PRIZE

Mesmerize the crowd with on-stage giveaways

LIVE EVENTS

Sponsor a live stage performance

...AND MORE!

THE FIRST 200 TO RSVP COULD WIN ONE OF THREE VALUABLE PRIZES

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The Historic

ARTCRAFT

Theatre

2016 Sponsorship Party

6 pm, Saturday, February 6

7:30 P.M. - FILM SERIES UNVEILING

8 P.M. - SILENT AUCTION STARTS

- Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, desserts, drinks and popcorn will be served.
- Checks, Visa, Mastercard and Discover accepted.
- Payment at time of purchase is appreciated.

CALL (317) 736-6823 TO RSVP

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED - A 21+ EVENT

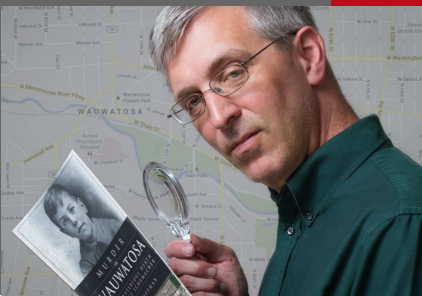
HISTORICARTCRAFTTHEATRE.ORG

57 N. Main St., Franklin, IN

Bring yer booty in costume!

Current LJC Class Member to Speak on Book

Join author Paul Hoffman at the White River Branch of the Johnson County Public Library for "Cold Case Files: Murder in Wauwatosa." The event will take place on February 3rd at 6:30 p.m.



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- Inside look at the town of Avignon
- Brandy Tasting during a unique stop of a Cognac distillery
- Taste traditional Cassoulet in Toulouse

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Single ~~\$6,899~~ \$6,699

Prices are per person and include roundtrip airfare from Indianapolis, air taxes and fees, hotel transfers

Portion of proceeds will go to Leadership Johnson County



For additional information, contact Becky Tilson becky@tilsontravel.com or visit tilsontravel.com/packages

Around Johnson County

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What: The purpose of this series is to stimulate conversations regarding civic engagement at the local and national level. Join faculty and staff of Franklin College, students and community members for coffee, tea, light refreshments and conversation.

Cost: All coffee chats are free and open to the public.

State of the City Address—Franklin

When: Tuesday, February 9th at 6:00 p.m., Historic Artcraft Theatre

What: The Mayor of Franklin will give a recap of events from the past year as well as share some of the projects that will be happening in the coming year.

Cost: Free and open to the public.

Franklin Chamber Cash Bash—Indiana Grand Racing & Casino

When: Saturday, February 27th. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

What: Join the Franklin Chamber of Commerce for the annual Cash Bash benefiting the building fund. The event is a reverse raffle with the opportunity to win \$7500.

Cost: Tickets are on sale at the [Chamber office](#) until February 12, 2016. Each \$150 ticket includes: admission for two, one entry into the reverse raffle, dinner for two, four drink tickets, raffle, live auction, games and FUN!

LJC Wine Tasting—Tour of France, presented by Old National Bank

When: Saturday, March 12 at 6:00 p.m. at the Johnson County Armory, Indiana National Guard.

What: Join LJC for food, wine and a tour around France as we raise funds to support our mission of cultivating and developing informed and involved leaders. A silent and live auction as well as a wine pull and raffles will round out the evening!

Cost: \$100 per person. Tables of 10 are \$1000. For more information, please email [Tandy!](#)

Local Chamber of Commerce—The Place to Be

Johnson County has two vibrant chambers of commerce for local business to exchange ideas, network and gather important knowledge about the business environment of our community and the state of Indiana. RSVP today!

Franklin Chamber of Commerce— Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet, featuring the Mayoral State of the City Address

Thursday, February 11th, 2016

Indiana Masonic Compass Park Community Center

690 State Street, Franklin, IN

11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Cost to attend: \$25 per person

Register at www.franklincoc.org by February 5, 2016

Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce— Legislative Matters Luncheon

Friday, February 19th, 2016

Valle Vista Golf & Conference Center

755 East Main Street

Greenwood, IN 46143

11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Cost to attend: \$20.00

[Register Here!](#)

