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## Leadership Arlington Seeks Candidates for the Signature Program Class of 2015

**Arlington, VA** - Leadership Arlington is seeking leaders who have a strong commitment to strengthening and building our community to apply online for the Leadership Arlington Signature Program Class of 2015 by Monday, May 19, 2014.

The Leadership Arlington Signature Program develops and enhances the leadership skills of its participants while expanding their understanding of the issues facing our community. Through this nine-month program, around 50 diverse, key leaders who represent the public, private and nonprofit sectors engage in impactful dialogue while furthering their vision and commitment to serving as agents of change in our region.

"I've always enjoyed living in Arlington and valued the assets of the community," explains Shelley Goode, Senior Vice President of Development for Volunteers of America, Inc. and member of the current Signature Program Class of 2014. "As a member of the Leadership Arlington Signature Program, I've come to discover new strengths and resources in Arlington while having the honor of connecting and working with my classmates, an incredibly talented group of passionate community leaders and activists. The entire experience has made me hopeful about the future and what it holds for Arlington in meeting its challenges and leveraging its opportunities for the common good."

Signature Program applications are now available online at [www.leadershiparlington.org/programs/apply/signature-programapply](http://www.leadershiparlington.org/programs/apply/signature-programapply). The Early Bird deadline with a discounted application fee is Monday, April 21, 2014 at 5:00pm. The final deadline is Monday, May 19, 2014 at 5:00pm.

Leadership Arlington takes its role as a catalyst and community builder seriously, knowing it is critical to the community's future. Over the past 16 years, Leadership Arlington has proven to be an instrumental convener in the community. "This wonderful experience [of participating in Leadership Arlington] not only benefited my small business, but also several in my class are now friends for life. I'm also proud to serve on the AFAC board, a direct result of my participation in the Signature Program," said Karen Bate, Owner of KB Concepts P.R. and member of the Signature Program Class of 2010.

Information sessions for the Signature Program Class of 2015 will be held:

- Tuesday, February 25, 2014 from 6:00pm until 7:30pm in the Ballston LaunchPad at 4238 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1132, Arlington, VA 22203
- Tuesday, March 25, 2014 from 6:00pm until 7:30pm in the Navy League Building at 2300 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22201
- Wednesday, April 9, 2014 from 8:00am until 9:30am at HDMA located at 901 N. Glebe Road, Suite 1000, Arlington, VA 22203

Attendees at the information sessions will gain an understanding of the Signature Program, connect with current members and ask questions about the application process or program. The sessions run 90 minutes and include an informational presentation, networking and conversation with Leadership Arlington members. RSVP to Liz Nohra, Chief Operating Officer, at [lnohra@leadershiparlington.org](mailto:lnohra@leadershiparlington.org) or 703-528-2522, Ext. 15.

For more information about Leadership Arlington and the Signature Program, visit [www.leadershiparlington.org/programs/signature](http://www.leadershiparlington.org/programs/signature).

### 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.