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| **Leadership Arlington Welcomes 39**  **Young Professionals to Membership** | |
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| **Arlington, VA** - On Saturday, September 29, Leadership Arlington's newest class of the Young Professionals Program gathered for the first time at a day-long retreat at Marymount University. Thirty-nine talented individuals were selected to participate in an experiential program, now in its third year, for emerging leaders in the region. The new class joins Leadership Arlington's 800 members representing over 500 organizations.    "The program is designed to help our young professionals develop strong ties, open the door to deeper engagement within the civic and philanthropic landscape, and plant roots within the Northern Virginia, Maryland and Washington, DC communities," says Liz Nohra, Chief Operating Officer at Leadership Arlington.    "By connecting them with local leaders, we encourage participants to broaden their perspectives and feel motivated to affect change in their professional, civic and volunteer endeavors," says Betsy Frantz, President and CEO at Leadership Arlington.    Over the next four months, the Young Professionals Program will focus on civic and philanthropic awareness along with community engagement. In addition to these program goals, they will receive valuable leadership skills training.    **Congratulations to the Leadership Arlington**  **Young Professionals Program Class of 2013!**  **Allison Alt**, Year Up National Capital Region  **Cassie Bate**, Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization  **Kelsie Bathurst**, Virginia Hospital Center  **Ayana Bellam**y, A-SPAN  **Claire Bordley**, The Shooshan Company  **Laurie Calzadilla**, Technomics Inc.  **Angela Camp**, Technomics Inc.  **Megan Caposell**, SRA International  **Sarah Daviau**, Arlington Public Library  **Ben Davi**s, Marymount University  **Stephanie Gordon**, Aegis LLC  **Brandy-Michelle Hart**, Deloitte & Touche LLP  **Ifiok Inyang**, Booz Allen Hamilton  **Mary Johnson**, ESI International  **Angela Kasey**, Long & Foster Real Estate, Inc.  **Tripp Kelly, III**, Northwestern Mutual Financial Network  **Allie Krafft**, Ballston Business Improvement District  **Allison Lewis**, Arlington Community Foundation  **Renee Mayo**, Artisphere  **Liz McElwee**, APAH  **Lee Anne McLarty**, Rosslyn BID  **Kaitlyn Mulvey**, The JBG Companies  **Koube Ngaaje**, AFAC  **Jon Puvak**, Walsh Colucci Lubeley Emrich & Walsh, P.C.  **Melvin Reed**, Arlington County Fire Department  **Ken Rhodes**, Technomics, Inc.  **Christine Rossini**, Healthcare Distribution Management Association  **Alejandra Santaolalla**, National Abortion Federation Hotline Fund  **Erin Schlesing**, Marymount University  **Jackie Sims**, Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts  **Ashlin Smith**, Technomics, Inc.  **Grelia Soliz**, Arlington County Government  **Kristen Sweet**, Washington Workplace  **Amy Thomas**, Arlington Community Federal Credit Union  **Darren Tully**, Virginia Heritage Bank  **Brittany Van Arkel**, PDRI  **Leslie Welch**, Healthcare Distribution Management Association  **Cora Widmayer**, Deloitte & Touche LLP  **Matt Wurster**, Clark Construction Group LLC | |
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