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ON THE COVER:

Members of the Memphis Tree Board use their Biltmore sticks to measure the diameter of trees along the Parkway System, in preparation for Plant the Parkways. (See story Page 15)

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

The word for this year is "together." You may recall that I select a word each year to guide myself and Leadership Memphis. This felt like the year of "together."

Together the Leadership Memphis team has earned a Tennessee Center for Performance Excellence (TNCPE) Level 2 Quality Award to be presented to LM in Nashville this February. Quite an honor, indeed. Together we have continued to measurably improve the quality of our Executive and FastTrack programs. And, Volunteer Memphis will partner with dozens of community partners hosting

500 service projects for MLK Days of Service which is just around the corner. If that's not together, I don't know what is!

Graduate Memphis continues its outstanding efforts with 150 community partners whose goal is to join together to increase post-secondary attainment locally, while working together with others around the United States as the national center of excellence for College Resource Centers.

Together we understand how critically important community leaders are in making a difference. So, please remember the word "together" as you think about us this year. When you make a tax-deductible contribution to Leadership Memphis I always stop and offer up a special thank you. After all, your generosity is what keeps the organization going and growing year after year.

Your generosity also keeps me going. You inspire me. You inspire the entire Leadership Memphis team. Just imagine the impact of receiving your gift and knowing you believe in what we do - together. Never underestimate how much we need and appreciate your support. Financially and motivationally! Leadership Memphis has prepared and mobilized leaders to work together for the good of the whole community for 39 years. That includes leaders like you. That includes many of your fellow classmates. That includes our wonderful alumni. We're all in this together, right?

And yes, that includes the participants in our 39th Executive Class and 20th FastTrack Class, both currently underway. When tuition covers only 55% of our operating costs, it makes each contribution worth all the more. Especially yours! It takes all of us pitching in – together!

Thanks to you who have made that donation. It's not too late.

Contribute online at <http://leadershipmemphis.org/donations>, or call the office at 278-0016.

Have a wonderful holiday season!

Sincerely,

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From August 23-25, 2018, Leadership Memphis kicked off its 39th Leadership Memphis Executive Class. Eighty Memphis executives spent the next three days learning from leaders across Memphis about the assets and challenges facing our community. With venues like St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, BRIDGES, the Orpheum and Clayborn Temple, visits to eight neighborhoods, and a downtown walking tour by Jimmy Ogle, the class quickly accelerated their knowledge and understanding of Memphis and their path to becoming the next Best Class Ever!

Presenting the Leadership Memphis Executive Class of 2018 finishing their day at Bridges.



Members of the Hamilton Community in the Executive Class of 2018, visit Hamilton High School during their community tour.



Members of the 2018 Frayser community takes the stage for a sing a long about their experience on the community tour in Frayser.



The Executive Class had a chance to spend a few hours walking around Downtown hearing the stories and the life Memphis used to be from Shelby County Historian Jimmy Ogle.



During the second day of the Memphis 3-2-1 Experience, the Berclair Community performed a skit on the stage of the Orpheum, as part as, Leadership Memphis Got Talent!



Members of the Executive Class of 2018 working together for the first time in an experience called the spider web at Bridges.

FALL 2017 FASTTRACK CLASS

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NOT EVERYBODY CAN BE FAMOUS BUT
EVERYBODY CAN BE GREAT BECAUSE

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IS DETERMINED BY
SERVICE

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SAVE ONE OF THESE DATES TO SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY IN THE NAME OF DR. KING
FOUR DAYS OF SERVICE

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| DAY 1 Friday, January 12, 2018 | Youth and Education | DAY 3 Sunday, January 14, 2018 | Sunday Service |
| DAY 2 Saturday, January 13, 2018 | Family and Friends Day | DAY 4 Monday, January 15, 2018 | Community Clean Up |

KICKOFF: 5PM, THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2018, AT THE BENJAMIN L. HOOKS CENTRAL LIBRARY, MEMPHIS

Service projects will be held in Fayette, Haywood, Lauderdale, Shelby and Tipton counties in Tennessee; DeSoto, Tate and Tunica counties in Mississippi; and Crittenden County in Arkansas. MLK Days of Service is a collaborative partnership project of Volunteer Memphis and Leadership Memphis. For more information, please contact Andrea Hill, 901-278-0016 or ahill@leadershipmemphis.org.



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LEADERSHIP MEMPHIS TO RECEIVE TENNESSEE CENTER FOR PERFORMANCE EXCELLENCE COMMITMENT AWARD

Leadership Memphis has earned the Commitment Award in the annual Excellence in Tennessee recognition program administered by the Tennessee Center for Performance Excellence (TNCPE). TNCPE is Tennessee's only statewide quality program and is patterned on the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program, the national standard for recognizing role model performance through innovation, improvement, and visionary leadership. Leadership Memphis will accept the award at the 25th Annual Excellence in Tennessee Awards Banquet on February 21, 2018, at the Franklin Marriott Cool Springs.

"It's always nice to win an award. It's always great to be recognized. Receiving a TNCPE Commitment Award is validation that Leadership Memphis is a quality organization committed to continually improving the processes and systems needed to do exceptional work. It also reinforces how important it is to have a team dedicated to building quality into all they do." - David Williams, President & CEO

Leadership Memphis: Empowering our community to STEP UP!

Through an annual evaluation and assessment process, TNCPE recognizes high-performing organizations that demonstrate continuous improvement and role model processes. This year, TNCPE has named 31 organizations as 2017 Award winners that represent outstanding achievement in the following industry sectors: health care, manufacturing, service, education, government, and nonprofit.

"Organizations that pursue a TNCPE award have a special drive," Gov. Bill Haslam said. Leadership Memphis' commitment to improvement will reach deep into our community, making a significant contribution to the state's economy, and the wellbeing of its citizens."

Organizations apply to the TNCPE program at one of four levels. As the levels increase, so does the depth and complexity of the application, which is based on the Baldrige Excellence Framework™. Since the program was founded in 1993, only 24 organizations have attained the excellence designation. One will receive the Excellence Award this year; five organizations will be honored with the Achievement Award; 24 organizations will receive a Commitment Award; and one will receive Interest Recognition.

Commitment Awards are presented to organizations that are beginning to demonstrate serious commitment to, and implementation of, performance improvement principles. They have demonstrated progress by identifying and putting in place a measurement system to capture data and analyze results, and some key process improvements, which are directly attributable to a fact-based improvement process. Special thanks to Donn Fisher, EP'98, Executive Director/CEO, Mid-South Quality Productivity Center, and his team, for the guidance and encouragement he provided throughout the TNCPE Quality Award application process.

"The TNCPE Awards program helps organizations look at the big picture and continuously strive to implement the best practices in their industry or sector," said TNCPE president Katie Rawls. "But it's not easy – if it were, every organization in the state would be participating. Our 2017 award winners are truly passionate about performance excellence and have chosen TNCPE and the Baldrige framework to help them become the best they can be."

A full list of winners can be found on the TNCPE website (www.tncpe.org)

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David Williams, President & CEO of Leadership Memphis, Terri Freeman, President of the National Civil Rights Museum, and John Jackson, Vice President of Strategy, Planning, Engineering, Innovation & Customer Identity FedEx TechConnect.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Special thanks to Terri Lee Freeman, President, National Civil Rights Museum, for her keynote presentation at the 10th annual Multicultural Breakfast on November 3, 2017 at the Holiday Inn. She inspired the 500 guests with her theme, "Where Do We Go From Here?". Leadership Memphis is also thankful to FedEx and International Paper, our presenting sponsors for the breakfast.



Members of the Executive Class 2015, Felicia Bean Barnes, James Barnes, and Elizabeth Blondis.



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Over 500 Leadership Memphis, alumni, supporters, and friends were inspired by the National Civil Rights President, Terri Freeman.



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Students from Hutchison visiting with the National Civil Right Museum President, Terr Freeman

ALUMNI IN THE NEWS



Councilwoman Patrice Robinson (EP2006) was recognized as the 2017 Elected Women of Excellence Award by National Foundation for Women Legislators.



Dr. Reginald Coopwood (EP2012) was appointed to the national Youth Villages Board of Directors.



William Kenley (EP2007) was named Executive Vice President of the Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare Community Group.



Gwyn Fisher (FTS2008) was accepted to the Delta Leadership Institute as a fellow to participate in their 10-month Executive Academy program.



Andrea Hill (FTS2015) was appointed to the Tennessee Volunteer Commission.



Stephanie Bennett (FTF2009) accepted a new position in International Communications at FedEx.



Darrell Cobbins (EP1999) was named to the Tennessee State Board of Education.



Tera Upshaw (FTS2013) began a new position as a Real Estate Agent at Benchmark Southwind Realtors.



Bonnie Hollabaugh (EP2017) accepted a position as Director Of Development at World Methodist Evangelism.



Lindsey Roberts (EP2017) was named one of Memphis Business Journal's 2017 Top 40 Under 40.



Katrina Robinson Lee (FTS2017) was named one of Memphis Business Journal's 2017 Top 40 Under 40.



Julie Lansky (EP2014) was named one of Memphis Business Journal's 2017 Top 40 Under 40.



Brandon Herrington (FTF2010) was named one of Memphis Business Journal's 2017 Top 40 Under 40.



Mario Hendrix (EP2010) was named one of Memphis Business Journal's 2017 Top 40 Under 40.



Hardy Farrow (EP2017) was named one of Memphis Business Journal's 2017 Top 40 Under 40.



Angela Hill (FTS2015) was elected as President of the Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association (TRPA)



Marvin Stockwell (FTS2008) accepted a new position as Director of Media Relations for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



Ellen Rolfes (EP1986) started her own company Ellen Rolfes & Associates, Inc.



Cheryl D. Floyd (FTS2013) was elected President to the Tennessee PTA state board.



Terrice Thomas (FTS2013) launched a biblical mentoring program for Teen girls called The Chat Room.



Lakesha Williams (EP2015) joined the Board of Directors for Susan G. Komen.



Trennie Williams (EP2000) accepted a new position as Publisher/Editor for StarNewsVICom.



Paulette Luker (EP2004) is an honoree in Memphis Business Journal's CFO of the Year Awards for the Nonprofit, Large category.



Katrina Robinson Lee (FTS2017) was featured in Memphis Business Journal for her role as Founder and Executive Director of The Healthcare Institute LLC.



Jeff Hulett (FTS2010) has a new position as PR and Communications Consultant, currently working with Playback Memphis and Room in the Inn.



Dee Griffin (EP2005) accepted a position as News Anchor for WJBF News Channel 6 in Augusta, GA.



Alexandra Turner (FTF2010) accepted a position as Affiliate Broker with Hobson Realtors.



Jerome Wright (EP2009) received the Charles E. Thornton Award during the 2017 University of Memphis Journalism and Strategic Media Outstanding Alumni Awards.



Elle Perry (FTS2015) received the Outstanding Young Alumna Award during the 2017 University of Memphis Journalism and Strategic Media Outstanding Alumni Awards.



Joann Massey (EP2014) was named Chairperson of Orion FCU Supervisory Committee (Audit).



Monica Wharton (EP2014) accepted a new position as Senior Vice President and Chief Legal Officer at Methodist Healthcare.



Jennifer Kiesewetter (EP2013) accepted a new position as Adjunct Professor at Christian Brothers University



Regina Burns (EP1994) accepted a position as Senior Communications Specialist for North Texas Tollway Authority's Public Affairs Department.



Dorian Spears (GR2008) has joined the Momentum Nonprofit Partners team as Special Projects Manager.



Karl Schledwitz (EP1982)'s company Monogram Food Solutions LLC was named one of Memphis Business Journal's Tier 1 Fastest Growing Companies.



Kim Heathcott (EP2012)'s company Clarion Security was named one of Memphis Business Journal's Tier 3 Fastest Growing Companies.



Susan Mealer (EP2011)'s company Answering Advantage LLC was named one of Memphis Business Journal's Tier 5 Fastest Growing Companies.



Justin Rushing (EP2017) was elected in July to the position of Diversity Chair of the Association of Alternative Newsmedia.



Molly Willmott (EP2014) was elected in July to the position of President of the Association of Alternative Newsmedia.



Peter Abell (EP2015) has a new position as President and CEO of Memphis Symphony Orchestra.



Latoria Taylor (EP2013) has a new position as Vice President of Development for Junior Achievement of Memphis and the Mid-South.



Debra Gates (EP 2016) was named one of Memphis Business Journal's 2017 Super Women in Business.



Audrey Gregory (EP 2013) was named one of Memphis Business Journal's 2017 Super Women in Business.



Gale Jones Carson (EP 1998) was named one of Memphis Business Journal's 2017 Super Women in Business.



Olliette Murry-Drobot (EP 2012) was named one of Memphis Business Journal's 2017 Super Women in Business.



Ashley Robilio (EP 2009) was named one of Memphis Business Journal's 2017 Super Women in Business.



Bathsheba Sams (EP 2004) was named one of Memphis Business Journal's 2017 Super Women in Business.



Alex Smith (EP 2017) was named one of Memphis Business Journal's 2017 Super Women in Business.



JR Kamra (FT 2012) accepted a new position as Sr. Manager, Customer Supply Chain/ Supply Planning at Bayer.



Kimberly Carlson (EP 2014) accepted a new position as Area Marketing Director for Chick-fil-A Mid-South.



Reginald Porter (EP2013) accepted a new position as Senior Vice President, Enterprise Operations at ALSAC St. Jude.



Alan Crone (EP2002) has been named to the Super Lawyers list, issued annually by Thomson Reuters.



Senator Mark Norris (EP1991) has been nominated for a judgeship in the U.S. District Court for West Tennessee.



Felicia Bean Barnes (EP 2015) has been appointed chair for the Memphis Urban League.



Ricky Tucker (EP 2017) will now be the President of the Black Business Association.



Roby Williams (EP 2009) has been name Chief Relationship Officer of the Black Business Association.



Shantelle Leatherwood (EP 2011) is now the CEO of Christ Community Health Service.



Scott Brockman (EP 2013) has been elected as chairman of American Association of Airport Executives.



Nicole Gates (FTF 2010) is Radio Host on the Finding My Way Radio Network.



Valentina Puppione Cochran (FTF 2008) is the majority shareholder and president and **Charles "Chochock" Pickard (FTF 2009)** is a principal at the newly re-branded ArchInc.

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2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



MLK Days of Service

January 12-15, 2018

Join thousands of volunteers all across the Mid-South in remembrance of Martin Luther King Jr. and serve your city. If you have an interest in hosting a volunteer project, team, or are interested in volunteering visit www.volunteermemphis.org.



14th Annual Leadership Awards Luncheon

March 7, 2018 11:30am to 1:00pm

Hilton Memphis, 939 Ridge Lake Blvd

The 14th Annual Leadership Awards Luncheon will recognize top community leaders and organizations as well as Shelby County students for their work in the community. The Keynote Speaker will be Josh McManus. Josh is a problem-solver working in post-industrial cities with entrepreneurs, corporations and foundations to help people positively transform the places that they love. His presentation theme will be "For-More-Than-Profit: The business of building better cities".



Plant The Parkways

2018

March – April 2018

Volunteer Memphis is coordination with Memphis City Beautiful and the City of Memphis are planting up to 100 trees on the medians of North, South, and East Parkway. Community members are encouraged to help sign up and volunteer in the planting of the trees. The planting will occur on various days throughout March and April. For more information visit www.volunteermemphis.org.



Annual Higher Education Forum

April 18, 2018

Location TBD

Join us as we discuss how to build a higher education ecosystem that support students to & through completion. We encourage alumni and supporters who are interested in higher education to join the conversation.



Volunteer Memphis Awards

June 28, 2018 - 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Location TDB

The volunteer Memphis Awards, a community-wide volunteer recognition event, is a celebration of volunteerism and an opportunity to say "thank you" to volunteers that make Memphis a better place. Tickets are \$15. Visit volunteermemphis.org for more information.

NOMINATIONS/APPLICATIONS

Nominations and applications are now being accepted for the 40th Anniversary Executive Program class which begins in August 2018, as well as the FastTrack Spring 2018 program which begins February 3, 2018. It's easy to go to leadershipmemphis.org/ApplyNow and start the process. Alumni can also email David Williams at dwilliams@leadershipmemphis.org with a nomination.

Plant The Parkways



COMING SPRING 2018



Members and Volunteers of the Memphis Tree Board gather to inventory the trees around the parkways system on December 1, 2017.

Volunteer Memphis, an action initiative of Leadership Memphis, in partnership with Memphis City Beautiful, is the recipient of a \$225,000 KRESGE Foundation grant for Plant the Parkways. And while the most visible aspect of the grant will be planting new trees to replenish the existing Parkway System, an equally important part of the grant involves engaging the community in the process in a way that promotes inclusiveness.

Currently, more than a dozen trained volunteers will inventory every tree within the medians of the 11.3 mile Parkway System. Plant the Parkways will focus on the 8.5 miles of parkway medians. Those conducting the inventory will provide invaluable information for the

project consultant, Ritchie Smith Associates Landscape Architects, such as the size, varietal type, and condition of each existing tree. Many of the volunteers are members of the City of Memphis Tree Board. In the weeks ahead a series of community meetings will be held to discuss Plant the Parkways and to seek input on the project, identify individuals, neighborhood organizations and institutional stakeholders who want to be involved in the project, enlist volunteers to work on the project and determine options for long-term sustainability for the Parkway System.

Walking the Parkway System during December is part of the final pre-planning phase of Plant the Parkways. GIS mapping, creating 23 detailed base maps, and understanding which trees are best suited for the project have consumed months of preparation. Preparation is expected to move to action by early spring when the planting phase of Plant the Parkways is projected to begin.

Those interested in more information about Plant the Parkways and the yet-to-be-confirmed dates, times and locations for the community meetings, can add their name and contact information to the Plant the Parkways registration form on the Volunteer Memphis website, volunteermemphis.org. Andrea Hill, director of Volunteer Memphis, will follow up as work begins in organizing the community meetings.

The Parkway System is considered park land and is under the City of Memphis Division of Parks and Neighborhood Services. The Parkways, designed by renowned landscape architect George Kessler and created in the early 1900's, frame the center city, which contains more than 225,000 residents and intersects ten zip codes.





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