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Leadership Arlington Graduates 18 from the Young Professionals Program

Arlington, VA - Leadership Arlington celebrated the accomplishments of 18 up-and-coming leaders during the Young Professionals Program Spring Class of 2015 graduation ceremony at Marymount University on Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at 7:00pm.

The Young Professionals Spring Class of 2015 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 charge our class to decide what change we want to make within this community," said Julianne Sobral, Vice President of Operations and Technology for the Council on Foundations and graduate of the Spring Class of 2015, while addressing her peers at graduation. "We have learned the skills to get it done from team building, to networking, to active listening and much, much more. We should leverage this new community of Leadership Arlington and be the change we want to see. Let us just remember this: Without change we do not have innovation. Without innovation we stay stagnate. If we stay stagnate we do not get better. Let's make our community better and make a spectacular change."

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.



Congratulations to the Leadership Arlington Young Professionals Program Spring Class of 2015!

Marci Anderson, Arlington Community Federal Credit Union
Amanda Charles, Arlington County Department of Human Services
Frances Grisier, Virginia Hospital Center
Thomas Jacobi, Chain Bridge Bank
Meghan Kelly, EagleBank
Linh Le, Technomics, Inc.
Natalia Lerner, Accenture
Josh Lewis, JGL Development
David Madoo, National Older Worker Career Center

Lara Malakoff, ICF International
Carla Marin, Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing (APAH)
Amanda Mark, Arlington Street People's Assistance Network (A-SPAN)
Erin Potter, BikeArlington
Jovan Ruzic, Keller Williams Realty
Richard Slusher, Arlington County Fire Department
Julianne Sobral, Council on Foundations
Janice Spearbeck, Re/Max Gateway
Jennifer Weber, Arlington County Department of Parks & Recreation

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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 leadership who together embrace responsibility for the common good. For more information, visit www.leadershiparlington.org or call 703-528-2522.