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Leadership Arlington Welcomes its Newest Class of Young Leaders Committed to Community Involvement

Arlington, VA - Leadership Arlington is proud to announce the graduation of the Leadership Arlington Youth Program Class of 2015.

During the first two weeks of August, the Youth Program met at different business, nonprofit and government locations throughout Arlington County, providing participants with the hands-on opportunity to be exposed to diverse organizations and meet with leaders from our community.

Participants also visited 18 area nonprofits to learn about the work and service each site provides to the community. Students then developed their own criteria to evaluate which nonprofit they would like to award a grant of \$1,000, generously provided by the [Inter-Service Club Council of Arlington](#).

The Class of 2015 was comprised of 30 youth leaders who are rising juniors and seniors in high school. On Thursday, August 13, 2015, these young leaders graduated at a ceremony held in Marymount University's Rowley Hall.

At the graduation ceremony, the students presented Offender Aid and Restoration (OAR) with this year's \$1,000 grant. Participant Rebecca Bean stated, "While all of the nonprofits that were visited are deserving of the grant for everything they accomplish and the things they do for the Arlington community, our job was to pick one. It is a huge honor for me to present this donation to OAR." Rebecca then listed the many ways in which OAR impressed the Class of 2015, including client training to reenter the workforce, an impressive 8% recidivism rate and community service connections for clients.

For pictures from Leadership Arlington Youth Program Class of 2015 program days and graduation ceremony, please visit the [Facebook album](#).



Congratulations to the Leadership Arlington Youth Program Class of 2015! Please see the list below of the diverse youth leaders in this year's class.

Leadership Arlington Youth Program Class of 2015

Becca Bean, Wakefield
Anna Beatrice, Washington-Lee
Alex Brandolino, Yorktown
Abby Brown, Wakefield
Sierra Cass, Wakefield
Sutton Coyle, Yorktown
Dylan Cunningham, Washington-Lee
Colin Dorsey, Yorktown
Grace Elman, Washington-Lee
Vic Escarate, Washington-Lee

Caroline Fatemi, Yorktown
Tim Ferguson, H-B Woodlawn
Kurby Gebremedhin, Washington-Lee
Sam Gonson, Gonzaga
Alex Hendel, Wakefield
Allison Herrity, Washington-Lee
Megan Huber, H-B Woodlawn
Teus Jaramillo, Yorktown
LeAnn Johnson, Yorktown
Katie Katz, Bishop O'Connell

Luke Kresse, H-B Woodlawn
Connor Lowden, Yorktown
Joella Newman, Wakefield
Mickayla Noel, Interlochen Arts Academy
Mason Pollock, Yorktown
Noah Robertson, Washington-Lee
Jay Robinson, Washington-Lee
Timmy Walten, Yorktown
Morgan Walton, Thomas Edison
Rebecca Weber, Wakefield

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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 www.leadershiparlington.org or call 703-528-2522.