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Hynes Connects Community Leaders with Community Initiatives

Arlington, VA - With more than 80 people in attendance, Leadership Arlington held its second annual Meet the Chair event with co-host George Mason University and supporting partner Arlington Chamber of Commerce at George Mason University's Arlington Campus on Thursday, January 15, 2015. The event provided an opportunity for

community members to learn about the initiatives of 2015 Arlington County Board Chair Mary Hughes Hynes. Scott McCaffrey of the Sun Gazette moderated the event.

Hynes started out noting that 2015 will be a year of change, challenges and limits. She spoke of preserving single family neighborhoods, strong partners, and dynamic successful communities, all of which will be the result of hard work.



Walter D. Webdale, President and CEO, AHC, Inc., Betsy Frantz, President & CEO, Leadership Arlington

"To meet these challenges we must engage the community," she stated. "We can do this. We have done it before. We are always better when we work together in service of having a better future."

Hynes noted more specifically that housing affordability continues to be a challenge, noting that a variety of home choices allow people to stay in the community. Hynes also noted that this is an exciting time for workforce development, posing the question, "What do employers need and how to we match that better?"

"Good ideas can come, and do come, from everywhere. Ideas continue to come from the people. It is this ongoing, informed dialogue [that makes a better community]," she said.

The evening ended with a town-hall style question and answer period. At the end of the evening, every guest left with a better understanding of their community and the woman leading efforts to make Arlington a thriving community.

Hynes stated, "I truly believe in the power of community. If we learn to dance together, it'll be an amazing party."

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Moderator Scott McCaffrey,
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