

LEADERSHIP HANCOCK COUNTY



CARRYING THE TORCH OF LEADERSHIP FOR
HANCOCK COUNTY FOR 25 YEARS

CLASS OF 2021-2022 DIRECTORY



Jason Wells

Jason Wells is a registered nurse and works for Hancock Health as the Director of Excellence (Engagement, Experience and Culture). Jason's roles at Hancock Health include; planning leadership development for all leadership levels at Hancock Health, new associate orientation, administration advisor for Patient Experience and Associate Engagement Teams and Nursing Congress.

Jason brings a vast amount of training experience from Clinical Education, American Heart Associates, Six Flags

as well as a former instructor/auditor for Walt Disney World in Orlando, FL.

As a 2018 LHC graduate, Jason hopes to bring excitement and some of his own personal leadership experiences as the LHC Executive Director.

Jason applies his industry experience and first-class education to help grow Leadership Hancock County and reach new goals for the 2021-2022 class.

You can currently reach Jason at info@leadhc.org.



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LHC CLASS OF 2021-2022

Veronica Birmingham
Brandon Badger
Ashlee Burke
Shaun Childress
Trey Edwards
Alyssa Fearnow
Kerry Grass
Melissa Ham
Aimee Herring
Brian Lott

Monica Jeter
Beth Marsh
Cindy Miller
Brandy Mills
Dillon Painter
Whitney Speicher
Rebekah Steele
Emily Wilson
Jannel Wilhelm
Crystal Wiley

Veronica Birmingham



- **WORDS TO LIVE BY:**

Give without expecting anything in return.

- **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

Recently, I started a virtual book club at the library. In the past, I've volunteered for several different organizations.

- **INTERESTING TRIVIA ABOUT ME:**

I was born and raised in Florida, and moved to Indiana a couple years ago.

- **EMPLOYMENT:**

Hancock County Public Library

- **FAMILY:**

I am engaged to be married in October 2021 and have 3 cats.

- **INTERESTS:**

I enjoy gardening, reading, and cross-stitching.

Brandon Badger

- **EMPLOYMENT:**

City of Greenfield
Planning Department

- **FAMILY:**

I am married with 3
children.

- **INTERESTS:**

I enjoy baseball &
motorcycles.



- **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

I work with the planning department for the city of
Greenfield.

- **INTERESTING TRIVIA ABOUT ME:**

I am retired from the U.S. Army and learning to be a civilian
leader in a non-military style.

Ashlee Burke



- **WORDS TO LIVE BY:**

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- **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

I am a QPR – Suicide Prevention Instructor and the founder of the Girl Talk group at Hancock Regional. It serves girls in grades 4th-8th grade. We focus on positive body image, peer pressure, social media & self-confidence. Each month is a different topic.

- **INTERESTING TRIVIA ABOUT ME:**

I like to do things that make a big impact, but do not like recognition for it.

- **EMPLOYMENT:**

Jane Pauley Community Health Center

- **FAMILY:**

I have been married for 11 years with 3 children; 1 son & 2 daughters.

- **INTERESTS:**

I enjoy baseball, exercising, crafting & spending time with my family.

Shaun Childers

- **EMPLOYMENT:**

Amos Exteriors

- **FAMILY:**

My wife & I have been married for 6 years, and have a 3 ½ year old daughter, Olivia

- **INTERESTS:**

I enjoy spending time with my daughter, Olivia (3 ½ years old), hunting, fishing and outdoor projects and exercising.



- **WORDS TO LIVE BY:**

Always keep it vague but true.

- **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

I am new to the Hancock County community. I am branching out into new things and would like to be more involved. I teach classes for the Indiana Affordable Housing Association and The Indiana Apartment Association. Recently sponsored the Hops for Hope for the Hope House.

- **INTERESTING TRIVIA ABOUT ME:**

I have a sarcastic sense of humor. I put my mind to something, I can typically achieve my goals.

Trey Edwards



- **WORDS TO LIVE BY:**

Treat others how you want to be treated

- **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

I volunteer with Shop with a Cop, also I'm a member of Hancock county Sheriff's Dept. Honor Guard Team.

- **INTERESTING TRIVIA ABOUT ME:**

I was a college athlete, playing football at Anderson University. I have to been to Australia also.

- **EMPLOYMENT:**

Hancock County Sheriffs Department

- **FAMILY:**

I have 2 daughters, ages 4 ½ & 3 years old; 1 brother

- **INTERESTS:**

I enjoy hunting, fishing, Notre Dame sports & traveling

Alyssa Fearnow

- **EMPLOYMENT:**

GBC Bank

- **FAMILY:**

I'm from Kokomo, single with no children and I have an older sister that lives in Michigan.

- **INTERESTS:**

I enjoy reading, history, WW II movies, museums and outdoor activities.



- **WORDS TO LIVE BY:**

Glass is half full and to be optimistic.

- **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

I'm on the committee for the GBC Kidsclub.

- **INTERESTING TRIVIA ABOUT ME:**

I've been to London and purchased my home a year ago.

Kerry Grass



- **WORDS TO LIVE BY:**

Always find common ground.

- **INTERESTS:**

I enjoy public service and my family is involved with county works. I have been an EMT for 39 years, a paramedic for 21 years and I enjoy working, fishing & yard work.

- **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

I am in my fourth term as a Greenfield City Councilman, and serve on several committees. The budget committee is my favorite.

- **INTERESTING TRIVIA ABOUT ME:**

I love numbers.

- **EMPLOYMENT:**

Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory, retired from Indianapolis Fire Department after 32 years, and current Greenfield City Councilman

- **FAMILY:**

I've been married 19 years to BethAnn, a nurse; 2 daughters, 1 son and 2 grandchildren.

Melissa Ham

- **EMPLOYMENT:**

Love, INC

- **FAMILY:**

I am married to David with 3 children, Sylas 17, Weston 13 & Kallie 6.

- **INTERESTS:**

I enjoy camping and reading (Christian fiction, but all genres).



- **WORDS TO LIVE BY:**

“Less words” tends to talk too much, especially in regard to conflict.

- **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

I am a board member of Northern Hancock County Area Chamber of Commerce, County Coordinator for family and Soc meetings.

- **INTERESTING TRIVIA ABOUT ME:**

I grew up in a rural community and still enjoy that lifestyle.

Aimee Herring



- **WORDS TO LIVE BY:**

“You make a living by what you get, you make a life by what you give.”

- **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

I am the Chairperson of the Hancock County Sexual Assault Response Team, Chairperson of the Hancock County Child Fatality Review Team, and a member of the Board of Directors of Zoey’s Place Child Advocacy Center.

- **INTERESTING TRIVIA ABOUT ME:**

I have had jury trials covered on national news outlets.

- **EMPLOYMENT:**

Chief Deputy Prosecutor
Hancock County
Prosecuting Attorney’s
Office

- **INTERESTS:**

I am passionate about children & victim’s rights. I enjoy traveling (prepandemic), reading, and my guilty pleasure is watching reality TV.

Brian Lott

- **EMPLOYMENT:**

Greenfield Fire Territory

- **FAMILY:**

I have been married for 42 years and I have 3 daughters and 8 grandkids.

- **INTERESTS:**

I enjoy baseball with my kids and grandkids and enjoy giving back to the community through projects and events.

- **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

I am the Vice President for Greenfield Rotary Club and the service chairperson. We do at least one service project in the community every month.

- **INTERESTING TRIVIA ABOUT ME:**

I have been on the Indiana Fire Chiefs Board for 26 years.



- **WORDS TO LIVE BY:**

Treat people with respect and respect all elders and do what you can to help them.

Monica Jeter



- **WORDS TO LIVE BY:**

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13 and “If at first you don’t succeed, Try, try, try again.” Thomas H Palmer

- **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

I serve at Brandywine Church for Griefshare and a part of the Indiana Apartment Association – Multifamily events committee.

- **INTERESTING TRIVIA ABOUT ME:**

I have a Psychology degree and worked for the City of Stockton, Parks and Recreation department in California.

- **EMPLOYMENT:**

Lauth (Broadway Village Apartments)

- **FAMILY:**

I am an only child and single.

- **INTERESTS:**

I enjoy CrossFit, cooking and being outdoors.

Beth Marsh

- **EMPLOYMENT:**

Bookkeeping Plus, Inc.

- **FAMILY:**

I'm married and we have two poodle puppies. I have lived in Greenfield since the 8th grade, and my parents still live here, as do my nephew and his wife. I'm close with my nieces and nephews, and my brother and sister also still live in the area.

- **INTERESTS:**

I enjoy family time, traveling (especially Hilton Head and the ocean), going to IndyCar races, and working together with my husband on his music and film projects. I'm very fortunate because I get to make my living doing something I love (accounting).

- **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

Treasurer, Tri Kappa; Professional Advisor Council, Hancock County Community Foundation; Treasurer, We've Got Your Back (Shop Local) campaign for the Greenfield Area Chamber of Commerce.

- **INTERESTING TRIVIA ABOUT ME:**

I started my business fresh out of college! Thirty-four years later, I never would have imagined I would have 25 employees, and the opportunity to provide accounting services to so many schools and nonprofit organizations here and around the state.



- **WORDS TO LIVE BY:**

The world may change, but the Golden Rule will always rule.

Cindy Miller



- **WORDS TO LIVE BY:**

Be kind.

- **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

I have volunteered at the Hope House, the Hancock County Food Pantry and Kenneth Butler Memorial Soup Kitchen.

- **INTERESTING TRIVIA ABOUT ME:**

I am in 4,000 mile long distance relationship.

- **EMPLOYMENT:**

Hope House

- **FAMILY:**

I have a boyfriend Peter, a son Justin & his wife Beth, and 3 grandchildren, Levi, Addy & Jeremy.

- **INTERESTS:**

I enjoy walking, movies, hanging out with friends, and traveling to Europe.

Brandy Mills

- **EMPLOYMENT:**

GBC Bank (20 years)

- **FAMILY:**

I am married to Rick and we have a son, Korbyn, along with my adult stepsons Jordan & Jared.

- **INTERESTS:**

I enjoy reading, watching my 8 year old son, Korbyn, play baseball, and participating in my church.

- **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

I am involved with GBC Bank sponsored events.

- **INTERESTING TRIVIA ABOUT ME:**

I am the only girl in our family of six children.



- **WORDS TO LIVE BY:**

Faith over fear.

Dillon Painter



- **WORDS TO LIVE BY:**

The decisions you make today will help determine the stories you tell tomorrow.

- **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

I volunteer at Hancock Regional Hospital, Wheeler Mission & Special Olympics.

- **INTERESTING TRIVIA ABOUT ME:**

I played collegiate football and now enjoy competing in CrossFit competitions. I also love watching documentaries.

- **EMPLOYMENT:**

Hancock Wellness Center
New Palestine

- **FAMILY:**

I am engaged and am one of 10 children. I have 6 brothers, 3 sisters, and I am the 4th child.

- **INTERESTS:**

I am a Cleveland sports fan and enjoy traveling, especially to State Parks.

Whitney Speicher

- **EMPLOYMENT:**

Hancock Regional
Hospital

- **FAMILY:**

I am married, have 2 kids,
Audra (7) and Beatrix (4),
and grew up in Morris-
town.



- **INTERESTS:**

I enjoy knitting & baking.

- **WORDS TO LIVE BY:**

“Far and away, the best
prize that life has to offer is a
chance to work hard at work
worth doing.”

Theodore Roosevelt

- **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

I am involved with GBC Bank sponsored events.

- **INTERESTING TRIVIA ABOUT ME:**

Several years ago, I took part of a Guinness Book of World
Records flotilla in Michigan.

Rebekah Steele



- **WORDS TO LIVE BY:**

Every individual is creative, resourceful and whole.

- **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

I've been with Alternatives Inc. for 3 years, serve on the Sexual Assault Review Team, and Community Corrections Advisory Board.

- **INTERESTING TRIVIA ABOUT ME:**

I am an adult onset Type 1 Diabetic, I live with ADHD, and I was the first class to attend J.B. Stephens Elementary School.

- **EMPLOYMENT:**

Alternatives Incorporated

- **FAMILY:**

I am single with 1 sister, and my parents have been married more than 30 years.

- **INTERESTS:**

I enjoy reading all genres with my favorite book being Redeeming Love.

Emily Wilson

- **EMPLOYMENT:**

Hancock County
Community Foundation

- **FAMILY:**

My husband, Aaron and
our dog Remington,
parents Nancy and
Carmen.

- **INTERESTS:**

Hanging out with family
and friends, reading,
working out, walking and
playing with Remington
(chocolate lab), softball
pitching & hitting lessons
instructor, gardening,
traveling, and work for
the wedding venue For-
Lou Farms.

- **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

I give softball pitching & hitting lessons. I volunteer at
the Kenneth Butler Memorial Soup Kitchen (when I can),
deliver for Meals on Wheels, and work for the Hancock
County Community Foundation.

- **INTERESTING TRIVIA ABOUT ME:**

I was married in July 2021, I played softball at Ohio
University and I love to sing.



- **WORDS TO LIVE BY:**

Don't let the fear of striking
out keep you from playing
the game. Be kind.

Jannel Wilhelm



- **WORDS TO LIVE BY:**

Don't compare yourself to others, not everyone is on the same journey.

- **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

I am involved with my church, kids sports teams, and have volunteered with animal shelters.

- **INTERESTING TRIVIA ABOUT ME:**

I have lived in Greenfield for 14 years, and am from Venice, Florida. We have 3 dogs.

- **EMPLOYMENT:**

Hancock Regional Hospital

- **FAMILY:**

I've been married for 18 years and we have a daughter (13) and son (11).

- **INTERESTS:**

I enjoy family activities and involved in church.

Crystal Wiley

- **EMPLOYMENT:**

Zoey's Place Child
Advocacy Center

- **FAMILY:**

I have a daughter, Alyna
(16), who plays volleyball.

- **INTERESTS:**

I enjoy spending social
time with friends and
family, reading, working
out and enjoying Brutus,
my micro mini golden
doodle.



- **WORDS TO LIVE BY:**

Give Grace. Be graceful to
others.

- **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

I spend time mentoring children, serve with Hancock
County Exchange. I am a Board Member Camp To Belong
Indiana (Foster or adopted children to reconnect if they
live in separate homes).

- **INTERESTING TRIVIA ABOUT ME:**

I can do the splits and I love maps.

LEADERSHIP HANCOCK COUNTY

2021-2022 CLASS SCHEDULE

LEADERSHIP RETREAT DAYS

September 16 & 17, 2021

LEADERSHIP CLASS 1

October 6, 2021

BUSINESS COMMUNITY & AGRICULTURE DAY

November 3, 2021

HISTORY DAY

December 1, 2021

GOVERNMENT DAY

January 5, 2022

COMMUNITY ISSUES

February 2, 2022

LEADERSHIP CLASS 2

March 2, 2022

LEADERSHIP CLASS 3

April 6, 2022