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On a beautiful Indiana fall day, 25 elementary aged children from the Johnson County Home-school Co-op toured Crystal Springs Grain to learn about agriculture in Johnson County. How did they find the farm? Through an LJC connection! Owner and LJC graduate, **Brian Marten ('95)**, shared that "even 25 years later the lessons in LJC that taught me to step out of my comfort zone are still working!"

We love to hear when our graduates are using the skills they learned in the Signature Program to help make a difference in the community!



October Signature Program Day

Participants greeted each other with a welcome circle, toured area farms, discussed the historic driving tour, practiced civil civic discourse and worked on developing goals for the year. Special thanks to our program underwriter, Crystal Springs Farm.



Class Profiles



Ken Kosky

Executive Director, Festival Country Indiana

Family: Wife Anicia and son Ian

Live: Franklin

Favorite LJC moment or lesson to date: I'm a looking forward kind of guy, so as awesome as it has been so far, the best is yet to come.

Number one skill you practice that makes you successful: Competitiveness.

Hobbies and interests outside of work: Biking, lifting weights, hiking, kayaking.

When have you been most satisfied in your life: Every minute of it.

What's your superpower: Two superpowers: strength and the ability to see the future.

What is your favorite restaurant: Revery in Greenwood, RFD in Franklin.

Name one word to describe yourself: Un-boxable.



Jill Griffith

Financial Advisor

Family: (son) Colton, 8; (dog) Tate; (cats) Maddie & Alice

Live: Greenwood

Favorite LJC moment or lesson to date: Collaborating with my team in the early stages of planning our project.

Number one skill you practice that makes you successful: Planning!

Favorite quote: "One day, you will wake up and there won't be any more time to do the things you've always wanted. Do it now." – *Paulo Coelho*

What movie are you looking forward to seeing and why: Downton Abbey. I loved the TV series and enjoy all things British.

Hobbies and interests outside of work: Wine, travel, snarky cross stitch and adventures with my son & our dog.

Something on your bucket list: Live abroad.



Erin Slevin

Community Wellness Coordinator, Purdue Extension

Family: Husband, Ryan (Firefighter/Paramedic); Daughters, Adelyn (10) and Emery (7)

Live: Franklin

Favorite LJC moment or lesson to date: I'm sure there will be many more favorite moments and lessons to come, but so far my favorite moment was the experiential activities in the gym on Day 1 of the retreat – great team building moment!

Favorite quote: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." – *Margaret Mead*

Last book you read/recommend: The Tattooist of Auschwitz, *Heather Morris*

Hobbies and interests outside of work: Camping with friends and family, going to concerts, watching my kids play sports.

Something on your bucket list: Visit every National Park.

If you could appear on one game show, what would you choose and why: The Price is Right. I've always wanted to spin the wheel!

Class Profiles



Kim Kovacs

HR Director, The Phoenix Group/Falcon Manufacturing

Family: Husband (Rick of 25 years), wonderful son (Ricky- 22) and amazing daughter (Katie - 20)

Live: Center Grove Area

Favorite LJC moment or lesson to date: Meeting my fantastic team!

What or who inspires you: My father inspires me. He is just such a wonderful, amazing, smart person. I don't know what I would have ever done without him!!

Favorite quote: Prayer does not need proof...Prayer needs practice!

What movie are you looking forward to seeing and why: IT... because it was a movie from my childhood and to see what the writers are going to

do next is pretty exciting!!

What is your perfect pizza: Stuffed crust pepperoni and mushroom deep dish pizza, though I haven't had it in awhile because I am a woman and we are always on a diet!!

What is your favorite restaurant: Harry & Izzy's. Their sliders and green tomatoes are out of this world!



Adam Vaught

Technical Support Specialist at Franklin Community Schools

Family: Spouse, Holly; 2 Sons, Turner (6), Mason (3)

Live: Franklin, IN

Favorite LJC moment or lesson to date: I was amazed at how much I enjoyed meeting the others in my class that first day of the retreat and finding out how much I had in common with people I had never met.

What is innovative in your field of work: Everything!

Phones, computers, Chromebooks, iPads, apps, TVs, projectors...they are always changing! Sometimes they change for no good reason (in my opinion). There is so much technology today that it's almost impossible to keep up with it. But I try to know a little bit about a lot of things and in the field of technology there is no shortage of "things".

Favorite quote: "A mistake on your part does not constitute an **emergency on mine.**"

Hobbies and interests outside of work: I like to play baseball with my boys and golf with family and friends. As a family we like to travel for vacations (especially to Disney World) and going to the zoo or museums.

What is your favorite restaurant: I used to love going to the House of Franklin with my grandparents. It was located in Franklin where Auto Zone is currently across from the Chevy dealer. Today I am mostly an Applebee's or Chili's person.

Name one word to describe yourself: Loyal



Mackenzie Anders

Area Representative - Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Family: Husband- Evan

Live: White River Township

Favorite LJC moment or lesson to date: Visiting the farms. Agriculture is so important to our future and the way they have and continue to innovate to solve problems is fascinating!

What or who inspires you: My dad. He works hard and doesn't complain.

Favorite quote: God did not give us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and personal discipline. *2 Tim 1:7*

Hobbies and interests outside of work: Trail running, anything adventurous and challenging.

Something on your bucket list: Build a house on some land out in the woods

What is your favorite restaurant: The Taxman

NETWORKING BREAKFAST

Date: Wed, November 6th

Time: 7:00-8:30 am

Location: Historic Don and Dona's Restaurant

Cost: No event charge, just your breakfast order cost!

Join us for breakfast, meet LJC Signature Program Alumni, catch up with friends, and share what is going on in your business or nonprofit!

Please RSVP to Lisa Kress:
lkress@franklincollege.edu or
317-738-8794

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NOVEMBER 14, 2019

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LET'S READ LEADERSHIP

Monday, November 11 | 6 PM
Clark Pleasant Branch
Community Room | FREE

Drive: The Surprising Truth About What Motivates Us
by Daniel H. Pink

Keep yourself on the cutting edge of your field by participating in an engaging and timely discussion with peers and mentors. A book club partnership between the Johnson County Public Library and Leadership Johnson County. Register at pageafterpage.org/events.

Breaking News

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Alumni Inspiration

- Congratulations to **Sarah Taylor ('15)** on her new position as the Assistant Director for the Johnson County Public Library. Sarah has been with the library for 15 years, most recently serving as the programming manager.
- Congratulations to **Stephanie Fox ('15)** on the birth of her first child, Owen Keith Fox. Owen was born on September 30, 2019. Congratulations on your new little leader!
- Congratulations to **Marie Storm ('16)** on the opening of a second location for Storm Chiropractic. You can visit her at the new location, 701 W. Madison St., Franklin.

- Congratulations to Indiana National Guard **Col. Cathy Eaken ('14)**, the 38th Infantry Division logistics officer supporting Task Force Spartan received the eagle-inspired rank during her promotion ceremony. Great leadership, Cathy!



- Dr. **Carolyn Goerner ('14)** was recently featured on WRTV 6 during the Hiring Hoosiers segment. She was interviewed about the Strengths Based Leadership workshop held in October. Check it out [HERE!](#)



- Congratulation to **Meghan Whirley ('14)**, who was married to Corey Therrien on October 5, 2019. Wishing the bride and groom every happiness!

- Congratulations to **Nick Stainbrook ('18)** on the birth of Easton Ryan Stainbrook on October 15, 2019.



- Congratulations to **Leslie Lux-Baute ('07)** on being named to the Franklin College Alumni Council.
- Congratulations to **Kerri Ellington ('08)** on her work with Launch, a distinctive first year experience program with Franklin College.
- Upstream Prevention is celebrating their four-year anniversary. Congratulations to **Kathleen Ratcliff ('17)** on this tremendous accomplishment!



- Congratulations to **Rhoni Oliver ('13)** who will begin a new position as the Regional Innovation Coordinator for INDOT.



LJC Select Workshops

Beyond the LJC Signature Program

Developing Trust



Trust decreases turnover, increases innovation, and pushes individual performance. When trust takes a hit, so does business. In this workshop you will discover your own 30-second credibility boosters and busters and learn to develop the five primary trust building actions. Professor Brenda Bailey-Hughes, IU Kelley School of Business, will facilitate the workshop. Brenda teaches leadership and communication and is a strong advocate for global perspectives in the business environment. She regularly presents at conferences and workshops and is the author of nine courses in the LinkedIn Learning library.

Friday, November 8, 2019 | 9:00 a.m. - Noon
Franklin College, Dietz Center | \$49 per person | Register

Bigger, Faster, Better: The Personal & Cultural Benefits of Social Technologies

Passing notes in class. Conversations with neighbors on the sidewalk. A postcard from a friend in a far-off place. Before the mid 1990's, these were all considered social media. Now we think Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and more. Social technologies get blamed for many negatives in our culture, but in this session we will dispel some of the myths about social media and focus on how each of us can be strategic in our use of these tools to benefit ourselves, businesses, and our communities. Dr. Sarah Smith-Robbins is the Director of Learning Technologies at the Kelley School of Business in Bloomington. She is also a member of the Marketing faculty where she teaches digital and social media marketing courses.



Wednesday, November 20, 2019 | 9:00 a.m. - Noon
Franklin College, Dietz Center | \$49 per person | Register



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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2019 🍷 at Garment Factory Events



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EVERY STORY MATTERS



JCPL Presents: Free Viewing of "The Public"

Doors open for a pre-show community discussion about homelessness in Johnson County. Show time is 7 p.m. No tickets are required for this movie. This film is rated PG-13.

Tuesday, October 29, 2019

Historic Artercraft Theatre

6:15 p.m. Community Discussion | 7:00 p.m. Movie



Wednesday, November 6, 2019 | 8:00 a.m. | The Elevator | Franklin

Guest Speaker | Susan Van Hoosen

Topic | It's Never Too Late to Discover Your Purpose and Follow Your Passion

Free to attend | Tickets [HERE](#)

Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce Business Matters Luncheon

The Chamber understands that businesses face numerous challenges, and the weight of those challenges and responsibility to find solutions rests solely with the people inside the business. Join us for a luncheon focused on YOU!

Tuesday, November 12, 2019 | 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Dye's Walk Country Club

2080 South State Road 135, Greenwood

RSVP [HERE](#)



Franklin Chamber of Commerce Luncheon

Please join the Franklin Chamber for the November Chamber Luncheon. Monthly luncheons feature guest speakers and an opportunity to network with business leaders in the community. Not a member? No problem! Attend and learn why you should join!

Thursday, November 14, 2019 | 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Garment Factory Events

101 East Wayne Street, Franklin

RSVP [HERE](#)



Franklin College Featured For Efforts with Core Curricula Reform

An article was published on September 24 on the website of University Business featuring Franklin and Harvard as examples of efforts to reform core curricula. University Business is a publication for presidents and other senior officers at nearly every two- and four-year U.S. college and university. The magazine covers all aspects of college and university management and reaches, by request, more than 45,000 print subscribers and 41,000 digital subscribers. This provided Franklin College extraordinary national coverage and recognition for our efforts with the Pursuit. You can read the complete story here.

On the Big Screen

Professor of Fine Arts and Theatre Department Chair Gordon Strain announced two movies he produced had their Indiana premiere at the Heartland International Film Festival in October 2019. First was *The Miseducation of Bindu*, filmed at Broad Ripple High School in Indianapolis. The film had its world premiere October 9 at Mill Valley Film Festival (just outside of San Francisco) and premiered at the Heartland International Film Festival on October 12, earning the Indiana Spotlight Award. The second film was *Ms. White Light*. This film had its world premiere at SXSW last March and its Indiana premiere on October 16 at the Heartland International Film Festival, to be followed by a festival in Santa Fe and then on to Italy and Poland in November. A total of 15 faculty, staff, alumni and students participated in this project in a variety of ways, including production assistants, stand-ins or extras. Both films will be widely distributed in 2020.



Blue & Gold Day

Franklin College will host a Blue and Gold Day admission event on Saturday, November 2. This is an opportunity for students and their families to learn more about the enrollment opportunities at Franklin College. The event will include a campus tour, an admission and financial aid presentation and an academic fair.

Open to junior and senior high school students, the event will run from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Onsite admission will be available for high school seniors who are interested in applying to Franklin College. Students who bring their application, official high school transcript and SAT and/or ACT test scores will be given a decision of their admission at the end of the program.

Registration for the event is required and available by calling the Franklin College Admissions Office at (317) 738-8075 or by emailing admissions@FranklinCollege.edu.

THIS & THAT



Upstream Prevention is a Johnson County based nonprofit seeking board members for a three year term. Upstream "seeks to support systems-level changes to promote public health, specifically related to the prevention and reduction of youth substance use, improved mental health of the community, and creating an environment conducive to healthy behaviors for all citizens." Interested persons should apply [HERE](#). Several upcoming workshops include:

- Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) - two-day interactive workshop in suicide first aid. \$10 Registration Fee (training valued at \$160). December 5 & 6, 2019. Register [HERE](#).
- Communities Talk Town Hall on Underage Drinking - event to raise awareness of the impact of underage drinking, and provide actionable steps parents and caring adults can take to help prevent it. Free to attend. November 6, 2019. Franklin Community High School. Register [HERE](#).
- International Survivor of Suicide Loss Day - event designed to bring suicide loss survivors together to find connection, understanding, and hope through their shared experience. Free to attend. Franklin Branch of the Johnson County Public Library. Register [HERE](#).

Bridges Alliance of Johnson County, Indiana is a collaboration effort of businesses, agencies, churches, and individual residents of Johnson County to end poverty by providing proven tools, resources, support, and relationships to foster stability and independence. There are several ways to become involved and help become a part of the solution.

- Surviving to Thriving Training is an engaging 14-week series of classes for individuals and families who want to get to work toward a better future. The class begins November 6, 2019 on 14 consecutive Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church in Franklin.
- Bridges Alliance has a great need for volunteers with a variety of ways to donate time. Become an active part of helping families dealing with poverty in Johnson County by registering to bring a food donation, help with childcare, or serve a meal for weekly Circles Program meetings. Individuals, groups, and accompanied children 10 and above are welcome to serve.
- A variety of training and community awareness programs are available for your business, organization, or church. Find out more about Bridges Alliance [HERE](#).

Johnson County Economic Development Corporation and the Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce are merging to form Aspire Economic Development and Chamber Alliance. Aspire Johnson County is a program of JCDC and will become a program of the new organization.

- Residents are invited to participate in a survey for the I-69 Finish Line project. The short, voluntary survey will help the project team better understand preferences regarding aesthetics for project completion. Responses are confidential and you can find the link [HERE](#).
- Looking for a way to help make Johnson County a better place to live, work, and play? Consider learning more by attending the Aspire Large Group meeting. The October meeting featured updates from past presenters, including: Johnson County Public Library, Festival Country, Bridges Alliance, and Johnson County Food Council. Additionally, the Talent Attraction and Retention, Growth and Planning, and Community Engagement Aspire teams presented. Catch up by watching [HERE](#).

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Practical Advice for Professionals from
Dr. Carolyn Goerner

