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## Announcing 2016 Leadership Legacy Award Winners

**Arlington, VA** - Leadership Center for Excellence is honored to announce the recipients of the 2016 Leadership Legacy Awards, recognizing outstanding community leaders. The event honoring these leaders will be held on May 25, 2016 from 6:00pm until 9:00pm at Army Navy Country Club (1700 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22201). Additionally, the Leadership Legacy Awards will celebrate the graduation of the Leadership Arlington Signature Program Class of 2016.

The graduation of the Leadership Arlington Signature Program Class of 2016 is an exciting milestone. It marks the completion of the class's nine-month journey which fosters a strong commitment in the participants to strengthening and building our community. [Click here](#) to view the class list.

This year, Leadership Center for Excellence will present awards in the following areas: Ethics, Community Impact and Nonprofit. Recipients are as follows:

- **Ethics Award:** Dominion
- **Community Impact Award:** MTFA Architecture, Inc.
- **Nonprofit Award:** Offender Aid and Restoration (OAR)

Recipients are selected for their demonstration of leadership in our community and support of Leadership Arlington's mission "to enlighten, inspire and connect" leaders in our community. The recipients also exemplify a variety of leadership capacities, visionary thinking, servant leadership and ethics in thoughts, words and actions

Headquartered in Richmond, Virginia, **Dominion** is an energy infrastructure company principally engaged in the production, transportation and delivery of energy to approximately five million utility and retail energy customers in 14 states.

"Ethics is one of Dominion's four core corporate values," says Becky Merritt, Vice President-Customer Service at Dominion Virginia Power. "We expect each of our employees, officers and board members to act responsibly both at work and in the communities they serve. Dominion is honored to receive this recognition from the Leadership Center for Excellence."

**MTFA Architecture, Inc.** is an award-winning architecture, urban planning, preservation and interior design firm working to shape culture, commerce and people's lives through creative solutions for the built environment. A regional leader in sustainable design, MTFA is dedicated to strengthening the mission, vision and values of clients and communities through outstanding service, design excellence and a sustainability-built environment.

"It is an honor to partner with Leadership Arlington and Leadership Center for Excellence, along with the communities, businesses and governments we serve, to achieve successful results and positive impacts through design thinking and design leadership," shares Michael Foster, Principal of MTFA Architecture, Inc., Leadership Arlington and Leadership Center for Excellence Board of Regents member and member of the Leadership Arlington Signature Program Class of 2000. It is the leadership and creative thinking found in this community that bring people together around a shared vision to make a difference."

**Offender Aid and Restoration (OAR)**, a community-based restorative justice organization, blends compassion and accountability to assist offenders in leading productive and responsible lives, to the benefit of all. OAR offers courses inside the Arlington County Detention Facility and also works with individuals pre-release in various correctional facilities to help them prepare to return home. Additionally, OAR offers reentry services to those who have been recently released and manages the court-ordered community service function for Arlington and Falls Church courts. In fiscal year 2015, OAR served 2,698 individuals.

"We are so honored to be the recipient of the Leadership Legacy Nonprofit Award," explains Elizabeth Jones Valderrama, Executive Director of OAR and member of the Leadership Arlington Signature Program Class of 2009. "I feel grateful to be part of a community that believes in second chances and values the critical mission that OAR provides."

To register for this event or purchase a table, please visit the Leadership Center for Excellence and Leadership Arlington website at [leadercenter.org/leadership-legacy-awards](http://leadercenter.org/leadership-legacy-awards). Admission is \$100 until 5:00pm May 6 and \$125 after this date. Dinner is included.

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### About Leadership Arlington and Leadership Center for Excellence

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