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## Florida's Great Northwest Foundation Honors Graduate, Kelsi Jackson of Leadership Northwest Florida Class IV



*JACKSON COUNTY, FLORIDA* – The Jackson County Board of County Commissioners is proud to announce that Kelsi Jackson graduated from the Leadership Northwest Florida Class IV on May 8, 2026. Twenty-five leaders were selected by Florida's Great Northwest (FGNW) Foundation to participate in Class IV of the program focused on regional collaboration through community, content, and connection.

Class IV participants were immersed in a seven-month educational program and met other leaders from a variety of backgrounds who represent Northwest Florida's diverse composition. The program offered participants a holistic view of the conditions, challenges, and opportunities shared throughout the region, focusing on the areas of Business Vitality, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Infrastructure, Talent, and Quality of Place.

"The FGNW Foundation Board selected individuals most likely to utilize their leadership abilities for the long-term benefit and betterment of Northwest Florida," said Jennifer Conoley, President and CEO of Florida's Great Northwest & FGNW Foundation. "Kelsi Jackson was selected for demonstrating the ideal characteristics sought after in program participants."

"The mission of Leadership Northwest Florida aligns with our commitment to the region," said Jim Dean of JCBOCC. "We are delighted to have had Kelsi join other leaders across Northwest Florida in this class to grow their knowledgebase, network, and skillset."

Call for applications for Class V will launch on June 16, 2026. Visit [FGNW: Leadership Northwest Florida](https://fgnw.org) or contact Kasey Killebrew at 334-790-4557 or [kkillebrew@fgnw.org](mailto:kkillebrew@fgnw.org) for additional information.

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**About Leadership Northwest Florida**

*For Northwest Florida to continue to compete, diversify, and thrive, it will take informed, dedicated leaders who understand the complex and competitive environment of economic transformation. Leadership Northwest Florida is designed to be an educational program offered for professionals in all industry sectors desiring to grow their knowledgebase, network, and skillset in the 13-county region of Florida’s Great Northwest footprint. This experience will ultimately result in long-term influence of the leadership graduates for the betterment of Northwest Florida.*

**About Florida’s Great Northwest**

*Florida’s Great Northwest is the regional economic development organization for the Florida Panhandle. The organization was created to promote Northwest Florida for economic growth and diversification, advocate for economic development issues that affect the region, and collaborate to improve regional competitiveness. The organization accomplishes this in partnership with the state and local economic development organizations, rural regional economic development organization, utility partners, private sector businesses, local government, higher education institutions, workforce boards, and community leaders.*



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