



John Murphy

*Signature Program Class of 1999
President, Washington Workplace*

John is the founder and president of the award-winning, Arlington-based Washington Workplace. A 1979 graduate of Fordham University, he started the company in 1991.

As the oldest of 11 children, John says that the skill set he developed as a "classic first born" translates directly into those abilities needed to run a business and nurture employees and clients. Almost all of Washington Workplace's employees have been with the company for 10 years or longer and thrive in its family-friendly culture.

John attributes the success of Washington Workplace to three key philosophies: turning business relationships into real personal friendships, being prepared for business opportunities when they arise and, most importantly, being committed to serve others (clients, employees, the community) without regard to any personal benefit or return.

A 1999 alumnus of Leadership Arlington, he served as chairman of the organization in 2001. He has served as chairman of the board of the Arlington Free Clinic and currently serves on the boards of directors of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Arlington, and the Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization. He also enjoys volunteering for A-SPAN, the Arlington Community Foundation, NOVAM, Arlington County and numerous other community organizations. He is the current Board Chair of the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC).

John and his family live in Arlington, Virginia.