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Black & White Ball Raises Funds for Youth Program

Arlington, VA - Leadership Center for Excellence hosted its annual Black & White Ball, formerly Monte Carlo Night, on Saturday, May 5, 2018 from 7:00pm until 11:00pm at Army Navy Country Club in Arlington, Virginia. More than 200 community members attended the gala.

The proceeds from the evening's auction benefit the Leadership Arlington Youth Program as well as the mission of Leadership Center for Excellence.

"What better time than now to share and reflect on the impact the Youth Program has had on our past graduates," said Cindy May, Chair of the Black & White Ball Committee and graduate of the Leadership Arlington Class of 2015. "A class of 2016 participant reflected on his experience stating, 'I gained friendship, class commitment and love. This program did not only develop my leadership skills, it gave me a family. I will come back someday to help this organization.'"



Guests were treated to an exciting array of activities from bidding in both silent and live auctions as well as enjoying a wine pull and cigar tasting on the patio. Christian Dorsey, member of the Arlington County Board and graduate of the Leadership Arlington Class of 2001, served as auctioneer for the live auction. Local band Back to Zero provided live entertainment and music for the evening.



Alex Eng, graduate of the Leadership Arlington Youth Program Class of 2017, addressed the gala attendees and elaborated on the program. He discussed the value of the Youth Program as well as the incredible impact it has had on him both during the program's duration and after as he has continued to leverage his learnings to become a stronger leader.

The Youth Program is designed to enhance leadership skills and awareness of the need for philanthropy, community service and civic participation in rising high school juniors and seniors. For two weeks in the summer, the Youth Program meets at different public, private and nonprofit locations throughout Arlington County. Participants have the opportunity to be exposed to diverse organizations and meet with local leaders during this hands-on experiential program.

Pictures from the event may be viewed on the Leadership Center for Excellence [Facebook page](#).

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