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### Third Annual "Arlington's Got Talent" Winner Announced

**Arlington, VA** - With over 120 people in attendance, Leadership Arlington held its third annual "Arlington's Got Talent" at Clarendon Ballroom on Wednesday, October 29, benefiting the Leadership Arlington Young Professionals Program scholarship fund.

**Scott McCaffrey** of the *Sun Gazette* was the emcee for the evening. **Michael Foster** of MTF Architecture, Inc., **Susan Anderson** of the Arlington County Treasurer's Office, **Greg Hamilton** of *Arlington Magazine* and **Matt Shank** of Marymount University attended as the talent judges.

The acts this year were the most diverse yet! Out of 22 talent applications, eight were selected to perform. Guests enjoyed a comedic opening act by Cerrome Russell followed by a wide variety of performances including vocalists [Alyssa Gurley](#), [Teague](#) and [Travis Tucker](#), rapper [Nik Martin](#), Nepali dancer Aastha Paneru, acapella group [Euphonism](#) and local family band Bau Bau. The winners were selected based on their creativity, personality,



Judges Greg Hamilton, Susan Anderson, Michael Foster & Matt Shank.

execution and overall performance with input from the audience.

During intermission, the audience enjoyed a surprise performance by [Margot MacDonald](#), the inaugural "Arlington's Got Talent" winner from 2012. Margot is a songwriter, vocalist and live looper.



Margot MacDonald's performance.

Congratulations to our winners:

- **1st Place:** Teague
- **2nd Place:** Travis Tucker
- **3rd Place:** Euphonism

**About Teague:** Teague was born in the South and grew up all over the world, always coming back to the family farm for the summers. His granddad sang the great American Songbook as he cultivated his garden or tinkered in his barn, introducing Teague to the songs he would eventually embody. He began playing the piano and writing songs at the age of 12 with musical influences ranging from Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin to Willie Nelson, Paul Simon, Elton John and the Eagles. He credits Frank Sinatra, Harry Connick, Jr. and his granddad as his greatest influences. Judge Matt Shank, President of Marymount University, commented on Teague's "velvet jacket and velvet sounds," perfectly describing the tempo of the performance.



"Arlington's Got Talent" committee co-chairs Alexa Fox and Joe Onyebuchi present Teague with his first place prize.



Members of the eight acts pose with the "Arlington's Got Talent" committee co-chairs, Alexa Fox and Joe Onyebuchi.

Event proceeds benefit the Leadership Arlington [Young Professionals Program](#) scholarship fund. This program offers four months of experiential learning for up to 30 participants. It provides these young leaders with the opportunity to expand their footprint in the community, connect with established community leaders, develop an awareness of community needs and expand their circle of influence.

Pictures from the event may be viewed on the "Arlington's Got Talent" [Facebook page](#).

**Committee Members:** Alexa Fox (co-chair), Joe Onyebuchi (co-chair), Chris Caravelli, Hector Ochoa, Shawn Pendo, Maribeth Sarnecki, Rachael Wingfield & Woody Wingfield.

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### **About Leadership Arlington**

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This event was run by a committee of Leadership Arlington Young Professionals Program graduates.

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