LEADING EDGE

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

September has been a busy month for Leadership
Johnson County. We welcomed 45 new members to the
LJC Signature Class of 2026. Additionally, the Youth
Leadership Academy participants have been busy with
their community service projects. We have helped with
three ramp builds for Servants at Work (SAWS) and have
another one scheduled for this Saturday. The YLA
students also helped volunteer at a Discovery STEM event
at Pleasant Crossing Elementary School. The neat twist
on the STEM event is that the evening was organized by
Cooper Adams, a graduate of the YLA Class of 2025. Read
this edition of the Leading Edge to find out what the rest of
September holds for your organization. We hope to see
you soon!





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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Check out the All Aboard Fair on Wednesday, September 24 from 4:30 -6:30 p.m.at Whiteland Community High School. More details can be found on page 7.

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Leadership Johnson County makes it easy to invest in your team by bringing high-quality professional development directly to your workplace. With Leadership to Your Door, we customize engaging workshops and training sessions to fit your organization's needs—whether you're looking to strengthen communication, improve teamwork, develop emerging leaders, or tackle challenges with fresh strategies.

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Contact Bea Northcott for more details. Bnorthcott@leadershipjohnsoncounty.org



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Mark Baranko Indianapolis Fire Department

Justin Brownfield

Whiteland Community High School

Laura Buchanan AccuPay

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Ruby Butler Clark-Pleasant Community School Corporation

Tamara Carpenter Carpenter Estate and Elder Law, LLC

Hank Clifton

Edward Jones

Rachel Cline

Center Grove Community School Corporation

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Nikol Cummings

Carter Establishments

David Ellis David Weekley Homes

Glenn Faris Franklin Heritage, Inc.

Bryan Gregg Town of Trafalgar

Jennifer Hagner Bayberry Spa Ashley Handy CarDon & Associates

John Hardwick IU Credit Union

Teresa Harwood Harwood Commercial Group/KW Commercial

Stacy Hirtz Barrett and Stokley

Lacey Holstein

Nicole Lacy Endress+Hauser

Deidre McCartney

Tara Treatment Cen

Hollie McKibben

Andy Meyer

Jaycie Miller Johnson County Health

Department

Allison Molitor

Center Grove Community School Corporation

Shari Monroe Community Health Network

Hayley Mordecai Hurricane Community

Church

Joe Morris

Johnson County Community
Foundation

Rose Myers Pilsung ATA Martial Arts Marcy Renken

Orchestrated Performance

Antonina Ries

Ivy Tech Community College

Jessica Robertson

NSK Precision America

Kevin Rockey

Edinburgh Community School Corporation

Alexander Stirling Radwell International

Phil Strack

J.S. Held, LLC

Alan Sundheimer Process Alliance

Alyvia Sundheimer

Process Alliance

Erik Van Dyck Forvia Clean Mobility

Michael Wade

Community Volunteer

Mike Wiggin X2 Networks – Simpl. Global

April Windisch

Johnson County Public Library

Brittany Winters Winters Plumbing

Megan Yeagy Grafton Peek Social Hall

Michael Zafiroff

Reis Nichols Jewelers















LJC Youth Leadership Academy Class of 2025-2026

Madeline Armstrong Center Grove High School

Connor Baldwin

Caleb Birdwell

Whiteland Community High School

Ava Borhan

Center Grove High School

Patrick Branch
Greenwood Christian Academy

Greenwood Christian Acade

Lauren Candler Roncalli High School

Caroline Crews

Roncalli High School

Anna Cromer

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Sarah Emmons Center Grove High School

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Madison Fleury Whiteland Community High School

Max Fosnot

Center Grove High School

Lily Harvey

Franklin Community High School

Maggie Hayes

Luke Holcroft

Franklin Community High School

Brooks Huddleston

Franklin Community High School

Annaleece Jackson Greenwood Christian Academy Will Jackson

Greenwood Christian Academy

Jamie Jones

Indian Creek High School

Joseph Judson Franklin Community High School

Chinmay Karyekar Center Grove High School

Gracie Lawson

Alexa Lee

Whiteland Community High School

Edinburgh Community High School

Lauren Leech

Indiana Agriculture and Technology

Emma Leugers

Franklin Community High School

Saachi Likhite

Cameron Linder Center Grove High School

Aiden Long

Indian Creek High School

Camrin McCarty Whiteland Community High School

Gerard McGee

Roncalli High Scl

Luke McNichols

Katie Nguyen

Center Grove High School

Corinne Nicholas Franklin Community High School Ellie Oliver

Indian Creek High School

Selia Peters

Aarit Raju Center Grove High School

Sarai Gabrielle Robertson

Greenwood Christian Academy

Elliott Rogers

Greenwod Christian Academy

Grady Rouse

Whiteland Community High School

Mia Stoneburner

Center Grove High School

Samantha Strait

Franklin Community High School

Lola Trent

Greenwood High School

Addison Tunis

Franklin Community High School

Kensley Walker

Center Grove High School

Norah Wallischeck

Cadence Wiggam

Whiteland Community High School

Lexi Wilson Center Grove High School

Bailey Windell

Greenwood High School

Maryn Zaborowsky

Greenwood High School



Meet the New Board Members



Joe Gruss



David Maurer



Dr. Dave Wolf

Board Leadership



John Venter Board President



Brent Lollar Board Vice President



- Tony Badolato
- Jackie Briggs
- Tom Brodbeck
- Sara Copp
- Darci Fosnot
- Peter Goerner
- Joe Gruss
- Terri Helmsing

Board Members

- Beau Jackson
- Dave Lessaris
- David Maurer
- Ron Rose
- Melody Schulz
- Matt Smarelli
- Steve Wohlford
- Dr. Dave Wolf





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DOORS OPEN 5:30 PM | GAMES BEGIN 6:30 PM

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All Aboard Volunteer & Board Fair

VOLUNTEER



Wednesday, September 24, 2025 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Whiteland Community High School Auxiliary Gym, Door #7

Free to attend! Families are encouraged to attend together. No RSVP is necessary for the general public. Nonprofits interested in hosting a booth should contact Jennifer Armstrong, Select Workshops Coordinator at jarmstrong@leadershipjohnsoncounty.org.

Community Volunteer & Board Fair

Do you have a desire to volunteer, but want to know more about the opportunities that exist in Johnson County? Each year, the All Aboard Community Volunteer & Board Fair connects nonprofit organizations which serve Johnson County with adult and youth community members looking for a place to give back.

This event is free to both nonprofits and community members. If you miss the event, be sure to visit @VolunteerJohnsonCounty on Facebook to learn about or post volunteer opportunities. Community members are encouraged to visit throughout the year to connect with a nonprofit where your time, talent and treasure can be maximized.

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Alumni Happenings



REGIONAL DIRECTOR CANDIDATE NORTH CENTRAL HEATHER DOUGHERTY INDIANA



Bryana Schreiber added another little leader to the world this month!
Welcome, Emden!

Heather Dougherty has been named as a Regional Director for the National Association of Extension at 4-H Youth Development Professionals!



Cindy Grant has been named a Business Specialist with First Financial Bank. She has been with First Financial since November 2022 and brings more than 37 years of banking experience in financial services including Mortgage Loan Officer, Consumer Lender, Assistant Branch Manager, Branch Manager, and Small Business Lending with Treasury Management and Public Funds Treasury Management. She also holds several banking diplomas.

Cindy is also a 2012 Leadership Johnson County Graduate and a 2018 Brown County Leadership Graduate.

She has served and continues her engagement in her community as an active member. A few of her accolades include Habitat for Humanity – Women's Build Captain – Leadership Johnson County multiple committees for various events; Board member of Brown County Chamber of Commerce, Brown County Convention and Visitors Center, Girls Inc. Christkindl Market, Chamber Ambassador for both Greenwood and Franklin Chamber.



YLA Communication & Self -Promotion September 16, 2025















Thank you Sponsors!

Crystal Springs Grain
William Barrett & Wilkowski
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The best activity from today was

Learning how to handle interviews. As someone who has struggled with interviews, it was great to learn some skills about that.

The etiquette lunch! I felt genuinely prepared for future professional encounters in a restaurant setting.

Talking about social media because it is very important in this time.

The best activity from today was reviewing our resume and I enjoyed it because it gave me more insight and tips on what to have and what not to have on my resume.

The resume review because it taught me a lot about how to present myself to interviewers and how I can use my resume as a topic of discussion.

Handshake welcome circle - because it was a fun way to re-introduce everyone to each other; social media activity because it was interesting to see and hear everyone's responses

THANK YOU

Quotes from September YLA Program Day

2025

UPCOMING October, and November WORKSHOPS.



25SEPT

Buddy to Boss - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Emphasizes the quick transtion from peer to confident leader.

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Highlights practical leadership in a customer-focused world.

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Women in Leadership - Empowered to Lead: From Burnout to Brillance - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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