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Save the Date

Mar 1—Early Application
Deadline

March 12—Wine Tasting

March 16—Final Application
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April 22—Social Media

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Innovation

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LJC Alumni—Networking Lunch

Thank you to our Alumni Relations Underwriters Sherman & Armbruster and First Merchants Bank!



Thank you to
Oaken Barrel for
hosting our luncheon!
Next networking lunch—
April 14th at
Triple Play BBQ.

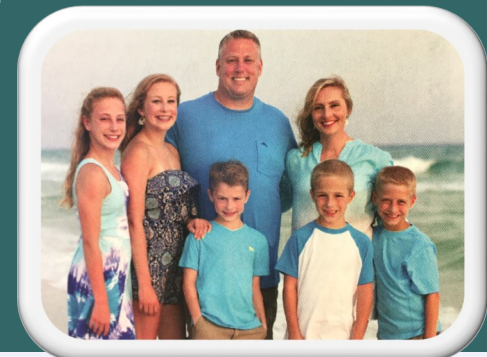


Leadership Johnson County Receives Matching Scholarship Donation

We are so thrilled to once again have Bryan Epperson and the team at J.J.B. Hilliard/ W.L. Lyons, LLC providing a match opportunity for LJC tuition scholarships. For every donation that comes in, Hilliard Lyons will match it dollar-for-dollar (up to the first \$2,000.00). These scholarship dollars help fund participants to the LJC program who might not otherwise have the funds to attend.

Epperson joined Hilliard Lyons in Franklin in 2014 after spending many years in larger firms. He received his Certified Investment Management Analyst Certification from the Wharton School (CIMA) and looks forward to continuing to create individualized, comprehensive financial plans unique to each client. Bryan is very involved in the community and currently serves as treasurer of the CG Bantam Football League, is a board member of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Franklin Rotary Club. He, his wife Khristina and their five children live in the Center Grove area.

Please consider making a scholarship donation to LJC. Go online to make a donation [here](#). You can put scholarship matching in the comments section. Every single dollar helps!



This year, our 600th graduate will cross the stage and complete the Leadership Johnson County Signature program. How exciting! We are blessed with the most amazing and engaged alumni.

Please take a few moments and complete this survey to help us better understand your interest level in our alumni activities and other programming. We also hope your answers will give us more insight into how we can serve you and increase the overall involvement of alumni with the programs we offer through Leadership Johnson County. Thank you for your time and commitment in providing candid responses to these questions and any other ideas you may have for our programming.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LJC2016Survey>

LJC ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

- Congratulations to **Danny Causey (current class)** and **Rob Shilts ('00)** on their recent Community Impact award from the Franklin Chamber of Commerce.



- Congratulations to REMC employees and LJC graduates **Terry Miller ('02)** left, and **Sandy Thompson ('08)**, right middle, on receiving the Business Hall of Fame award from the Franklin Chamber of Commerce.



- Congratulations to **Brooke Worland ('14)**, who was recently named to the IBJ "Forty under 40." Brooke is the dean of alumni and student engagement at Franklin College, where she has been employed since 2001. [Click here](#) to read the full story!



- Congratulations to **Marla Steigerwald (current class)**, who recently chaired the signature fundraiser for Holy Name. They raised over \$45,000! Way to go!
- **Current class members Melissa Parramore and John Pitt** worked together to bring to fruition the first off-site Study Buddy location, through the Franklin Education Connection. This site will pair Indiana National Guard Soldiers with students at Franklin Community schools for tutoring. If you are interested in hosting an off-site study buddy location, please contact Melissa [here!](#)

Volunteer Opportunities

Johnson County Public Library— Adult Learning Center

Are you looking for a fun way to volunteer? Consider donating a couple of hours of your time to the Adult Learning Center. Volunteers will work with ESL (English as a second language) adults, partnering to help them understand the culture and practice their English skills. Times are flexible. Email [Wendy Preilis \('14\)](#) for more information.

Johnson County Humane Society

Do you love animals? The Johnson County Humane Society is looking for committee and board members with a passion for animals. If you have been looking for an opportunity to volunteer, please contact [Matt Cree \('10\)](#) for more information.

Class of 2016—New Member Profiles



Amy Dalton

Johnson County Public Library--Adult Librarian

Amy and her husband Michael, a property manager in Bloomington, live in Center Grove with their 9 year old son, Logan.

What is innovative in your field of work: While lending materials, including electronic products, is still our primary business, there is a movement in public libraries to become community hubs and offer services such as open office spaces, maker spaces and meeting spaces. Libraries are also partnering with other areas of government and social services to gather information and assist with efforts to engage and serve their communities.

What or who inspires you: My mom inspires me every day. She graduated high school and started college at 16. She met my dad at Aerobatics Club where they flew small planes. She raised 6 kids and we were never bored--she always came up with the best stuff to do! And, she used her parenting experience when she started working at an elementary school assisting with physically

and developmentally disabled students. I could go on about her showing horses and tap dancing, but you get the idea. She taught me to never stop learning and doing anything you want to do!

Number one skill you practice that makes you successful: I'm happy to do the grunt work.

Favorite quote: "Years ago my mother said to me, 'In this world, Elwood, you must be oh so smart or oh so pleasant.' For years I was smart. I recommend pleasant. Mary Chase as said by her character Elwood P. Dowd in "Harvey".

Last book you read. Recommend?: "*Cress*" by Marissa Meyer It's a young adult novel based loosely on the story of Rapunzel. If Rapunzel lived on a spaceship. And Cinderella was a cyborg. And the Big Bad Wolf was a genetically altered soldier. It's great if you like that sort of thing, which I do.

What movie are you looking forward to seeing and why: *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them!* I'm totally a Potterhead.

Hobbies and interests outside of work: I run. I'm in a bellydance troupe. I read all the time. And I love to make things and upcycle junk.

Something on your bucket list: I want to visit Africa.

What is your favorite lesson or activity thus far in LJC: I am very excited about our team project. I hope we get it done, May seems so soon!



Jenny Bostrom

Director of Admission, Franklin College

Jenny and her husband, Jon, live with their 2.5 year old daughter Madeline in Indianapolis (but she grew up in Johnson County and spends most of my time there now!). They are expecting another child in May!

What is innovative in your field of work: Colleges have become really strategic about reaching prospective students - many use IP address targeting and retargeting ads to market to very specific demographics.

What or who inspires you: I work with the best people who inspire me and are like family.

Number one skill you practice that makes you successful: Work hard and follow through.

Favorite quote: "My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style." - Maya Angelou

Last book you read. Recommend?: I'm in a book club and read a lot. The last book I read was "*Nothing to Envy: Ordinary Lives in North Korea.*" I really loved and would recommend "*The Nightingale*" by Kristin Hannah.

What movie are you looking forward to seeing and why: *Bridge of Spies* - I like historical fiction books and movies - but really, I don't see a lot of movies with a toddler at home so I'd be excited to see almost anything in a theater!

Hobbies and interests outside of work: Spending quality time with my family and friends.

Something on your bucket list: Go on a cruise to the Greek islands.

What is your favorite lesson or activity thus far in LJC: I really enjoyed the agriculture day because I learned so much about an important aspect of Johnson County that I didn't know about before.

Class of 2016—New Member Profiles



Andy Bowen

First Merchants Bank, AVP – Banking Center Manager

Andy has been married for 12 years to his beautiful wife Tricia. They have three children (Nicholas – 9, Samantha – 6, Katelyn – 2) and live in Center Grove.

What is innovative in your field of work: At First Merchants Bank this is an exciting time for our company as we continue to grow and expand across Indiana, Illinois and Ohio. By the summer of 2016 we will provide over 120 banking centers continuing to offer a community bank focused on delivering exceptional service while building lifelong relationships.

What or who inspires you: My church and our Pastor Chris Philbeck. I am so proud of our church and our impact in the community helping others with clothing, food, change for a dollar and most recently the Night to Shine Prom. Our pastor teaches from the bible each

week inspiring us to learn and grow as Christians. My faith has grown over the last several years because of Mount Pleasant Christian Church and most importantly Pastor Chris.

Number one skill you practice that makes you successful: Take outstanding care of my customers and have fun each and everyday.

Favorite quote: “There are no secrets to success. It is a result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure.”
– Colin Powell

Last book you read. Recommend?: Bible. Yes, definitely!

What movie are you looking forward to seeing and why: I recently went to see *Star Wars 7 – The Force Awakens*. It was such a thrill to take my children to see Star Wars in the theater bringing back memories of myself as a child seeing Star Wars for the first time. I loved watching their facial expressions and seeing their excitement.

Hobbies and interests outside of work: Sports and spending time with my family.

Something on your bucket list: Travel to Ireland and Italy.

What is your favorite lesson or activity thus far in LJC: Economic Development Day – I really enjoyed learning how our county/communities work together to bring new businesses to the area. You don't realize how many people are involved or truly understand the collaboration process to enhance economic development in Johnson County.



Joy McClain

Author with Moody Publishing and Executive Director of Bloom Ministries

Joy and Mark, her husband of 31 years, live east of Greenwood in a wonderful old farm house. They have four children and three perfect and beautiful grandchildren.

What is innovative in your field of work: In the writing/publishing world there isn't as much innovation as there is inspiration and finding what drives others, what they are searching for and then offering them a way to express that.

What or who inspires you: Those, who, despite adversities and obstacles, keep believing, keep hoping, keep putting one foot in front of the other no matter how painful, or time consuming.

Number one skill you practice that makes you successful: I'm not afraid to dream, take a risk or cast a vision.

Favorite quote: From my beloved momma, "This too shall pass!"

Last book you read. Recommend?: I'm usually reading more than one book at a time.

Currently reading “*The Bondage Breakers*” and “*Your Rugged Constitution.*” Always, I'm in the Bible - and yes, I highly recommend it!

What movie are you looking forward to seeing and why: Any movie that my three-year-old grandson wants to see!

Hobbies and interests outside of work: Kayaking, hiking, gardening, boating, outdoor fun with my family.

Something on your bucket list: To turn a novel I'm working on into a movie script.

What is your favorite lesson or activity thus far in LJC: I love collaborating with my project group, and getting to know such interesting, diverse, community-minded people!

Class of 2016—New Member Profiles



Don Kinsey

CAT Reman/Facility Manager

Don and his wife Sally, of 22 years, live in the Center Grove area. They have a daughter Toccoa, (20) a sophomore at Ball State University, and a son Travis, (16) a junior at Center Grove H.S.

Where do you live currently: Greenwood for the past 3 years, relocated from Summerville S.C. with Cat.

What is innovative in your field of work: Development of salvage processes in the remanufacturing of diesel engines.

What or who inspires you: My Dad. 40 years of leadership with Caterpillar.

Number one skill you practice that makes you successful: Keeping an open mind. Always considering others perspective.

Favorite quote: “The decisions you make today will dictate the life you lead tomorrow.”

Last book you read. Do you recommend: “*Rivethed*” by Ben Hamper.

What movie are you looking forward to seeing and why: Last good movie *American Hustle*.

Hobbies and interests outside of work: RV camping, Private Pilot, F1 & Indy car racing.

Something on your bucket list: See a F1 race in Italy.

What is your favorite lesson or activity thus far in LJC: I really enjoyed Agriculture Day, visiting Kelsey Farms. As far as lessons go, I'd say keeping a handle on work life balance.

Volunteers Needed for FC Etiquette Dinner

Each year, Franklin College hosts an etiquette dinner to help students learn the importance of professionalism while dining.

Three to five additional volunteer hosts are needed for the spring Etiquette Dinner, scheduled for Sunday, March 20th at 6pm. The evening will involve a presentation on etiquette, followed by a formal dinner in the Branigin Room complete with questions for the students and answers for the hosts. The event typically wraps-up by 8pm and dress is 'professional.' In the past we have had LJC Alumni who were able to help with this event. Please consider volunteering your time for this event.

Contact Jill Novotny, Director of Professional Development and Employer Relations at jnovotny@franklincollege.edu



Save the Date

Social Media

Workshop

April 22nd, 2016

Come and learn how to find your way through the social media maze as a small business or nonprofit.

Save the Date

The Power of Innovation

May 18th, 2016

Learn how innovation and creative thinking can move your business or community project forward.



Thank You to our February Program Day Underwriters



Women in Leadership Workshop

Special thanks to **Jobea Trefny ('15)**, Carpenter Realtors and
Regina Miller ('14), Geek in Pink for underwriting



Thank you to our LJC Wine Tasting—Tour of France Underwriters

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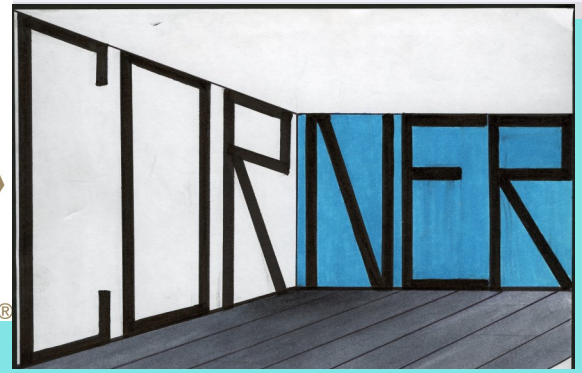
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FRANKLIN COLLEGE TO INAUGURATE 16TH PRESIDENT

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.

PLEASE JOIN US

at a networking reception for
Franklin College alumni, friends,
and Members of the Class of 2016

March 3, 2016 • 5–7:30 p.m.

THE ALEXANDER
333 South Delaware Street

Parking will be available in the garage north of the hotel.

Register by February 25:
ALUMNI.FRANKLINCOLLEGE.EDU

Complimentary appetizers and beverages will be provided.

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The Office of Alumni Engagement is once again hosting its annual **Alumni and Seniors Networking Event** in Indianapolis.

This fun opportunity allows members of the **Class of 2016** to engage with **Franklin College alumni and friends** for an evening of networking. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to make key connections as they enter the professional environment. Interviews and jobs have resulted from this event.

As LJC Alumni you are welcome to join in this fun event. If you are interested, RSVP to ewood@franklincollege.edu.

snapshots



JCCF CELEBRATES 25 YEARS WITH 25 DAYS OF GIVING

As part of its 25th anniversary celebration in 2016, the Johnson County Community Foundation (JCCF) kicked off 25 Days of Giving by surprising Habitat for Humanity of Johnson County with a \$1,000 grant. JCCF will celebrate by giving away a total of 25 surprise grants this year to nonprofit organizations serving Johnson County.

The Foundation will announce surprise winners, as well as share ways that community members can nominate an organization, on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Contact [Kim Minton](#) for more info.



STILL TIME TO DONATE AND BE A FRANKLIN HUNGER HERO

Did you know that many school-aged children are food insecure? Join the 2015 LJC Project Group Franklin Hunger Heroes and help provide back sacks with food to children in our community over the extended fall and spring breaks.

Go to [Gleaners](#) now to donate! You can find out more about [Franklin Hunger Heroes!](#)

Just \$11 buys a box of food to help children struggling with hunger right here in our community. For just over \$20 you can ensure a child has food over both Spring Break and Fall Break this year.

[Donate now!](#)

Former Franklin College Student Develops New App

Keith Shepherd is working with a company that is developing an app to help people find part-time, hourly employment. WorkHere is a free mobile and web app you can use to find nearby jobs and places to work in seconds. It is available for web use and Android presently. It will be released in I-Phone format in the very near future.

<http://m.workhere.com/partner-franklin-college-get-workhere>

Currently, jobs are gathered to this site using Indeed, but local employers will have the opportunity soon to post openings directly to this app. For more information contact Keith at 317-408-4892 or Keith@workhere.com.

Now Hiring!

Part-time Member Services Coordinator

The Greater Greenwood Chamber is recruiting for a part-time (afternoon) front office coordinator / customer service representative! The ideal candidate for this position will be incredibly upbeat and outgoing! This position requires someone with extraordinary customer service skills, a positive attitude, excellent organizational skills, and attention to detail.

The member services coordinator delivers excellent customer service and acts to maintain all of the moving parts within an exciting and modern office setting. This person is an engaged member of the staff team, a key player for the Chamber's success as well as that of our members.

If you're looking for an opportunity to provide support to a variety of Greenwood area business owners, and organize and execute daily office functions, then this is the job for you! Email jobs@greenwoodchamber.com for more information.

Franklin Education Connection Director

The Franklin Education Connection (FEC) is a non-profit organization that supports innovation, creative and proven ways to promote learning in Franklin Community Schools. They are looking for a part-time Director to administer resources and grow funds in the Franklin Community.

Ideal candidates will possess strong interpersonal and organizational skills and an outgoing personality with a comfort in asking for donations of time and money from others. Contact [Greg Moore](#) for more information.

Tilson Travel presents...

A Journey Through Southern France: from Bordeaux to Provence

October 29—November 10, 2016

13 days • 17 meals; 11 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 5 dinners

Bienvenue! Welcome to the world's most renowned wine regions, Bordeaux and the Loire Valley. During your stay, experience a multitude of wines, culinary treasures, cities and villages, dramatic coastlines and rolling hills. Delve into its rich history that dates back to before Roman rule in 60 B.C. Take a stroll along the longest shopping street in Europe. Learn why Thomas Jefferson made it a point to visit this place and come to know the secrets behind its exceptional wines. At the direction of Napoleon himself, Bordeaux was the first city to set up the wine classification. From the beautiful port to the grand boulevard—which inspired those of Paris—many delightful surprises await.

Experiences

- Tours and Tastings in two of France's most famous wine regions
- Experience a night in the magnificent Abbey of Fontevraud, complete with dinner in the cloister
- UNESCO wine region and village of Saint-Emilion
- High Speed Rail from Paris to Loire Valley

Inclusions

- Magic of Paris—staying steps from the Eiffel Tower
- Behind the scenes tour of Bordeaux
- Inside look at the town of Avignon
- Brandy Tasting during a unique stop of a Cognac distillery
- Taste traditional Cassoulet in Toulouse

Book Now and Save \$200 per person

Double ~~\$5,799~~ \$5,599

Single ~~\$6,899~~ \$6,699

Prices are per person and include roundtrip airfare from Indianapolis, air taxes and fees, hotel transfers

Portion of proceeds will go to Leadership Johnson County



For additional information, contact Becky Tilson becky@tilsontravel.com or visit tilsontravel.com/packages

Around Johnson County

Habitat for Humanity Soup Bowl

When: Sunday, February 28th. Doors open at 4:00 p.m., at Scott Hall-JC Fairgrounds.

What: Join the Johnson County Habitat for Humanity as they host the annual soup bowl to benefit

Cost: \$25.00 admission includes Soup Bowl, Soup, Dessert and a drink! (Tickets available at Horizon Bank-Franklin branch; Mutual Savings Bank-Franklin Branches; Edinburgh Library; First Merchants Bank-Franklin/Greenwood branches and at the Habitat ReStore in Whiteland).

LJC Wine Tasting—Tour of France, presented by Old National Bank

When: Saturday, March 12 at 6:00 p.m. at the Johnson County Armory, Indiana National Guard.

What: Join LJC for food, wine and a tour around France as we raise funds to support our mission of cultivating and developing informed and involved leaders. A silent and live auction as well as a wine pull and raffles will round out the evening!

Cost: \$100 per person. Tables of 10 are \$1000. For more information, please email [Tandy!](#)

Continuum of Care—Parenting Parents Workshop

When: Saturday, March 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Henderson Conference Room at Franklin College

What: This workshop will help educate attendees on the difficult subject of elder parent care. Topics include communicating with parents on the decision of care, loss of independence, funding and more.

Cost: \$35 per person. Please visit [here](#) to register.

Local Chamber of Commerce—The Place to Be

Franklin Chamber of Commerce— Cash Bash Reverse Raffle

Saturday, February 26th, 2016

Indiana Grand Racing & Casino

4300 N Michigan Road

Shelbyville, IN

6:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m.

Each \$150 ticket includes admission for two, one entry in the reverse raffle, fabulous dinner, 4 drink tickets (well drinks/keg beer/soft drinks), cash bar, live auction, raffle, games and FUN! Upgrade your ticket for an additional \$75 for a SECOND chance to win \$7,500 in the reverse raffle!

Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce— Top of the Ninth

Thursday, March 10th, 2016

Valle Vista Golf & Conference Center

755 East Main Street

Greenwood, IN 46143

5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

The Greenwood Chamber will host an evening reception called "Top of the Ninth" with candidates running for IN-9 Congressional seat!

The chamber will announce congressional candidates running for IN-9 Trey Hollingsworth, Senator Houchin, Senator Waltz, Shelli Yoder and Indiana Attorney General Zoeller will be joining us!

