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## Seeking Candidates for the Signature Program Class of 2017

**Arlington, VA** - Leadership Arlington and Leadership Center for Excellence are seeking leaders with a strong commitment to strengthening and building the community to apply for the Leadership Arlington Signature Program Class of 2017. The deadline to apply is Friday, April 29, 2016 at 5:00pm.

Designed for established leaders, the Leadership Arlington Signature Program is a nine-month program, which promotes a strong commitment to strengthening and building our community. A balanced class of approximately 50 leaders from the private, public and nonprofit sectors ensures diverse perspectives and opportunities as participants experience personal and professional development through an issues-based curriculum combined with a unique skill-building component.

As Merrick Hoben, a Signature Program Class of 2015 graduate, explains, "Leadership Arlington is nothing if not a programmatic gem of civic cultivation that instills being, learning, leading and dreaming in newly minted civic entrepreneurs. And this, in turn, helps bestow collaborative advantage - both to preserve what is wonderful about the place we call home, but also, and perhaps more importantly, to creatively surmount the signature, regional challenges of our day that are ours to tackle."

Signature Program applications are now available online at <u>leadercenter.org/programs/signature-program</u>. The Early Bird deadline with a discounted application fee is Friday, April 1, 2016 at 5:00pm. The final deadline is Friday, April 29, 2016 at 5:00pm.

Leadership Arlington and Leadership Center for Excellence take their role as a catalyst and community builder seriously, knowing it is critical to the community's future. Over the past 18 years, Leadership Arlington has proven to be an instrumental convener in the community. Simply put by one Signature Program graduate, "Leadership Arlington changed the way I think for the better."

Information sessions for the Signature Program Class of 2017 are free to attend and will be held:

- Tuesday, February 23, 2016 from 6:00pm until 7:30pm in the Keller Williams office at 2101 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 100, Arlington, VA 22201
- Wednesday, March 23, 2016 from 6:00pm until 7:30pm in Washington Workplace at 2300 S. Ninth Street, Suite 505, Arlington, VA 22204

Attendees at the information sessions will gain an understanding of the Signature Program, connect with current members and ask questions about the application process or program. The sessions include an informational presentation, networking and conversation with Leadership Arlington members. RSVP online at <u>leadershiparlington.ejoinme.org/SigProInfo</u>.

For more information about Leadership Arlington, Leadership Center for Excellence and the Signature Program, visit <u>leadercenter.org/programs/signature-program</u>.

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## **About Leadership Arlington**

The mission of Leadership Arlington is to enlighten, inspire and connect leaders to strengthen the community. The vision of Leadership Arlington is a prepared, inspired and inclusive Arlington leadership who together embrace responsibility for the common good. For more information, visit <u>www.leadershiparlington.org</u> or call 703-528-2522.

## About Leadership Center for Excellence

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