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## Upcoming Monte Carlo Night Gala Benefits Youth Program

**Arlington, VA** - Leadership Arlington and Leadership Center for Excellence proudly present [Monte Carlo Night: Casablanca](#), a gala in support of Leadership Arlington's Youth Program, on Saturday, March 5, 2016 from 7:00pm until 11:00pm at Ronald Reagan National Airport in Historic "Terminal A."



Returning for its eleventh year, the event includes exciting silent and live auctions, games of chance and an open bar and buffet. Auction proceeds benefit the [Leadership Arlington Youth Program](#).

Monte Carlo Night committee member Gladis Bourdouane, Public Information Specialist for Arlington County Public Schools and member of the Signature Program Class of 2011, believes, "It's so important to participate in Monte Carlo Night because it directly supports the Leadership Arlington Youth Program. The Youth Program brings leadership opportunities and awareness of the community to the participants. It shows these rising high school juniors and seniors that they can become a significant part of the community. They bring value to the community, and they can make a difference."

Each year, over 450 guests attend Monte Carlo Night, making it an excellent opportunity for businesses in the public, private and nonprofit sectors to enjoy connecting with other key leaders in the community in this fun and elegant environment while supporting a great cause.

The Youth Program's impact has been made clear through past participants' words and actions. "It was great seeing and learning about the tremendous, positive impact leaders have on the community," shared Ryan Uckert, a graduate of the Leadership Arlington Youth Program. "I won't forget the skills, friendships and memories from my time with Leadership Arlington."



Monte Carlo Night raises funds to continue this path of learning for other area high school students like Ryan. Speaking about Leadership Arlington and Leadership Center for Excellence, Senator Mark Warner, D-VA, shared about last year's Monte Carlo Night, "This event is an occasion to honor the strength of the mission that characterizes your organization. I commend all those who work with your organization to help strengthen the community and improve the lives of others."



The Early Bird price for tickets is \$185 if purchased by February 19 at 5:00pm. Regular pricing of \$225 follows. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit [www.leadershiparlington.org](http://www.leadershiparlington.org) or [www.leadercenter.org](http://www.leadercenter.org).

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Leadership Arlington and Leadership Center for Excellence invite members of the press to cover the event. Contact Kate Frantz, Communications & Client Manager, at [kate@leadershiparlington.org](mailto:kate@leadershiparlington.org) to register for complimentary press tickets.

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