

# THE LEADING EDGE

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## SIGNATURE PROGRAM DECEMBER - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DAY

Participants gathered to learn about the many facets of economic development within a community. From an introduction to prototyping to working with a small group to develop a plan for selling their town to businesses, class members learned valuable information about the process of attracting and retaining businesses within a community. Special thanks to Grace United Methodist Church for allowing us to gather in their facility, and to our program day underwriters: City of Franklin and Geek in Pink Computer Repair.



# ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

## SIGNATURE PROGRAM ALUMNI

- Congratulations to **Amy Dalton ('16)**, who recently started a podcast for the Johnson County Public Library. "Back Stories" tells the stories behind authors, books, movies, music, and anything else patrons might ask to discuss. Amy is a librarian with JCPL's White River Branch.
- **Ruthie Leeth ('19)** was selected to participate in an Indiana Department of Education committee to update Indiana's comprehensive school counseling initiative across the state. The new program, "Carrying the Torch to Student Success," guides schools in building a comprehensive program driven by data and results. It will be released to Indiana schools in January 2021.
- **Joy McClain ('16)** has written *Dead Man Walking: A Story of Hope & Encouragement*, a book about Greenwood resident Bruce Richardson being revived after 67 minutes without a pulse following a massive heart attack. Joy has also written *Waiting For His Heart: Lessons From a Wife Who Chose to Stay*, published in 2012. Congratulations, Joy!
- **Aspire Johnson County** hosts a job bank that is frequently updated with new opportunities. [Learn more!](#)
- Congratulations to **Jerry Spindler ('17)** on his recent appointment by Mayor Myers to the Johnson County Convention Visitors and Tourism Board. Additionally, Jerry serves on the Greenwood Economic Development Commission. Jerry is Association of Professional Talent Development certified and works at Endress+Hauser in Greenwood.
- Congratulations to **Greg Taylor ('14)** who was recently awarded the Next Generation Trailblazer Award at Eli Lilly for leading his team through a major project management software conversion.
- **Scott Richardson ('13)** and his wife, Joann, have recently returned to the United States after spending the past two and half years living and serving in ministry in Beirut, Lebanon. They are currently working for [Barnabas International](#) providing pastoral care for missionaries and international ministry leaders, with a regional focus on the Middle East and Eastern Europe.
- Congratulations to **Crystal Hunt ('16)**, who graduated from Lamb School of Communication at Purdue University with a Master of Science in Communication.

## YLA Students Named as Rising Star Recipients

Our YLA participants continue to amaze us with their leadership. Congratulations to Gavin Anderson and Raef Sauer, Center Grove High School, and Jenna Kelsay, Whiteland Community High School, who were recently selected for the Rising Stars of Indiana Award. This designation is given to students through a program of the Indiana Association of School Principals.





## LJC SELECT WORKSHOPS

### FINANCIAL LEADERSHIP: THE FIRST STEPS

Thursday, January 14, 2021 | 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Virtual meeting via Zoom

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

Financial stress is one of the biggest worries in life today. Financial leadership starts with a few small steps that can reduce your stress and increase your confidence. This interactive session (trust us ... it won't be boring!) will provide you with a map to start (or continue) your financial journey. You will get tips and reminders on what signposts to watch for and what roadblocks could be ahead without careful planning. In this session, we will cover generational differences to handling money, budgeting essentials, basic investing concepts, social security strategies, and more. Don't be afraid to come with questions!



#### About the Facilitators:

*Tim Thurston is a Career Coach and Financial Adviser. Through coaching with Thurston Consultancy, he helps people journey through networking opportunities, resume building, mock interviews, and story-telling that builds career successes.*

*Shellee Pietras has always had a passion to provide her clients with clarity and confidence regarding their financial decisions. Shellee is a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ professional and the owner of Promise Advisory Group*

### DISCOVERING WHO YOU ARE THROUGH THE WISDOM OF THE ENNEAGRAM

Tuesday, January 26, 2021 | 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Virtual meeting via Zoom

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



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Everything we think, feel, and do is based on our core motivations. An introduction to the Enneagram is designed to help you better understand yourself and others. Great for individuals, teams, managers, and everyone in between! Participants will learn: what the Enneagram is, their Enneagram Type, why they think, feel, and act the way they do, and how to best interact with others.



#### About the Facilitator:

*Katie Peggs Nolley is a certified Enneagram coach and the owner of True Roots Coaching, an Enneagram training and coaching business. She received her B.S. in Organizational Leadership and Supervision from Purdue University and has 19+ years' experience working in a corporate job setting. As an Enneagram educator and coach, her passion is helping people discover who they truly are, so they can reach their full potential and live each day as the person they were created to be.*

### LJC LUNCH & LEARN SERIES OCTOBER - MARCH

**Only \$10**

[Register Here!](#)



**Brad Coy, City of Greenwood Fire Department | Being a Good Follower**  
January 11, 2021 | 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. | Zoom

Learn to define the role of a follower and how you can become a more coachable follower to the leaders around you.



**Amanda Stevenson-Holmes, Butler University Instructor**  
**Loving and Leading Your Career**  
February 8, 2021 | 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. | Zoom

Find practical ways to love the job you're in and pursue your true passion. You'll leave the session ready to be Cupid of your career!





# Mix it Up

with Leadership Johnson County

A Fun, Virtual Twist to our  
Annual Wine Event

Friday, March 5, 2021 | 7 p.m.

*Tickets: \$180 per couple | \$900 per watch party  
of 10 | +\$40 per couple, VIP upgrade  
(available to ticket holders)*

*We have planned a great evening to connect!  
Guests will enjoy a charcuterie board meal,  
supplies and mixology lessons for three drinks,  
a silent auction, entertainment, and more!*

*Contact Tandy Shuck to reserve your tickets by  
email at [tshuck@franklincollege.edu](mailto:tshuck@franklincollege.edu)*



## Franklin College Class Offering Help with Data Analysis for Local Nonprofits

Does your organization need data for decision-making, grant writing, or reporting purposes? Do you have data that you would like to have compiled and analyzed? For twenty years, Franklin College has partnered with local non-profit agencies through a course, Statistical Consulting Project, in which teams of senior and junior mathematics majors and minors, along with selected students in majors in areas such as computing and economics, perform semester-long consulting projects at no cost. Recent clients include United Way of Johnson County, Johnson County Early Learning Center, Bridges Alliance, Assist Indiana, Johnson County Community Foundation, and government agencies such as the Johnson County Probation Department and the town of New Whiteland. Projects are selected based on the scope and match with student capabilities and will run from mid-February through early May.

Projects completed in the past include work with Wheeler Mission Ministries to update estimates of how much it costs to feed a client a meal and house them for one night. This information was then used to help solicit funds from donors. The team working with Bridges Alliance compiled data on affordable housing issues in Johnson County and created a presentation and infographic to help communicate those issues to various constituencies and decision-makers. One of the teams working with the Johnson County Early Learning Center analyzed their expense data to determine a cost per child to attend their preschool in their previous location and projected expenses and associated cost per child for the ELC's transition into a new location.

If you are connected with an organization that might be interested, please email Dr. Dan Callon at [dcallon@franklincollege.edu](mailto:dcallon@franklincollege.edu).



# AROUND THE TOWN



**Humane Society  
Johnson County**

The Humane Society of Johnson County is looking for a treasurer to join the board of directors. Interested applicants, please contact Chris Beil at [cbeil@firstmerchants.com](mailto:cbeil@firstmerchants.com)



## Ladies' NIGHT IN

Join us for a fun night filled with silent auction items, give-away items, and more!

Tuesday, January 19, 2021  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. | Zoom  
\$20 per person  
\$10 per extra ticket  
\$45 VIP package - includes  
two additional tickets  
and a swag bag!

Register at [www.LeadershipJohnsonCounty.org](http://www.LeadershipJohnsonCounty.org)  
Questions: Lisa at 317-738-8794 or  
[lkress@franklincollege.edu](mailto:lkress@franklincollege.edu)



Legislation Matters with State Legislators  
January 8 | 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Zoom  
\$25 per person | [Register](#)

Aspire to Allyship  
January 21 | 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. | Zoom  
Free | [Learn More](#)

# Merry Christmas!

**Find your holiday cheer by  
visiting these beautiful holiday  
light displays in and around  
Johnson County**

**Christmas Acres** | Now through Dec. 31  
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. | Free, goodwill offering  
of canned goods for local food pantry  
6211 N. 500 East, Franklin | Enjoy 50,000  
Christmas lights on 5-acres of property.

**Christmas at the Park** | Now through Dec. 27  
on various nights of the week/weekend  
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. | \$25 per car  
Johnson County Park | 2949 N. St., Nineveh  
Experience an interactive light show with more  
than 500,000 LED lights that dance along to  
music, visit and photos with Santa, free hot  
chocolate and photos with the Grinch!

**Christmas at the Farm** | Now through Dec. 26  
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. | Free, goodwill offering  
of non-perishable food items for Johnson  
County Senior Services on Dec. 19  
7591 W. 600 South | Morgantown

**Lighted Trail** | Now through Dec. 31  
Dusk to Dawn | Free  
100 Surina Way, Greenwood | Come to the  
Greenwood Amphitheater to enjoy a lighted  
trail powered by Duke energy. Access via the  
community center parking lot.

# Signature Program Class of 2021

## PERSONAL PROFILES



### **Amanda Alvey | Senior Consultant, Public Consulting Group**

**Family:** Husband: Cory | Kids: Hunter (9) and Jessie (6) | Pets: Bernese Mountain dog named Tank

**Live:** Franklin

**Favorite LJC Moment:** The first exercise in our project group where we had to sort the clues into the proper houses.

**Hobbies and interests outside of work:** Reading and being active - working out, playing sports.

**Small businesses I frequent:** Main and Madison - I often work from there in the mornings. I love the coffee and the atmosphere.

**What I like best about my career:** Having the opportunity to work with states across the country and multiple state agencies. I love being able to help shape public policy, and work with these agencies to support individuals receiving social services.



### **Hartzell August | Student at Franklin College**

**Franklin:** Three sisters: Reagan, Rori, and Shelby! | Pets: Dogs: Malibu, Bailey, and Oreo!

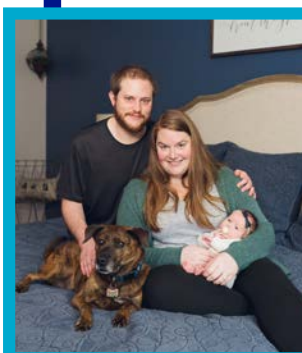
**Live:** Franklin

**Favorite LJC moment:** Getting paired up in a service project according to our Myers-Briggs personality test. I thought this was a smart way to create a group.

**Favorite place to vacation and why:** Colorado, I love the hikes!

**Small business in Johnson County do you frequent and why:** I go to Main and Madison frequently during the fall to get their signature fall drink, caramel apple cider. They also have the best study spots on the second floor!

**If you could live anywhere, where would it be:** The upper peninsula in Michigan.



### **Kim Jackson | IT Project Manager, Endress+Hauser**

**Family:** Husband, Kyle and we welcomed our first child, Hailey, at the end of October. We adopted our first (fur) baby, a Plott Hound mix named Lainey, 7 years ago!

**Live:** Old Town Greenwood

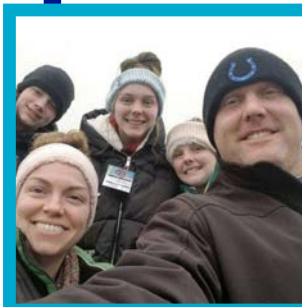
**Favorite LJC Moment:** Working with my project group. It's been so neat to see all the different backgrounds, perspectives and knowledge about our community come together to plan something great!

**Something on your bucket list:** My husband and I have a project underway where we visit all of the county courthouses in the state of Indiana and snap a photo of the courthouse, then print the photo and cut it in the shape of the county to place on a giant map of Indiana in our laundry

room. I'm not originally from the Hoosier state, so I'm loving getting to know our beautiful state. We are about 80% done. I think our next project will be visiting each of the State Parks!

**Small business(es) in Johnson County you frequent and why:** I love all of the shops in downtown Franklin and take my family and friends whenever they are in town. Blackbird Nest and Main & Madison are the two places that I have to stop at every time!

**Favorite place to vacation and why:** I surprised my dad with a trip to the UK as a thank you for putting me through college a few years ago and absolutely fell in love with Scotland. I will return as many times as possible in the future!



### **Brandi Weddle | Human Resources Manager, NSK Corporation**

**Family:** Husband, Jason | Children, Carson (18), Payton (15), & Raegen (12)

**Live:** Franklin

**Favorite LJC Moment:** The tinker toys task has been my favorite lesson to date.

**Favorite Quote:** "There is no way to be a perfect mother and a million ways to be a good one."  
~Jill Churchill

**Hobbies and Interests Outside of Work:** I love to read and travel.

**Favorite place for vacation and why:** I love going on cruises. It forces you to disconnect (no real good cell/internet reception in the middle of the ocean! lol) and you get to visit more than one country on your vacation and you are always on the ocean! I love the ocean!



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### Jennifer Peoples | Caterpillar / Ivy Tech Student

**Family:** Three adult sons: Donte' & Susie, DeAndre' & Oreanna, and Noble Jr.  
Grandchildren: Olivia (3) & Zy'aire (2)

**Live:** Greenwood

**Favorite LJC moment:** Doing different exercises that reveal self-awareness.

**What inspires you:** I am inspired by my faith in God and the ability to persevere.

**Career Accomplishment:** Graduating in December with earning a Business Degree in Supply Chain Management / Logistics is an accomplishment that will allow me to change careers and join the Purchasing Team at Caterpillar, my employer of almost 16 years.

**Bucket list:** Something on my bucket list is to continue and reach my weight-loss goal.



### Sabrina Hickey | PAX Program of Academic Exchange

**Family:** Husband: Marcus | Kids: Ian (18.), Alexander (17.), Aaron (14.), and twelve international sons/daughters sprinkled across the world | Pets: Mama Kitty (stray tuxedo cat we took in on Mother's Day when she had a litter under our back porch), Mike (crazy tiger stripe/white 2-year-old cat), Darnell (cute, fluffy and friendly hamster!)

**Live:** Franklin

**Favorite LJC moment:** Myers-Briggs personality assessment

**Hobbies/interests:** cooking, baking, learning about different countries/cultures. I especially like cooking/baking international dishes, trying new restaurants, travel, PEOPLE!, reading, listening to/playing music, eternal band mom:).

**Small businesses I frequent:** Greeks - love their pizzas! Main and Madison - love coffee!! And their soups and pastries are amazing. Twisted Sicilian, Tomo, Blackbird's Nest - great candles, all of the antique shops bc I love antiques and our historic home. Is Thai Spice considered Johnson County? If yes, them too!

**Where would I live:** In a tiny French village just like in the novel "Chocolat." I would open a chocolatier and just love people.



### Hannah Goeb | Agricultural Science Teacher & FFA Advisor, Whiteland Community High School

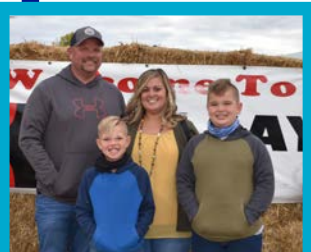
**Family:** Parents: Ron and Beth Goeb

**Favorite LJC Moment:** Whiteland Historical Driving Tour of the County

**Hobbies:** Raising and showing goats with my family.

**Favorite thing about Career:** Getting to have the same students in the class for multiple years, building relationships with them, and watching them grow through their high school experience and become adults.

**Perfect Pizza/Favorite Dessert/Favorite Jo. Co. Restaurant:** Sausage, Chocolate Chip Cookies, and Chicago's Pizza



### Brandi Tames | Office Administrator, Johnson County Sheriff's Office

**Family:** Husband: Andrew | Kids: Nathaniel (11), and Wesley (9) | Pet: Tarja (loveable lab/retriever mix)

**Live:** Nineveh

**Favorite LJC moment:** Myers-Briggs Type Indicator lesson. I learned so much about myself and how I interact with others as well as how to interact with others who have different personalities than myself. I found it all to be very interesting, especially knowing I fall between two different types.

**Favorite Quote:** "Love the life you live. Live the life you love." -Bob Marley

**Favorite place for vacation and why:** My favorite vacation destination is Panama City Beach, Florida. It is my favorite because when we go it is always with our extended family. I enjoy the beach and to be able to enjoy it with family makes it that much better.

**Something on your bucket list:** I would love to someday go skydiving!



## **COLLEGE ANNOUNCES ONE MILLION DOLLAR COMMITMENT FROM JOHNSON MEMORIAL HEALTH**

Franklin College has announced a one million dollar commitment from Johnson Memorial Health (JMH) to construct the Johnson Memorial Health Athletics Annex.

“This generous gift is the latest endorsement of our wonderful working relationship with Johnson Memorial Health,” said Kerry N. Prather, President of Franklin College. “We partnered with JMH on the creation of our Graduate Health Sciences Center, and again with the employment of our campus nurse. The hospital and its staff have been incredible partners in hosting undergraduate interns and graduate-level physician assistant studies majors for clinical experiences. Athletically, our student-athletes are extremely well-served by Johnson Memorial Health as the preferred provider of health care services for our athletic department.”

“Johnson Memorial Health is committed to being a partner in the health and well-being of Franklin College students,” said Dr. David Dunkle, President and CEO of JMH. “Our intent is to always provide greater access to resources students can use to maintain and improve their physical health. The Johnson Memorial Health Athletics Annex is an example of the commitment that JMH has made to be invested in the well-being of not just the Franklin College community, but the surrounding community as a whole.”

The annex will be an indoor multi-use facility tentatively to be located on the southwest corner of Park Avenue and Second Street on campus. It will feature retractable batting cages for use by the baseball and softball teams, along with similar areas suitable for men’s and women’s golf. With the hitting cages retracted, the open space will provide indoor practice space for many sports. The annex will also add a second weight room to the campus.

### **#GRIZTUESDAY EXCEEDS FUNDRAISING GOAL**

Donors stepped-up in a big way to support Franklin College’s first-ever #GRIZTuesday on Tuesday, Dec. 1. The college raised \$179,912 during the 24-hour day of giving, far surpassing its \$100,000 goal for the day.

Sponsorship funds and donations raised during the one-day giving initiative will support the college’s athletic programs. The athletic teams, cheer squad and athletic training staff have not had opportunities to conduct their normal fundraising efforts due to their competition seasons being postponed, canceled and reformatted because of the pandemic.

### **JOIN US FOR A DAY OF CELEBRATION TO HONOR THE LEGACY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**

Franklin College invites the community to participate in a variety of activities honoring the life and legacy of Dr. King on Monday, Jan. 18, 2021. The public is invited to participate virtually in several celebratory campus events which can be found here: [Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration](#)





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Dr. Carolyn Goerner

