



Camille Furfine
Class of 2016

Born and raised in Jacksonville and a Bolles lifer class of 2016, Camille earned both her bachelor's in civil engineering and her master's with a structural concentration from the University of Florida.

Today, she is a licensed Professional Engineer in the state of Florida working at Lucas & Scott Engineering, a local firm right down the street on San Jose Boulevard. Camille's portfolio focuses on residential construction, renovations, additions, and repairs.

Deeply invested in her community, she is also a member of the Northeast Florida Builders Association (NEFBA) Emerging Leaders Class of 2026. She is thrilled to return to Bolles to share her path from the classroom to shaping Jacksonville's built environment.



Coulter Higby
Class of 2017

Coulter Higby is a Senior Continuous Improvement Engineer at Stellar Energy, now part of Trane, where he has worked since February 2025 and was promoted to his current role in 2026. He specializes in lean manufacturing and process improvement, identifying inefficiencies and building systems that help operations run safer, faster, and more reliably.

Before Stellar, he worked as a lean and industrial engineer at Southwire, where he built his foundation in manufacturing operations. Coulter is based in Jacksonville, Florida.



Joey Frisco

Class of 2016

Joey is a Jacksonville native who joined The Bolles School in 6th grade, played football and baseball throughout his time there, and graduated in 2016.

After Bolles, he attended the University of Florida and graduated in 2021 with a Bachelor of Science in Construction Management. He then joined The Beck Group, a national design-build firm, where he worked as a Project Engineer and later Senior Project Engineer on several major projects, including the Antinori Center for the Arts at Jesuit High School and Morgan High School, both in the Tampa area.

He left in 2025 to co-found RACOS, a construction-technology startup that supports general contractors. RACOS uses AI to analyze the enormous, complicated document sets behind their projects and turn them into detailed scopes of work that contractors rely on to price and build a job, cutting what once took weeks of manual effort down to a few days.

Outside of work, Joey spends time with his wife, Christa (also a Bolles alum), their new kitten, Gus, and his family and friends. He enjoys working out, reading, freeskating, and practicing the art of bonsai.



Charlie Davis

Class of 2020

Charlie Davis is the Cofounder and Chief Visionary Officer of CrazyThink, an AI software and consulting company that builds custom AI solutions for businesses and educational institutions. He combines strategic leadership with hands-on AI development and entrepreneurship, turning ideas into practical products and services.

Through webinars and speaking engagements at colleges, high schools, and national education conferences, Charlie helps audiences understand AI, explore its applications, and recognize opportunities for innovation and entrepreneurship.



Matt Herman
Class of 2016

Matt began his professional career at PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), where he spent five years in the CPA profession developing a strong foundation in accounting, financial analysis, and client service. He holds both an MBA and a Master's in Accounting from Northeastern University, in addition to an undergraduate degree in Finance from the University of Florida.

Matt spent several years in Atlanta while working at PwC before transitioning into his current role as a Financial Advisor with Northwestern Mutual, where he has been for nearly two years.

Matt is passionate about building a business focused on helping individuals and families achieve financial security and long-term success. He takes pride in being driven and determined in both his personal and professional pursuits.

Outside of work, Matt enjoys spending time with his wife, Macy, and their daughter, Marley. He is also an avid sports fan—especially basketball—and a loyal supporter of the Florida Gators and the Jacksonville Jaguars.



Ralston Brooke
Class of 2012

Mr. Brooke joined EVE Partners, a private equity firm based in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL focused on the transportation and logistics industry, in 2016. In his 10 years at EVE, he has completed 28 transactions totaling \$7.1 billion in transaction value, spanning majority buyouts, tuck-in acquisitions, and debt and equity recapitalizations.

While at EVE, he also served as VP, Strategy and Acquisitions at EVE's portfolio company, Omni Logistics, for approximately 3 years, helping execute 11 tuck-in acquisitions totaling \$1.1 billion of enterprise value and growing the platform from \$100 million at EVE's initial investment to \$3.2 billion of enterprise value at exit.

He holds a Bachelor of Science in Commerce from the McIntire School at the University of Virginia and graduated from The Bolles School in 2012.



Christa Frisco
Class of 2016

Christa Frisco is a speech-language pathologist who earned her bachelor's degree from Florida State University and her master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology from the University of South Florida.

She began her career in acute care at a Level II trauma center, primarily treating patients with stroke, traumatic brain injury, and burn injuries.

After moving back to Jacksonville, Christa joined Tobii Dynavox, where she works alongside speech-language pathologists and other healthcare professionals to help individuals with ALS, stroke, Parkinson's disease, traumatic brain injury, and other neurodegenerative conditions access augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) technology. She combines her clinical experience with education and problem-solving to help people communicate more independently.



Maggie Stoll
Class of 2023

Maggie Maye is a registered nurse working in the Critical Care Nurse Residency at Mayo Clinic, where she is developing her skills and knowledge in critical care nursing.

In addition, she works as a registered nurse at Carithers Pediatric Group, providing compassionate and patient-centered care to patients and their families. Maggie is passionate about nursing, teaching and encouraging individuals in pursuing a career in healthcare.



Cat Gleason
Class of 2016

Catherine Gleason is an associate attorney at Smith Hulsey & Busey, a Jacksonville based law firm. She is admitted to the Florida Bar and is a member of the Jacksonville Bar Association. Her practice focuses on corporate and business law, as well as mergers and acquisitions.

Cat obtained her J.D. from Tulane University Law School, magna cum laude, in 2023 and her B.S. from Centre College, cum laude, in 2020. She is a member of the Order of the Coif and served as the Editor-in-Chief of the Tulane Maritime Law Journal, managing a staff of writers, writing articles, editing citations and more. She also received a certificate in maritime law and several maritime law awards upon graduation



**Maggie Howell
Travis**
Class of 2009

Maggie Howell Travis is a commercial real estate attorney with Driver, McAfee, Hawthorne & Diebenow, PLLC. She focuses her practice on commercial real estate law and advises clients on a variety of commercial real estate transactions, including acquisitions and dispositions, development, leasing, joint ventures, and financing. She also counsels clients in the real estate aspects of corporate transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, dispositions, and reorganizations.

She has a B.A. Degree from Duke University and a J.D. Degree from University of Florida Levin College of Law. Maggie previously worked for Eversheds Sutherland LLP in Atlanta, GA before moving back to Jacksonville and joining DMHD in 2018.



**Stefanie
Mendizabal**
Class of 2018

Stefanie Mendizabal is a Specialty Sales Representative for Rayner Surgical, a UK based Ophthalmic company. She leads the promotion and adoption of a pharmaceutical drug called Omidria across ophthalmic surgery centers throughout north Florida, Georgia and Alabama.

She partners closely with ophthalmic surgeons, ASC administrators, clinical teams, and healthcare executives to educate on clinical applications, reimbursement, and patient-care benefits. In her work, she focuses on developing strategic accounts, driving product adoption, and building long-term relationships within the ophthalmology community.



Lauren Sneed
Class of 2015

Lauren Sneed has been a Senior Marketing Specialist at Orlando Health for the past 4.5 years, where she develops and executes marketing strategies for specialty service lines and providers. She currently supports Urology, General Surgery, and Aesthetic & Reconstructive Surgery, reaching audiences across the greater Orlando area through both B2B and B2C marketing efforts.

Her experience spans a wide range of channels, including digital, print, display advertising, paid search, paid social, and organic social media. She enjoys combining strategy, creativity, and data to show the community what we offer.



Britney O'Connor
Class of 2007

Britney O'Connor serves as the Marketing Director, Donor Engagement at Wounded Warrior Project, where she leads a team responsible for integrated marketing strategies and campaigns that advance business development fundraising efforts across the organization. With a background spanning nonprofit and corporate marketing, she is passionate about creating meaningful customer experiences, strategic storytelling, and aligning messaging across channels to drive engagement and revenue.

A Jacksonville native, she graduated from Bolles in 2007 and went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communications from Florida State University. She currently lives in Jacksonville with her husband and two children.



Katie Fites
Class of 2021

Katie Fites is a Jacksonville-based social media and digital marketing specialist with 904 Happy Hour. Born and raised in Jacksonville, she graduated from Florida State University in 2025 with a B.A. in Media Communication Studies and a minor in Business. Through her work, she shares the people, places, events, food, sports, and businesses that make Jacksonville special, reaching more than 20 million viewers each month and working with brands including the Jacksonville Jaguars, Jacksonville Zoo, PGA Tour, and The Ritz-Carlton.

Most recently, Katie stepped outside her comfort zone when she was selected for the first civilian season of *The Traitors US: New Blood*. She traveled to Scotland with 21 strangers to compete for a \$250,000 grand prize while trying to figure out who among them were the Traitors. She hopes her musical theater roots at Bolles helped her embrace the craziness and have a little fun along the way!



Jad Saad
Class of 2016

Jad Saad is a creative director and entrepreneur who helps founders and brands create content that has reached hundreds of millions of views online. He helps supercharge brands like *And The Writer Is*, helping grow it into the #1 music podcast in the country in 2026 and generating more than 150 million views across its content, featuring artists like Ed Sheeran, Camila Cabello, and some of the biggest names in music. Through his company, SoulHouse Creative Co., Jad helps people build brands and social media content that gets noticed and grows audiences.



Chase Robinson

Class of 2015

Chase Robinson is the Executive Director of First Coast Crime Stoppers, where he leads one of Florida's most established community-based public safety organizations that has become a critical bridge between the community and law enforcement. Under Robinson's leadership, First Coast Crime Stoppers recorded one of its most impactful years in 2025, receiving over 3,000 anonymous tips, contributing to 213 arrests, the clearing of 615 criminal cases, and approval of \$125,000 in cash rewards to tipsters. Those tips contributed to the recovery of \$2.0 million in illegal narcotics, stolen property, and cash, demonstrating the tangible public-safety impact that can occur when citizens are given a secure and anonymous way to share what they know.

Robinson brings a forward-thinking approach to the Crime Stoppers model, leveraging technology, public-private partnerships, and innovative outreach to turn community information into actionable intelligence for law enforcement.



Montana Buss

Class of 2011

Montana Buss is a Jacksonville native and an alum of The Bolles School. Following her time at Bolles, Montana joined City Year Philadelphia as a Student Success Coach, serving students with energy, compassion, and a deep belief in the power of connection. This experience led her to remain in Philly and obtain her undergraduate degree in Political Science at the University of Pennsylvania. Since then, her career has taken her from the entertainment world- where she worked in corporate communications, to the counseling room- where she worked as a therapist, supporting individuals through life's challenges. Now she's back with City Year, this time in Jacksonville, where she's proud to serve as the Development Manager. This role combines her experience in education, mental health, and creative industries to support the mission of helping students and communities thrive.



Blake Bachara

Class of 2010

Blake works in advocacy and community outreach at Arc Jacksonville, a nonprofit serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Her experience spans direct client advocacy and job skills development, program implementation, and nonprofit operations. Before joining the Arc team, she spent ten years teaching literature to middle and high schoolers, and she is currently pursuing a graduate degree in Public Interest Communications from the University of Florida.



**Stephanie
Thompson**

Class of 2017

Stephanie Thompson is a proud Bolles graduate and a fourth-generation Jacksonville native who now runs her own real estate business, SMT Real Estate at Real Brokerage. After graduating from FSU, she started her career in healthcare before taking a leap into real estate, proof that your first path doesn't have to be your only one.

Today she helps first-time buyers and families moving to Northeast Florida find their place in the community she grew up in. She's been recognized as a Tom Ferry 30 Under 30 honoree and a Real Producers Rising Star, and she's excited to be back where it all started.



Justin Hart

Class of 2000

Justin Hart is a Jacksonville-based real estate professional with experience in real estate investment, property management, and land development. He has been involved in residential real estate through several business ventures. His background includes community involvement, participation in Jacksonville's land-use and planning processes and serving on the Northeast Florida Builder's Association's Board of Directors.



Kalen Schou

Class of 2010

Kalen Schou is an Operations & Project Manager at Nemours Children's Health, where she leads programs that support physician development across the Nemours Enterprise. She has more than 12 years of experience in project management and program development across healthcare, nonprofit, and sports organizations.

Kalen earned her B.S. from Southern Methodist University and is a 2010 graduate of The Bolles School.



Talitha Beverly

Bolles Parent

Talitha Beverly is a Human Resources expert and leader with a proven track record transforming people strategy, people operations, and people advocacy at Fortune 100 companies such as Coca-Cola Enterprises, Nestlé USA, Borden Dairy, and Mondelez, to name a few. Following the birth of her son, Noah, in 2014, Talitha transitioned from corporate America to entrepreneurship, founding HR Strong, a boutique HR consulting firm based in Washington, D.C.

As Founder and CEO of HR Strong, Talitha has led her team in the upskilling and reskilling over 1,000 employees and saving organizations millions in inefficiencies, labor charges, and fines. She has earned a seat at the table with venture capitalists, engineers, and business leaders to plan green facility startups, post-merger people integration, and workforce planning—laying the foundation for new technology and automation. HR Strong prides itself on helping businesses design solid HR infrastructures that scale, elevate the employee experience, and prepare workforces for the future of work.

Known as The Workplace Healer, Talitha views her work as more than business—it is a form of Marketplace Ministry. She is deeply committed to transforming workplace cultures and restoring trust, productivity, and profitability. The success of HR Strong inspired her to expand the brand into HR Strong Franchising.

Her leadership and vision have been recognized with notable honors, including being named the 2024 Business Pitch Think Tank Winner (hosted by Accenture and Washington Gas), first place in the 2025 DC Small Business Week Pitch Competition and receiving the 2024 Top 100 MBE Award from the Capital Region Minority Supplier Development Council.

Talitha holds a B.S. in Biochemistry from Florida State University and professional certifications including Global Professional in Human Resources (GPHR), Professional in Human Resources (PHR), and Strategic Workforce Planning (SWP).



Abigail Anderson
Class of 2016

Abigail Anderson graduated from The Bolles School in 2016 and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematical Statistics, with minors in Entrepreneurship and Psychology, from Wake Forest University in 2020. Following graduation, she relocated to the Washington, D.C. area, where she built a career focused on data, analytics, and digital transformation within the public sector.

After five years in the D.C. area, Abigail moved back to Jacksonville last summer, returning to her hometown while continuing her career with Ernst & Young. She is currently a Senior in EY's Government and Public Sector AI & Data practice, where she helps federal, state, and local government clients modernize operations, improve decision-making, and deliver data-driven solutions.



Julia Butler
Class of 2019

Julia Butler is an Associate Software Engineer at JPMorganChase in Tampa, Florida, where she builds software and AI-powered solutions that help the bank detect fraud faster and more efficiently.

A graduate of The Bolles School, where she played on the girls' varsity golf team, she went on to study Computer Science at the College of William & Mary before beginning her career in technology. Since then, she has helped lead AI initiatives on her team and mentors junior engineers. Outside of work, Julia enjoys running, reading, and writing, and when she's back home in Jacksonville, she loves playing golf with her family.



Richard Sollee
Class of 2019

Richard Sollee is a Senior Software Developer specializing in artificial intelligence and website development for the City of Jacksonville. He graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) with bachelor's degrees in Physics and Computer Science and a Master of Engineering in Computer Science.

Throughout his career, he has focused on software engineering, AI development, and building websites that ease access to information.



Eric Quinn
Class of 2015

Eric Quinn is a cloud and AI professional who has worked at Microsoft for more than seven years. He helps companies adopt cloud technologies, AI, and digital tools to address business challenges and achieve measurable results. His work brings him into close collaboration with business and technology leaders across a range of industries.

A graduate of the University of Florida, Eric enjoys sharing his experience and helping students see the many career paths available in technology and business. He also serves as president of Microsoft's Toastmasters chapter, a public speaking club, and as a New-In-Career Mentor at Microsoft.



Kiana Cleveland
Class of 2016

Kiana Cleveland is a Senior Implementation Consultant at Tyler Technologies with nearly a decade of experience spanning technology, education, business, and client consulting. Her career has taken her from the classroom as a mathematics educator and Teach For America corps member to leading software implementations and helping organizations turn complex business needs into practical solutions.

A natural connector and lifelong learner, Kiana has built an especially diverse professional background. She has worked internationally in Beijing, China, as a legal intern; earned a Master's of International Business from the University of Florida; and has experience in project coordination, education, technology, and ERP implementations. She currently serves as an Enhancement Ambassador and Product Liaison, helping bring client and consultant feedback together to influence product improvements.

Known for her problem-solving, leadership, adaptability, and ability to connect people, data, and strategy, Kiana brings a unique combination of international experience, business expertise, education, technology, and relationship-building to everything she does.



Emily Turner
Class of 2003

Emily Turner is an award-winning journalist, producer and host whose career spans nearly two decades in broadcast news and digital media. A Jacksonville native, she is the executive producer and host of *Unfiltered Finance*, bringing her reporting and interviewing experience to conversations about financial markets and investing. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in telecommunications from the University of Florida.

Before her current role, she served as an anchor and investigative reporter at Action News Jax, anchoring the station's 4 p.m. newscasts. She joined the station in July 2021, returning to her hometown after working in newsrooms in Mobile, Orlando, Tucson and San Francisco. Since beginning her reporting career in 2007, she has covered major stories including the Gulf oil spill, the Trayvon Martin and Casey Anthony cases, and California wildfires. Her work has earned two Emmy Awards, two national Gracie Awards and a regional Edward R. Murrow Award.

In 2024, the Alliance for Women in Media Foundation honored her with a Gracie Award for investigative reporting that held powerful institutions accountable. The recognition included her "Taken For a Ride" series examining the Jacksonville Transportation Authority and its autonomous vehicle program. The award marked her second Gracie win and recognized her reporting on issues directly affecting the Jacksonville community.



Carla Jones
Class of 2003

Carla M. Jones, independent journalist, media strategist and CEO of Carla Mechele Media, LLC, founded her agency in 2015, providing "Storytelling with Strategy" to public/private-sector clients. Her 20+ years' experience includes ABC News, NPR, Inside Edition, First Coast News and ESPN.

Client features include Today Show, Huffington Post, The Grio, NBCLX, ABC7Chicago and Spotify. Her Jacksonville Black history reporting reels earned 100,000+ social media views; she sold original content to Minneapolis-based network BlckPress. Projects include creative placemaking for Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing Park; storytelling for DIA's LaVilla Heritage Trail, Jacksonville's Miracle on Myrtle Study, JEA's Fleet Electrification Program, Ritz Theatre & Museum's redesign and Gainesville's 5th Avenue and Pleasant Street Heritage Trail.

In 2013, as CW17's IKnowJax reporter, she became Jacksonville's first woman TV anchor/reporter wearing locs on-air. Honors include First Coast Black Pages' Jacksonville Top 20 Under 40 (2015), Jacksonville's Film and Television Rising Star Award (2016), and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority's "Community Pearl Leader Under 40 Changing Lives" Award. She appeared in The Skin Deep's Emmy-winning {THE AND} (2021), exploring human connection in the digital age.

She served on Jacksonville Mayor Donna Deegan's Infrastructure–Neighborhoods Transition Committee (2023); received Deegan's appointment to the Mayor's Advisory Commission on Television, Motion Picture & Commercial Production (2024); and serves on Jacksonville's Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast Committee. She appeared as journalist narrator in national network TV One's Fatal Attraction episodes (2024).

In 2025, she received MogulCon's Top Women in Media award, sponsored by Jacksonville Black Chamber of Commerce, plus Jacksonville Jaguars Black History Month and WJXT Channel 4's Voices of the 904 local-changemaker spotlights.

She holds a University of Florida broadcast journalism bachelor's degree and political science minor.