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Save the Date

April 22—Social Media

May 11—LJC Graduation

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Please note the LJC Offices will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, March 28th and 29th.

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Leadership Learning Opportunities

Social Media Workshop

Friday, April 22nd, 2016

9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Tilson Conference Center

Join us for a dynamic workshop dedicated to navigating the social media waters for your small business or nonprofit. Bring your device for hands-on training in Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter.

Cost: \$49 per person for LJC and FC Alumni, Franklin and Greenwood Chamber members. \$59 per person, general public. Group discounts available! RSVP to Kelsey [here!](#)



The Power of Innovation

Wednesday, May 18th, 2016

8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Franklin College

In today's world, innovation is the key to success. But how do you move your organization from a sustain mentality to a creative and innovative problem solving mentality? Come find out at our annual leadership symposium.

Cost: \$99 for LJC and FC Alumni, Franklin and Greenwood Chamber members. \$119 for general public. For more information contact [Kelsey](#).

LJC ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

- How incredible is this?! **Joe Waltermann, ('07)** former LJC Board President, won a fun game at the Johnson County Community Foundation Board Retreat. For winning he got to pick an organization to gift \$1,000.00 to as part of the 25th Anniversary Celebration for the Johnson County Board Retreat "Minute to Win It" Surprise Grant Game
- Congratulations to **Robin Betts ('12)** who was recently promoted to Community and Public Relations Specialist for Franklin Community Schools!
- Congratulations to current class member **Alaina Sullivan**, who sold her house and is moving to Michigan with her family. You will be missed Alaina, and your LJC family wishes you the best of luck. Stay in touch!
- Congratulations to **Christine Alfrey ('11)** and **Kim Minton ('08)** who recently graced the cover of the Southside Business Exchange Annual Women in Leadership Special Issue. We have great leaders among our alumni!
- Best of luck to **Jane Blessing ('01)** as she announced her retirement from Johnson Memorial Hospital. Jane served several roles at JMH including Director of the Foundation, Partnership for a Healthier Johnson County and Director of Marketing. Congratulations on a great career
- dedicated to moving the people in our community forward. You will be missed!
- LJC current class member, **Andy Bowen**, recently helped his church organize "A Night To Shine" prom. The event hosted over 200 people with special needs for a night of dancing, fellowship and fun.
- Current class member, **Tara Payne**, is helping to implement "Change for a Dollar" at her church after classmate, **Andy Bowen**, shared the wonderful changes that were happening in his church through the initiative during class announcements. Networking, collaboration, moving the county forward—this is LJC in action! Great work Tara!
- Congratulations to **Dale Reborn**, Director of LJC Curriculum, who recently received a grant to purchase the FC campus's first 3D printer. Stop by JCFA and check it out!
- Congratulations to **Jennifer Price Tennell ('03)** who recently accepted the JMH Foundation Director position. Good luck Jennifer!



Class of 2016—New Member Profiles



Crystal Hunt

Endress+Hauser/Public Relations Manager

Crystal and her husband, Andrew, are proud new parents of an adorable baby boy, Brayden - born 11.30.15. They also have three spoiled fur babies - their dogs (Freckles, Zeus & Roo). They reside on the south side of Indianapolis near Roncalli.

What is innovative in your field of work: I enjoy public relations (I think of PR as more like brand journalism) because I am constantly trying to think like the consumer/our customers in order to tell the Endress+Hauser brand/story in a positive way. I also look forward to seeing how PR will change over time - from storytelling to creating a shareable experience for all.

What or who inspires you: Strong, influential women that move the dial - like Sheryl Sanberg.

Number one skill you practice that makes you successful: I do my best to push myself outside of my comfort zone - at work and in my personal life - in order to grow.

Favorite quote: "To begin making real progress, you need to learn where you're most comfortable, most skilled and most proficient. Then move on and find a place where you feel most uncomfortable, most uncertain, and the most unsure of yourself."

Last book you read. Do you recommend: I am currently reading a book called, "Maxed out: American moms on the brink" - which is quite suiting for my new mommy role.

What movie are you looking forward to seeing and why: I don't foresee getting to go to the movies in the near future with an infant BUT we do occasionally like to watch movies on-demand at home.

Hobbies and interests outside of work: First and foremost, spending time with family; going on family walks; fitness; trying out new places to eat; spoiling my dogs and taking them to cute little dog bakeries; DIY-ing my home (my poor husband) thanks to Pinterest; music & dancing; traveling; trying out new recipes; all things philanthropic - of course all this and more BUT only when the baby allows!

Something on your bucket list: Write a book one day.

What is your favorite lesson or activity thus far in LJC: I really enjoyed agriculture day and touring the different farms to learn how our food was produced - I especially loved the milk shakes from Kelsay Farms! :)



Kevin Steinmetz

Capital Projects Manager – City of Greenwood

Kevin and his wife, Cora, have a six-month old daughter Vivienne and a six-year old Bichon Poodle Mix named Ari. They live in the White River Township area.

What is innovative in your field of work: Embracing smarter and slower growth. The Great Recession changed how many local governments work. Sometimes the best investments are the projects/deals governments do not embrace.

What or who inspires you: Fine arts. I am so horrible at music/art/dance that watching others perfect their gifts can be extremely inspiring.

Number one skill you practice that makes you successful: Cooperation. Projects never end the exact same way they were conceived. Sometimes the best ideas come from places/people you would never expect.

Favorite quote: "Adventure is out there!!" Up Disney Pixar

Last book you read. Do you recommend: Lots of pop-up and children's books with my daughter.

What movie are you looking forward to seeing and why: Star Wars: Episode VIII. Why?-Light Sabers!

Hobbies and interests outside of work: Watching IU Basketball and Chicago Blackhawk Hockey.

Something on your bucket list: Compose a bucket list.

What is your favorite lesson or activity thus far in LJC: Camp Atterbury Tour.

Class of 2016—New Member Profiles



Melissa Parramore

Study Connection Director, Franklin Education Connection

Melissa and her husband, Rob, have two daughters - Ally (16) and Liv (13) - and live in Franklin.

What is innovative in your field of work: Off-campus sites for Study Connection

What or who inspires you: Children inspire me!

Number one skill you practice that makes you successful: Communication

Favorite quote: "Life is 10% of what happens to us, and 90% of how we react to it." - Dennis Kimbro

Last book you read. Do you recommend: Enjoy all of the John Grisham books

What movie are you looking forward to seeing and why: Revenent

Hobbies and interests outside of work: Travel, scrapbooking, watching our daughters compete in sports

Something on your bucket list: Trip to Hawaii

What is your favorite lesson or activity thus far in LJC : Media Day



Marie Storm

Storm Chiropractic Clinic—Health Coach, RN & Office manager

Marie and her husband Kevin Storm (high school sweetheart) are expecting a little girl in June. They live in the Greenwood area.

What is innovative in your field of work: Focusing on Prevention & Wellness instead of Sickness & Pain

What or who inspires you: Meeting goals & accomplishing what I didn't think possible inspires me.

Number one skill you practice that makes you successful: Time management/ organization

Favorite quote: "Life is a journey, not a destination."

Last book you read. Do you recommend: Bible most recently ... it's a #1 seller every year so yes I highly recommend :)

What movie are you looking forward to seeing and why: I'm not a huge movie person... so nothing comes to mind.

Hobbies and interests outside of work: I'm a fitness instructor & also enjoy painting.

Something on your bucket list: Several places to travel in our great county, country & beyond :)

What is your favorite lesson or activity thus far in LJC: I've loved getting out into the community to see or experience different places in the county that I normally would not have had the opportunity or not even know existed.

AND WE HAVE A WINNER...

IN THE COMPETITION BETWEEN CLASSES FOR THE LARGEST NUMBER OF NOMINEES TURNED IN TO RECEIVE AN APPLICATION FOR THE 2017 LEADERSHIP JOHNSON COUNTY SIGNATURE PROGRAM, THE CLASS OF 2016 TURNED IN 104 COMPLETE NOMINEES.

AS A PRIZE, THE ENTIRE CLASS WILL RECEIVE LJC GOLF UMBRELLAS. CONGRATULATIONS !

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO TURNED IN NOMINATIONS. WE HAD 65 APPLICATIONS THIS YEAR. A RECORD NUMBER!

Ben Heber
Cummins Inc.— Sourcing Manager
LJC Class Year: 2013

TOUCHING



Describe your current professional role/responsibilities:

I negotiate multi-million dollar construction contracts for Cummins including recent projects like the new Cummins Indianapolis office building. I also lead strategic projects to optimize our construction procurement process globally.

Tell us about your Duke University program and why you decided to pursue it:

It is a global MBA program where we study business classes and focus on issues around the world. We meet for 1 week out of every 10 weeks someplace around the world. We have online study between the in person visits. I have been to China and Chile in the program, and will be in India in April and Germany in June. We go to these places to understand the diversity of culture and business practices. Just like we work on in LJC we focus on understanding people's culture, and preferences best when we are in the setting.

I decided to pursue this program for a variety of reasons. First is that I wanted to expand my impact to have the biggest possible influence on those around me. With Duke's reputation, and the style of program itself, I feel Duke is the right tool for me now. Second, this program has many parallels to the LJC format, and I wanted to continue to learn in this way. Much like LJC does monthly onsite in person meetings, the MBA does periodic in person, on location visits. Duke is also very team oriented and I enjoyed that part of LJC as well, so I thought it would be a good fit.

What charities or organizations are you currently involved in:

Windrose Health Network– Board Member Jan 2015 – Present. Windrose is a wonderful primary care network focusing on the underserved in our community. I serve as the Quality Committee Leader. I found this volunteer opportunity through the LJC newsletter.

Johnson County CIT Leader – Cummins – Leading a multi-tier volunteer organization to increase Cummins impact in Johnson County. Focusing on Education, Social Justice, and the Environment. We have 800+ employees who live in Johnson County, and we want to leverage them and others to make a strategic difference.

Social Impact Club Leader – MBA Club – Lead fundraising for charitable organizations, bring in speakers in social impact space to our meetings around the world, working leading a volunteer event while we are in India.

United Way – Cummins liaison for the past 4 years with UWJC. Increased engagement with Cummins employees in annual campaign. Cummins Leader for Day of Caring for the last 2 years. Loaned Executive in 2014.

As you can see above most of my volunteering is event and organization coordination. I do not get many “action shots” as most of the time is spent sitting at a table in meetings or in front of my computer.

Why did you take the LJC course and what did you gain from the experience:

For me, going to LJC was driven by a burden of mine to look for ways that I could use my resources to make a positive difference around me. LJC provided incredible tools to develop my overall community value.

What advice would you give a current or future class member:

You will know when you are ready for LJC. The time commitment is a great gauge. If you are looking for ways to make the time commitment work in your schedule, you are ready to use the tools. If instead you are looking for a way to complete it with the minimum time needed, you should wait. It will take more time to apply what you learned after you graduate than it takes to learn it, so please be prepared to make the time happen.

How would you describe your leadership style or philosophy:

I lead with an open hand. Whatever I bring to the table (time, knowledge, connections), I will share with the team. At the same time, I ask people around me to use what resources they have currently available, to gain new resources, and to share them with others as much as possible.

Who is a current leader in Johnson County that you admire and why:

I admire people who look to draw the best out of those they come in contact with. I have many friends, colleagues and church leaders who have done that. My wife has been an extraordinary support to me at home. Without her encouragement and foundational partnership, I would not be able to help the community outside the home. From a public setting I met Bonnie Pribush at a critical point in my development and she embodies that ability to make other people better around her.

What do you like to do in your down time:

I have given up my down time. I do love spending time with my kids, working on our hobby farm and watching re-runs of old TV shows with my wife.

What are your future plans – personally and/or professionally:

I look forward to building my impact on the community and the world.

With the completion of my business degree I plan on applying it in a professional management role.

Provide a fun fact about you that not many people know:

I am an above average whistler, specializing in the soundtrack for the “Sound of Music”



snapshots



MURAL PROGRAM—COLOR THE COUNTY!

The Johnson County Community Foundation will celebrate its 25th Anniversary by coloring the county with a paintbrush. The creation of three outdoor mural paintings are planned for Franklin, Greenwood and Bargersville.

The 'Color the County' Mural program seeks local artists, emerging artists, art students and creative community members for a public mural competition. Mural design entries accepted either digitally composed or hand drawn. No previous experience is necessary!

All entries are due at the Johnson County Community Foundation by **5:00 p.m., Friday, April 29, 2016**. A donation to JCCF's Arts and Culture Fund is greatly appreciated, but not required for submission. [Find out more!](#)



BLACK & WHITE BALL TO BENEFIT COMMUNITY ANGELS

Community Angels is a program that helps those in need during times of medical difficulty.

Founded by **Beth Harriman ('14)**, the organization is hosting its 5th Annual Black & White Ball to raise funds and awareness for those in need right here in Johnson County.

This year the event will be held at the Biltwell Event Center on Saturday, May 7th, 2016 from 6:30 p.m. to midnight. The event will feature a Great Gatsby Roaring 20's theme complete with silent auction, food and drinks from the speak easy!

Multiple sponsorship levels available. To learn more or purchase tickets, [click here](#).

Diane Black Servant Leader Award—Nomination Applications Due April 18th

It is that time again! The application packet for the Diane Black Servant Leader Award is now available!

The award was created in 2001 after Diane Black resigned from official employment with Leadership Johnson County to honor her many contributions to our organization and to the Johnson County community.

The first award was given in June, 2003 to Jeff Beck for his work on Praise Acres Farm and Sonya Ware -Meguiar for use with Aktion Club of Johnson County.

Do you know a leader in our community who is making a huge impact on the county through their job and/or volunteer work? Please consider filling out a nomination. Winner will be awarded during the 2016 LJC Graduation Ceremony on Wednesday, May 11th.

Be sure and save the date for Diane's retirement from Franklin College. LJC Alumni and friends are invited to help celebrate on Friday, May 13th in the Von Boll Lounge (Dietz Center) from 4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. RSVP to [Tandy](#) if you are able to join us!

Know someone doing amazing things in our community? Let us know so we can feature them in the LJC newsletter!

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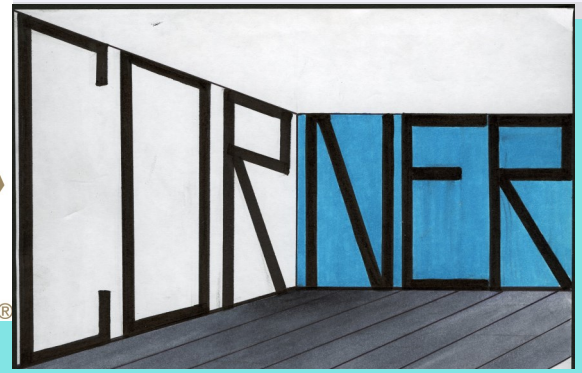
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Thank you to all our sponsors, donors and guests who made our 2016 LJC Wine Tasting Tour of France the most successful event ever! Totals presented in the April newsletter.



FRANKLIN COLLEGE



FRANKLIN COLLEGE TO INAUGURATE 16TH PRESIDENT

Thomas J. Minar, Ph.D., will be inaugurated as the 16th president of Franklin College during a 90-minute installation ceremony beginning at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 9, 2016, in Spurlock Center Gymnasium. The ceremony will be open to the public.

Several events will be scheduled in conjunction with the ceremony, beginning Thursday, April 7 through Sunday, April 10. The theme of the four-day celebration will be "Thinking Forward ... Embracing New Dimensions," and will highlight the personal, liberal arts experience that is the cornerstone of a Franklin College education.

More information will be available soon regarding all events at www.FranklinCollege.edu/inauguration. Follow Minar on Twitter @PresFC.

Since taking office on July 1, 2015, Minar has launched what is anticipated to be the college's most comprehensive strategic planning process to date; met with thousands of college alumni and constituents; and spoken at numerous outreach events in Indianapolis and around the country. His goals for the college include continued growth in academic excellence, engaged community-based learning and increased diversity.

For more information, contact the Franklin College Office of Marketing and Communications at (317) 738-8185.

Franklin College Office of Alumni Engagement Invites YOU!

**MONDAY,
APRIL 25**

Meet Dr. Minar in Louisville!
Louisville Boat Club

**SATURDAY,
APRIL 30**

Grizzly Grand Prix
We are bringing the bike race back to campus! Come cheer on your favorite team and join the festive atmosphere.

MAY 10

Downtown Indy Luncheon Series
FC Professor Emerita Kathy Carlson will speak.

JUNE 2

Pub Night
Various locations

JULY 21

****Date change***
Hugh Andrews Golf Outing
The Legends Golf Club



The Office of Alumni Engagement staff
look forward to seeing you!

[Click here](#) for information on any of our
upcoming events!

Around the Town

Walk A Mile In My Shoes—KIC-IT

When: Saturday, April 30th. Zumba warm-up at 9:30 a.m., 5K Run/Walk begins at 10:00 a.m.
What: 5th annual walk to raise funds and awareness for homeless teens and youth through KIC-IT (Kids In Crisis Intervention Team).
Cost: \$20—18 and older (includes shirt), \$15—6-17 (includes shirt), Free for those 5 and under. Find out more at KIC-IT.org

Black & White Ball—Community Angels

When: Saturday, May 7th from 6:30 p.m. to midnight at the Biltwell Event Center, Indianapolis.
What: Annual gala to raise funds and awareness for Community Angels.
Cost: Ticket and sponsor prices vary. Click [here](#) for more information.

2016 LJC Graduation

When: Wednesday, May 11th at 5:30 p.m.
What: Annual class graduation and presentation of community projects.
Cost: Cost is \$25 per person. Contact [Kelsey](#) for more information.



Leadership
JOHNSON COUNTY
at FRANKLIN COLLEGE
NETWORKING LUNCH

The Leadership Johnson County Alumni Relations Committee invites you to a Networking Lunch!

Where: Triple Play BBQ—
186 W Jefferson St., Franklin
When: Thursday, April 14th –
11:30 am – 1:00 pm
RSVP to Kelsey Kasting – 317-738-8794
or kkasting@franklincollege.edu

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Local Chamber of Commerce—The Place to Be

Franklin Chamber of Commerce— Business Before Hours

Thursday, April 7th, 2016
Indiana Masonic Home at Compass Park
7:30 a.m.—9:00 a.m.

Join the Franklin Chamber of Commerce for a fun “before hours” networking event. Bring business cards to share with those you meet and make connections with local businesses.

RSVP to the [Franklin Chamber!](#)



Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce— 2016 Annual Chamber Celebration

Thursday, April, 21st, 2016
Jonathan Byrd's Banquet Hall
11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Come learn about the Chamber's work over the last year, meet the Chamber's board directors, staff, ambassador committee and partners. They will also reveal the Chamber's 2016 annual business award winners, recognizing outstanding business achievement, architectural achievement, and member engagement! Purchase tickets [here!](#)

