

THE LEADING EDGE

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SIGNATURE PROGRAM - GOVERNMENT

Participants gathered for a fun rendition of "Are You Smarter Than a 12th-Grader" as they learned about local government, met in small groups to get an up-close and personal question and answer opportunity with elected officials, and concluded the day with sessions on public speaking, information about local architecture and history, and project team debriefs. Special thanks to our government program day underwriter, Bill Barrett, and the partners at Williams Barrett & Wilkowski.



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ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

SIGNATURE PROGRAM ALUMNI

- Congratulations to **Patty Homoky ('19)** on her new position as the branch manager for Old National Bank, Southport location.
- Congratulations to **Wendy Pottgen ('19)** who recently formed, HR-All-Day Pottgen Consulting, LLC. If you need to reach Wendy, catch her at wendy@hralldaypottgen.com. Best of luck in your new endeavor!
- Congratulations to Morgan and **Loren ('10) Snyder** on the birth of Lawson James on April 3, 2021. Welcome, little leader!
- Congratulations to current YLA participant **Lilly Pryor** on her recent interview on KORN Country explaining the community project, Murals for Mutts.
- Congratulations to current YLA participant **Zoe Catlin** who won the Franklin Rotary Club Speech Contest for her presentation on "How Rotary Opens Doors."
- Congratulations to **Jenna Kelsay, Lilly Pryor, and Toby Sturgell**, current YLA participants, on their selection to the 2021-2022 District VIII FFA Officer Team!
- Congratulations to **Chris Rynerson ('18)** who recently accepted a new position as a consumer loan officer with First Financial Bank, at the Columbus locations in West Hill and Downtown.
- Congratulations to **Jerry Johnson ('10)** who was recently awarded The FALCON Award, from the National Guard Association of Indiana. This award was created to honor someone who has contributed to the overall success of the Association and who has distinguished him/herself in particularly outstanding service to the United States government over an extended period of time.
- **Kathy Stolz ('99)** was recently elected as the president of the Franklin Fire Merit Commission, a board she has served on since 2012. She was also elected to a four-year term as secretary of Indiana's Ninth Congressional District Democratic Party one week after her term as vice-chair of the Johnson County Democrats ended. She will also be installed as president of the Franklin Lions Club in July after serving two years as first vice president.
- Congratulations to **Heather Faulks Meeks ('13)** on the birth of Emerson Junia Meeks. Welcome, little leader!
- Congratulations to **Main and Madison** on their selection as one of the top cookies in the state awarded by Yelp!

Save the Date!

April 22 | 11:30 a.m.

- Alumni Relations Networking Lunch
Big Woods - Franklin

April 27 | Noon

- All Committee Call Out Meeting

April 27 | 6:30 p.m.

- Youth Leadership Academy Graduation

May 6 | 6:30 p.m.

- Rededication of Palmer Park Community Center to the Booker T. Washington Community Center

May 12 | 5:30 p.m.

- Signature Program Graduation

May 13 | 4:00 p.m.

- Town Hall: Being an Inclusive Community

May 19 | 4:00 p.m.

- All Committee Thank You Celebration & Wrap Up

LJC SELECT WORKSHOPS

VISION CASTING - CREATING YOUR VISION AND MAKING IT REALITY

Tuesday, May 4, 2021 | 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Virtual meeting via Zoom

\$49 per person | Register [here!](#)



Do you ever wish you could see into the future? Well, you can! This workshop will help you create a vision for yourself and your organization and take the steps to create the future you see. Participants will: Understand the difference between vision, mission, and values, learn the tools and techniques to create a vision statement, learn how to identify your strategic position, and learn the steps in creating a strategic plan with specific actions.



About the Facilitator:

Bea Northcott is President of Triple Impact, LLC, a consulting company specializing in working with nonprofit organizations to strengthen board and staff capacity and identify and achieve goals. Bea's nonprofit experience includes working as staff member, executive director, board member and consultant, and has included strategic planning, board and staff development, facilitation, program/project implementation, and training. A graduate of Butler University with a bachelor's degree in Journalism and French, she has a master's degree in Human Resources Management from Kennedy- Western University, and is a graduate of Leadership Johnson County.

OVERCOMING IMPOSTER SYNDROME

Friday, May 21, 2021 | 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Virtual meeting via Zoom

\$49 per person | Register [here!](#)



Have you ever felt like a professional fraud? Are you afraid that your colleagues would laugh if they found out how little you actually know? Do you obsess over mistakes; certain they show the world that you're incompetent? Do you shudder when someone calls you an expert? If so, you've experienced Imposter Syndrome. And you're not alone - research says more than 70% of people have felt it at some time. We'll explore this phenomenon and discover ways to silence your inner imposter. Through this workshop, participants will learn to diagnose types of Imposter, determine the cause of imposter feelings, and develop strategies to stop imposter feelings when they start.



About the Facilitator:

Dr. Carolyn Goerner serves as ALDI's Distinguished I-Core Clinical Professor at the Kelley School of Business at Indiana UniversityBloomington. Prior to joining Kelley's Department of Management and Entrepreneurship faculty in 2000, she completed her PhD in Management and Human Resources at The Ohio State University. She was a Human Resource Consultant for 10 years prior to graduate school. Carolyn also owns Practical Paradigms, a training and consulting company. She serves on the LJC Board of Trustees. Carolyn lives in Greenwood with her husband Peter and dogs Charlotte and Etta.

LJC ALUMNI RELATIONS
NETWORKING LUNCH



Mix and mingle with LJC Signature Program alumni, catch up with friends, and share what is going on in your business! Individual checks.

April 22, 2021 • 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Big Woods Franklin

1800 E. King Street • Franklin

Register [HERE!](#)

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Diversity & Inclusion Town Hall Meeting

Join us for a discussion on how we become a more inclusive community. A diverse panel of speakers will discuss their experiences living, working, and growing up in Johnson County.

Thursday, May 13
4:00 - 5:30 p.m. | Free
Virtual Zoom Meeting
Register [HERE!](#)



IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE!

**Wednesday, May 19
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Virtual Zoom Meeting**

Grab your favorite beverage and join us as we celebrate our successes during the all committee wrap-up!

REGISTER [HERE!](#)

We need you!

LJC ALL COMMITTEE CALL OUT

APRIL 27

NOON - 1:00 P.M.

ZOOM

LJC has a variety of committees in need of volunteers for the 2021-2022 program year. Join us and learn more about how you can use your skills to help further leadership in our community!

Register [HERE!](#)

AROUND THE TOWN



Global Leadership Summit August 5 & 6

Join with curious, growth-minded, and change-driven people like you who want to understand more about leadership in today's world: learn more about the Global Leadership Summit, hosted by Grace United Methodist Church in Franklin on August 5 & 6.

Whether you attend in-person at a station like Grace or online, you will experience two days of rich, high-impact, inspiring sessions from folks who will share their wisdom and practical perspective to support you in your leadership program. To learn more and find pricing for this event, [click here](#). For more information locally, contact Pastor Jenothy Irvine or Pastor Andy Kinsey at grace@franklingrace.org.



Cooking for a Cause 2021

Date: Sunday, August 15, 2021

Time: 5:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Location: Garment Factory Events, 101 East Wayne Street, Franklin

Contact: Kim Minton | 317-738-2213 | kimm@jccf.org

Join the Give Back Gals for an evening of food and fun! Experience delicious dishes prepared by an elite group of prominent Johnson County men. Your tips and donations will determine the Chef of the Event. Tickets are \$35 for each presale, \$40 each at the door, and \$350 for a Reserved Table of eight. [Register here](#) to purchase tickets and support your favorite chef.



We are so excited our friends are
re-opening on April 23 & 24!
Learn more [here](#)!

May Chamber Meeting
May 13, 2021
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Garment Factory Events
101 E. Wayne St. | Franklin | \$20



Join the Franklin Chamber and Rafael Sanchez for Global Johnson County featuring a panel of guests whose businesses reaches all over the world! We are excited to welcome representatives from B2S LifeSciences, Berry Global, NSK Corporation and Norton Farms to the panel!

[Register here!](#)



2020 was unprecedented. The pandemic forced Hoosier businesses to quickly adapt to evolving customer bases and government restrictions. Many employees worked from home for the first time. But business leaders are survivors. The pandemic revealed new market opportunities, tested determination, and called on employers to serve community and customer pandemic-induced needs.

Aspire wants to recognize employers that discovered innovative ways to adapt, forge a new path of resiliency, and survive with our Business Resiliency Award.

Both for-profit and non-profit organizations located in Johnson County or southern Indy are eligible.

Nominations are due by April 28, 2021. Finalists will be announced on/after May 3. The top winner of each employer size category will be revealed at the May 20 "Celebrate Aspire" event. Please complete [this form](#) to nominate your organization or another organization that demonstrated resiliency.

Special attention will be paid to nominations demonstrating creative, bold, unique and/or innovative solutions that are supported with positive outcomes.



#GIVETOGRIZ 2021 THE MOST SUCCESSFUL TO DATE

Franklin College students, employees, alumni, trustees and friends virtually joined in the spirit of giving during the college's ninth annual giving day, #GivetoGRIZ, on Wednesday, April 14. The result was the most successful one-day giving event to date for the college.

The college raised a total of \$279,352, surpassing the goal of \$175,000. Donations reflect an increase of 12.7 percent compared to last year. The total number of donors for the day was 1,176, an increase of 8.3 percent from last year and surpassing the goal of 1,000.

The money raised during this one-day giving event goes to all corners of campus, including the Franklin Fund to help provide tuition assistance for Franklin College students that qualify for assistance. Nearly 100 percent of Franklin College students receive some form of financial aid, many of whom would not otherwise be able to afford a college education.



COLLEGE ANNOUNCES \$200,000 GIFT FOR CENTER FOR TECH INNOVATION

With a recent \$200,000 gift from Franklin College Trustee Robert (Rob) B. Brown and his spouse, Ruth, plus generous support from other private donors, Franklin College has raised the capital to complete renovation of the Center for Tech Innovation (CTI) on its campus.

The CTI, located on Grizzly Drive, will serve as the hub for the college's newly created digital fluency program. It will provide collaboration and work space for students, faculty and staff members to explore new technologies and interact with one another, as well as industry partners on innovative projects and initiatives.

Read the entire news release [HERE](#).

COLLEGE ANNOUNCES 2021 COMMENCEMENT AND BACCALAUREATE DETAILS

Franklin College will host its 2021 commencement ceremony at 10 a.m., Saturday, May 22 in Stewart "Red" Faught Stadium on campus. The outdoor facility allows for appropriate physical distancing of participants as well as guests, which will be limited to six per graduate. Tickets are required to attend the ceremony, and face masks will be required. The event will be live-streamed on the college website, www.FranklinCollege.edu.

The commencement speaker will be Billie Dragoo, founder and CEO of RepuCare, a proven workforce solutions provider to Fortune 500 clients and managed health care providers. Dragoo will receive an honorary doctor of humane letters from the college. Read the entire news release [HERE](#).



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