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Leadership Center for Excellence Welcomes 31 Young Professionals to Membership

Arlington, VA - On Wednesday, September 14, Leadership Center for Excellence welcomed its newest class of the Young Professionals Program as it gathered for the first time at a day-long retreat.

Bean, Kinney & Korman, PC hosted the exciting launch session for this four-month program that focuses on civic and philanthropic awareness to promote a deeper level of community engagement throughout the DC metro region. Thirty-one participants were selected to engage in the tenth session of this experiential program for fast-track leaders in the region. Through its three leadership programs, Leadership Center for Excellence has graduated 1,400 leaders representing over 600 organizations across the region.



"Our program, offered in the Fall and Spring, provides a launchpad for up-and-coming leaders to expand their leadership footprint regionally. We provide training on essential skills necessary for both professional and personal leadership while also connecting participants with other leaders in their peer group as well as established leaders from the private, public and nonprofit sectors. It's our hope that this program results in retention of young leaders in our region who will mold the future of our community," says Liz Nohra, Chief Operating Officer at Leadership Center for Excellence.

"Our region is filled with a large population of young professionals. They have the talent; we help them tap into that talent, build upon it and develop additional skills and resources to become agents of change," explains Betsy Frantz, President & CEO at Leadership Center for Excellence.

Congratulations to the Leadership Center for Excellence Young Professional Program Fall Class of 2016!

Danielle Altenburg, Animal Welfare League of Arlington
Isabel Andrews, Capital Impact Partners
Tony Barr, Arlington County Fire Department
Eliana Briceno, Council on Foundations
Patty Costello, Virginia Hospital Center
Lawson Craighill, Bridges to Independence
Kelsey Crittenden, Buck & Associates
David Dunston, The Vinyl Institute
Jeffrey Ekoma, American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy
Veronica Floyd, Doorways for Women and Families
Gresh Harkless, Blue 16 Media
Evan Isaacs, The Clearing Inc.
Jane Kim, Arlington County Government
Chelsea Kirkland, Arlington Public Library
Shania Lin, World Wildlife Fund
Mary Little, Enterprise Knowledge, LLC

Jamie Maldonado, Accenture
Kyle McCandless, APAH
Christa McMahan, Marymount University
Keleigh Neyhart, A-SPAN
Darrel Philpott, Arlington County Commissioner of Revenue
Scott Reamy, Dominion Resources
Zack Spaeth, AFAC
Lauren Spear, CSRA, Inc.
Katie Styles, Marymount University
Katie Sullivan, Penn State University
Juan Tababary, ACFCU
Hilda Tajalli, CSRA, Inc.
Serge Tare, Accenture Federal Services
Aaron Wajsgras, The Boeing Company
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About Leadership Center for Excellence

The mission of Leadership Center for Excellence, an outgrowth of Leadership Arlington, is to enlighten, inspire and connect leaders through community building and leadership development. For more information, visit www.leadercenter.org or call 703-528-2522.

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