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### Local Virginia Legislators Convene to Share Leadership Lessons at Sixth Annual Legislative Breakfast

**Arlington, VA** - Leadership Center for Excellence held the sixth annual Legislative Breakfast on Friday, March 10 at Army Navy Country Club. State legislators shared updates on current political issues and the valuable leadership lessons they learned during this year's Virginia General Assembly legislative session.

Legislators in attendance included:

**Senator Adam Ebbin (D-30<sup>th</sup> District)**

**Delegate Mark Levine (3-45<sup>th</sup> District)**

**Senator Barbara Favola (D-31<sup>st</sup> District)**

**Delegate Afonso Lopez (D-49<sup>th</sup> District)**

**Delegate Pat Hope (D-47<sup>th</sup> District)**

**Delegate Rip Sullivan (D-48<sup>th</sup> District)**

The event began with welcomes and opening remarks from Betsy Frantz, President and CEO of Leadership Center for Excellence, and Arlington County Sheriff Beth Arthur. Scott McCaffrey, Managing Editor of the Sun Gazette, introduced legislators and moderated the panel. Each delegate followed with remarks about the recent legislative session and their own leadership styles. Senator Ebbin remarked that leadership means working together with other people, rather than just focusing on personal success. Senator Favola shared some achievements from the legislative session, including closing a \$1.5 billion budget gap and securing raises for teachers and state employees.



"Being a good leader isn't about drawing attention to yourself," said Delegate Sullivan. "It's about doing your job." Delegate Levine agreed and added that "leadership goes on behind the scenes." Delegate Lopez noted that leadership means always being respectful and trying to understand the people you are working with and where they are coming from. Persistence and patience were two additional qualities that Delegate Hope believes are important to succeed as a leader.

Questions from audience members touched on the topics of public health concerns, criminal justice system reform and expectations for the future of the Virginia General Assembly.

"It was wonderful to welcome back our local legislators for the sixth year," said Frantz. "The leadership lessons they shared can be used in all aspects of building our community."

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

Thank you to Arlington Economic Development; Chain Bridge Bank; Nova Salud, Inc.; Volunteers of America, Chesapeake as well as all the event sponsors.

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