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Leadership Center for Excellence Graduates 23 from Young Professionals Program

Arlington, VA - Leadership Center for Excellence celebrated the accomplishments of 23 up-and-coming leaders during the Young Professionals Program Spring Class of 2016 graduation ceremony at Marymount University on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 7:30pm.

The [Young Professionals Program](#) Spring Class of 2016 participated in the four-month long program beginning this past January that helped them expand their footprint in the community, connect with established community leaders, develop an awareness of community needs and cultivate new leadership skills.

"I cannot say enough how much I have loved the Young Professionals Program," shared one Spring Class of 2016 graduate. "I had no idea what to expect when I started this, and I will be a life long promoter of this program. I feel the sessions have been very insightful, and I loved meeting all of the speakers that have visited us. I also feel so lucky to have made such wonderful friends through this program who I know will continue to be parts of my life after the program ends!"

Goals of the Young Professionals Program include philanthropic awareness, civic engagement, leadership skills development and networking. These leaders were given the opportunity to hone their skills and acquire the resources and knowledge necessary to act as agents of change in their community as a result of the program.

Uche Akobundu, Meals on Wheels America
Emily Almand, Arlington Public Libraries
Victoria Bown, Arthritis and Rehabilitation Therapy Services
Scott Desmond, Accenture Federal Services
Laura Dietsch, Verizon
Meredith Eisenhart, Arlington County, Department of Human Services - Aging and Disability Services Division
Kyle Epting, Arlington Law Group
Nikki Ferraro, HITT Contracting
Ling Gao, AmeriCorps: The Literacy Lab
Reem Garada, ACFCU
Chelsea Jacobs, Ann Wilson Homes, Keller Williams Realty
Serena Jezior, Council on Foundations
Bernie McKeever, TransWestern
Sawyer Mueller, Accenture Federal Services
Alison Nashed, Freddie Mac
Megan Pierce, The Shooshan Company
Chris Rozario, Freddie Mac
Kate Rutherford, CEB
Kate Shooltz, TCS Realty Associates
Tyson Stanislaus, Arlington County Fire Department
Taylor Vaughn, United Bank
Aaron Walsh, Marymount University
Travell Williams, Freddie Mac



**Congratulations to the Leadership Center for Excellence
Young Professionals Program Spring Class of 2016!**

Thank you to the Spring 2016 Program Sponsors Arlington Community Federal Credit Union and Marymount University.

About Leadership Arlington and Leadership Center for Excellence

The mission of Leadership Arlington is to enlighten, inspire and connect leaders to strengthen the community. The mission of Leadership Center for Excellence is to accelerate individual, organizational and community impact through innovative consulting and leadership development. For more information, visit www.leadercenter.org or call 703-528-2522