

Entre Nous

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF GREATER COVINGTON



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Letter From the President

Thanks for a Great 24-25 League Year!

As we bring this incredible League year to a close, I'm filled with deep gratitude and pride. Serving as President of the Junior League of Greater Covington during my first year in this role has been a true honor—and what a year it has been! Together, we've continued our mission of promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving our community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

We've had a year full of meaningful work and unforgettable moments—from the uplifting spirit of **Find the Good Day**, the magic of **Sugar Plum Market**, to the high-energy celebration of **Carnival Couture**, to the . Our commitment to empowering young women was on full display at **Girls Health Day**, and our members rallied behind our mission with care and compassion during **Project Prom**, making sure local teens felt seen, supported, and celebrated.

These memories will always bring a smile, but it's the lasting impact of this work—the training we've shared, the growth we've experienced, and the relationships we've built—that will continue shaping our community and our members long after this year ends.

I'm especially proud to announce that our **Community Assistance Grants** are being awarded—an annual highlight that reminds us of how far our reach extends. These grants are possible because of you—our dedicated members, supporters, and partners—and they directly support local organizations doing vital work in Greater Covington.

Please join me in offering heartfelt congratulations to our incoming **Board of Directors**. Your energy, ideas, and leadership will guide the League into a bright new year, and I'm confident our momentum will only continue to grow with you at the helm.

To our incredible members—**thank you**. Your commitment, heart, and service are the foundation of everything we do. I am proud to stand beside you and excited to see all that we will accomplish together.

Warm Regards,

*Bernie B.
Taylor*



MISSION STATEMENT

The Junior League of Greater Covington is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION STATEMENT

The Junior League of Greater Covington welcomes all women who value our Mission. We are committed to inclusive environments of diverse individuals, organizations and communities.

VISION STATEMENT

Through collaborative programs and effective advocacy, the Junior League of Greater Covington will provide educational and cultural opportunities, which enrich the lives of the citizens of our community

2025-2026 Board & Management Team

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Nominating Committee

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Nominating Committee



2025 Community Grant Recipients

Family REACH Alliance \$3,000

JLGC will provide funding for welcome packets to the families they serve. To include, but not limited to, food, clothing, hygiene needs, medical copays, and child care expenses. To help them in their mission to provide emergency shelter and critical services to families with children experiencing homelessness.



St. Tammany Health Foundation \$2,500

JLGC is assisting St. Tammany Health System's Pediatric service lines in funding their entire facility being recertified as a Certified Autism Center designations, awarded to organizations with a minimum of 80% of its staff trained, certified, and committed to ongoing education in autism.



By becoming a certified autism center, STHS is becoming a better healthcare system for individuals with autism.

Girls on the Run South Louisiana \$1,500

In fall 2025, JLGC is funding Girls on the Run participants in West St. Tammany will participate in a new curriculum, Hello, Bold Heart! Focused on developing confidence to share what's in your heart. The grant will purchase new curriculum materials and will impact 30 girls during the 10-week, positive youth development Girls on the Run program. Meeting for 90 minutes, twice a week with trained volunteer coaches, girls will learn critical social-emotional life skills through fun, engaging lessons that celebrate the joy of movement.



NAMI Southeast Louisiana (SELA) \$3,000

For NAMI SELA JLGC will give funding to update and reproduce the Family Resource Guide. The guide is geared towards helping citizens navigate the complicated mental health system. Updated guides will: provide comprehensive, accurate, and up-to-date information about mental health resources; ensure accessibility for households by distributing the guides widely throughout the community; and enhance community awareness and utilization of appropriate mental health services.



Sudden Impact Projects



Birthday Boxes for Brooke It Forward

28 boxes full of cake, balloons, gift cards for food for the recipients!



Christmas Bags for NAMI

18 children's bags and **15** adult's bags chock full of goodies for those in psychiatric care over the holidays.

Easter Baskets for Forest Manor

24 baskets for the elderly full of essentials and treats.

Hats, scarves, gloves for the Point in Time

We collected donations of hats, scarves, socks and any items needed to keep the homeless warm.

THIS MONTH Hygiene baskets for Our Friends Closet

Health and beauty products in conjunction with Our Friends Closet.

Find the Good Day

This year's Find the Good Day was a joyful celebration of positivity, community, and connection! What a great way to kick off the year! From our groovy Studio 24 Disco event that brought the sparkle and fun, to the engaging social media campaign that spread uplifting messages far and wide, our League embraced the spirit of doing good with heart and style. Thank you to everyone who joined us in sharing kindness and making an impact!



Sugarplum Market

This year's Sugar Plum Market was a magical kickoff to the holiday season! With an incredible variety of vendors, festive décor, and joyful community spirit, the event was a huge success. Thank you to our sponsors, volunteers, and shoppers for helping make this beloved tradition both merry and meaningful in support of our mission!

Carnival Couture

Carnival Couture dazzled once again with an unforgettable afternoon of fashion, fun, and philanthropy! From the runway to the silent auction, every detail helped spotlight local talent and support JLGC's mission.

A huge thank you to our models, designers, sponsors, and guests for making it a fabulous success!



Project Prom

Project Prom brought joy, confidence, and sparkle to local teens by providing free prom dresses and accessories to those in need. Thanks to the generosity of our donors and volunteers, students were able to celebrate this milestone feeling supported and beautiful. It was a true reflection of the League's mission to serve with heart and purpose!

Girls Health Day

Girls Health Day was an inspiring and educational event focused on empowering young girls with the tools they need to live healthy, confident lives.

From wellness workshops to interactive activities, the day was filled with valuable information, encouragement, and positivity. Thank you to our volunteers and community partners for making it such a meaningful success!





Susan Lenoir Junior League Women in Leadership Scholarship at NTCC

This scholarship was the vision of Susan Lenoir, the former Junior League Community Vice President. Susan's dream was to establish a scholarship that would support a deserving female student who embodies the mission of our nonprofit. This year we awarded to:



Alecia McGee from Covington, who is currently enrolled in the Associate of Science in Nursing Program. Alecia is a dedicated member of the National Guard and plans to continue her studies at Southern University to pursue a degree in Nursing once she completes her program at NTCC.



Mikayla Washington from Slidell, who is enrolled in General Studies at the Lacombe Campus. Mikayla is a first-generation college student with aspirations to join the North Oaks Radiology Technician program after graduating from NTCC.

Phoebe Whealdon Sustainer of the Year

A dedicated community leader and philanthropist, Phoebe Whealdon has been a driving force in the Junior League of Greater Covington since joining in 1993.

From chairing the 4th Harvest Cup Polo Classic to serving as League President in 2002, Phoebe's leadership helped launch the Roux to Do Cookbook and countless other initiatives.

"Phoebe's unwavering dedication has left a lasting mark on our League and community," said President Bernie Taylor. "Her excellence, creativity, and compassion continue to inspire us all."

As a sustainer, she chaired the 2022 Show House and participated in Find the Good Day. Beyond JLGC, Phoebe's impact spans the Northshore through service with the St. Tammany Chamber, New Heights Therapeutic Riding,



St. Tammany Arts Association, and Habitat for Humanity's Women Build. She's also a past president of the Louisiana Realtors Association and a former YMCA Northshore Hero.

Phoebe's legacy is one of heart, service, and a steadfast commitment to making a difference. In her free time, she enjoys her book club, traveling, and spending time with family.

Dogwood Award Winners

Each month members nominate Dogwood Award Winners! Each has made contributions to the League in various ways.

August

Kathryn Mire

September

Faith Troxler

October

Shannon LeScale

November

Danielle Stanridge

January

Misty Levy

February

Amanda Makar

March

LeAnn Smith

April

Amy Blaylock

MEET The New Members

Crystal Carrion | Lacombe

Hometown | Miami, FL **Education** | Studied Emergency Medical Science with the goal of becoming a firefighter and paramedic

Occupation | Stay at Home Mom, but I am currently a stay at home mom which is more fulfilling than I had ever imagined.

Family | Beaux is my 4 year old Newfoundland dog that my husband surprised me with for Christmas when he was a puppy. He is unknowingly of his size, at 130lbs and afraid of the dark.; I have an amazing husband, Mark, who is very involved with our family and two children. Our daughter, Katie-Lynn, is three. She is brave and adventuresome, she will also never miss an opportunity for a dance party. Marcus, our son, is one year old this month. He has the most contagious smile and shares my love of food.

Hobbies | reading, cooking, trying new food, being outdoors, and creating new experiences for my children

How did you hear about JLGC | I had family friends involved years ago and had always wanted to join. After moving to the Northshore, I was in need of a community and wanted to be involved with things locally. Junior league gave me the perfect opportunity to do so!



Kathleen Castellanos | Covington

Hometown | Metairie **Education** | Mechanical Engineering - Alabama

Occupation | Manufacturing Excellence Leader of Paper and Power at International Paper's Bogalusa Mill.

Family | Yorkie -Guinness, Cat - Sake, leopard tortoise - Topsy; Partner, Chaz My parents still live in Metairie and I love going down to visit them.

Hobbies | Cooking, gardening, and camping. Out of the house, I love going out to eat and going to community events and plays. In the house, I like reading, playing video games, and watching shows.



AnnaClaire Courville | Covington

Hometown | Baton Rouge **Education** | Chemical Engineering, LSU

Occupation | Bogalusa Paper Mill as a Chemical Contractor

Family | Millie, dog; I have a small family, only my parents and grandmother

Hobbies | scuba diving, reading, and baking.

How did you hear about JLGC | My grandmother and many of her friends were apart of it, so I grew up wanting to join and get involved in my community this way.



Kim Goodale | Covington

Hometown | Chalmette **Education** | Early Childhood Education-St. Bernard CC

Occupation | Whitney Bank

Family | Pug-Suzie, Boston Terrier-Nola; I am married for 34 years. I have 2 sons, 2 granddaughters and a grand cat.

Hobbies | I like doing arts and crafts and playing Bunco. I also love volunteering and helping in my community.

How did you hear about JLGC | I have a friend that was in JLGC and told me how she learned so much being a member. She also said she met forever friends being a member. I knew if I joined JLGC I would be a stronger and better person.



Melanie Juul | Covington

Hometown | Covington

Family | We have two dogs, Beanie and Penny; Married

Hobbies | Reading, Travel, Yoga

How did you hear about JLGC | I joined with a friend. My main interest in joining is volunteering and helping with community events and projects.

What Advice Would You Give to the Next Provisional Class | Volunteer and get involved in all the different events.



Shannon Love | Covington

Hometown | Tuscaloosa, AL **Education** | Degree in Education - Alabama, Interior Design Program - New York Institute of Art and Design

Occupation | Principal Designer, Iced Tulips Interiors

Family | Romeo is our 4.5-year-old, 3.5-pound Yorkie; I married my husband in 1993, and we have three grown kids, ages 27, 25, and 21.

Hobbies | I used to love reading, but these days I'm more into listening to books, both fiction and nonfiction. I'm especially drawn to character-driven novels and stories set in different periods of history. I also love collecting and making art, painting, sculpting, working with artist markers, and experimenting with mixed media. I'm not necessarily gifted, but I really enjoy the creative process.



Amanda Makar | Covington

Hometown | Westchester, NY **Education** | Occupational Health & Safety

Occupation | Environmental, Health & Safety Manager for Relativity Space.

Family | Dog-Ollie; I'm youngest of two, my sister blessed me with being an aunt or as my niece calls me Mousey

Hobbies | I like volunteering, anything to do with sports, listening to podcasts and def have a shopping problem!

How did you hear about JLGC | Gotta give it to Kalisa a fellow coworker who always seemed to enjoy her time spent whether it was the volunteering aspect or the making new relationships part.



Kate McWilliams | Covington

Hometown | Old Metarie

Occupation | I taught 5 years at St. Dominic. Now I'm a stay at home mom.

Family | I married my husband Jacob in 2022, and we have a 15 month old daughter named Ellie. I have an orange cat named Ollie and Cavalier King Charles Spaniel named Lucky.

Hobbies | I love to read, shop, and cook.



Maureen O'Donnell | Mandeville

Hometown | Philadelphia

Occupation | Medical Affairs for the past 5 years. Trained as a physician assistant with 10 years of emergency medicine experience. Have a doctorate in healthcare administration, masters in physician assistant studies.

Family | Married to my wonderful husband, Gregory. Will be three years in August. Currently expecting our first child, due in July

Hobbies | Listening to live music, going to the beach, running, working out, and hiking. Enjoy trying new restaurants on my travels for work and leisure. Love going to baseball games, go Phillies!



Lindsey Olsen | Covington

Hometown | Lacombe **Occupation** | Partner at Talley, Anthony, Hughes & Knight

Education | LSU, Loyola University College of Law New Orleans for law school and I am currently getting a LLM at Missouri College of Law in dispute resolution. I am a partner at Talley, Anthony, Hughes & Knight in Mandeville and my primary practice is Family Law and Estate Planning

Family | Dog, Avery, a chihuahua mix.; I am married to my college sweetheart, Tim, and we have three daughters, Leighton (6), Sutton (3) and Augustine (9 months)

Hobbies | I love to travel, spend time with my family, go to dinner and watch TV.



Samantha Ronquille | Madisonville

Hometown | New Orleans **Occupation** | Insurance Adjuster

Education | I have a bachelor's degree and I majored in English. My roles in insurance have included field adjuster, general adjuster, senior building consultant, claims manager, claims director and a vice president of claims. My next goal is to attend law school.

Family | One dog; I'm a single mom with 2 children. My daughter, Kaitlyn, will be attending college in August studying architectural engineering. My son Braedon will begin fourth grade.

Hobbies | painting, reading, and bike riding.



Leann Vinson | Mandeville

Hometown | Kenner **Education** | Elementary Education and Master of Arts in Teaching- LSU

Occupation | I taught for 11 years, and I currently work as an instructional coach.

Family | We have an Australian Shepherd named Callie; My husband is Grant, and we have 2 sons. Wells is 5 and Trace is 3.

Hobbies | enjoy traveling, painting, kayaking, calligraphy, sipping, and shopping.

How did you hear about JLGC | I wanted to join because I heard it was about empowering women and supporting our community.



Rebekah Wood | Covington

Hometown | Monroe **Education** | Chemical Engineering, LSU

Occupation | Process engineer for International Paper

Family | I have 2 old sisters and 1 cute nephew

Hobbies | I enjoying sitting on the lake front with coffee in hand and when the sun falls playing darts

What advise would you give the next provisional class? | Get involved! Dont be scared to make new relationships



Bio Not Available for

Jessica Borstel Stephanie Hansen Mercedes Townsend Gina Sutton

