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## Leadership Arlington Graduates 37 from the Young Professionals Program

**Arlington, VA** - Leadership Arlington celebrated the accomplishments of 37 strong leaders during the Young Professionals Program Class of 2013 graduation ceremony at Marymount University on Thursday, February 7th at 7:00pm.

The Young Professionals Program Class of 2013 engaged in philanthropic awareness, civic engagement and leadership skills development during their four-month long program which began in September. As a result of the program, these up-and-coming leaders were given the opportunity to hone their skills and acquire the resources and knowledge necessary to engage as agents of change in their community.

"I gained valuable insight into Arlington's many resources, needs and opportunities, but I gained even more valuable knowledge about myself," said Matt Wurster, Project Manager for Clark Construction Group LLC and Leadership Arlington Young Professionals Program Class of 2013 graduate.

Goals of the Young Professionals Program include philanthropic awareness, civic engagement, leadership skills development and networking. Graduate Ashlin Smith, Cost Analyst for Technomics Inc., expressed, "[Leadership Arlington's Young Professionals Program] gave me all of the resources and connections I need to engage within Arlington!"



**Congratulations to the Leadership Arlington  
Young Professionals Program Class of 2013!**

**Allison Alt**, Year Up National Capital Region  
**Cassie Bate**, Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization  
**Kelsie Bathurst**, Virginia Hospital Center  
**Ayana Bellamy**, A-SPAN  
**Laurie Calzadilla**, Technomics Inc.  
**Angela Camp**, Technomics Inc.  
**Megan Caposell**, SRA International  
**Sarah Daviau**, Arlington Public Library  
**Ben Davis**, Marymount University  
**Stephanie Gordon**, Aegis LLC  
**Brandy-Michelle Hart**, Deloitte & Touche LLP  
**Ifiok Inyang**, Booz Allen Hamilton  
**Mary Johnson**, ESI International  
**Angela Kasey**, Long & Foster Real Estate, Inc.  
**Allie Krafft**, Ballston Business Improvement District  
**Allison Lewis**, Arlington Community Foundation  
**Renee Mayo**, Artisphere  
**Liz McElwee**, APAH  
**Lee Anne McLarty**, Rosslyn Business Improvement District  
**Kaitlyn Mulvey**, The JBG Companies  
**Koube Ngaaje**, AFAC  
**Jon Puvak**, Walsh Colucci Lubeley Emrich & Walsh, P.C.  
**Melvin Reed**, Arlington County Fire Department  
**Ken Rhodes**, Technomics Inc.  
**Christine Rossini**, Healthcare Distribution Management Association  
**Alejandra Santaolalla**, NAF Hotline Fund  
**Erin Schlesing**, Marymount University  
**Jackie Sims**, Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts  
**Ashlin Smith**, Technomics Inc.  
**Grelia Soliz**, Arlington County Government  
**Kristen Sweet**, Washington Workplace  
**Amy Thomas**, Arlington Community Federal Credit Union  
**Darren Tully**, Virginia Heritage Bank  
**Brittany Van Arkel**, PDRI  
**Leslie Welch**, Healthcare Distribution Management Association  
**Cora Widmayer**, Deloitte & Touche LLP  
**Matt Wurster**, Clark Construction Group LLC

For more information about Leadership Arlington and the Young Professionals program, visit [www.leadershiparlington.org/programs/young-professionals](http://www.leadershiparlington.org/programs/young-professionals).

### 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](http://www.leadershiparlington.org) or call 703-528-2522.