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## Leadership Programs Celebrated Commencement

**Arlington, VA** - Leadership Center for Excellence celebrated the accomplishments of its three leadership programs at Commencement on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at The Westin Arlington Gateway. The Leadership Arlington Class of 2018 and Young Professionals Fall and Spring classes were enthusiastic to honor the culmination of their leadership programs at this event.

Dr. Matt Shank, President of Marymount University and Leadership Arlington Class of 2014 graduate, imparted wisdom and insights during his keynote speech at Commencement. "Gratitude. Fairness. Integrity. Ethics. These are all qualities that make up servant leadership; all things people in this room practice," shared Shank. He continued his speech, emphasizing the importance of trust as a foundation for leadership and the importance of being a servant leader.



The Young Professionals Program Fall Class of 2017 and Spring Class of 2018 both participated in a four-month long program that helped them expand their footprint in the community, connect with established community leaders, develop an awareness of community needs and cultivate new leadership skills.

The Leadership Arlington Class of 2018 completed a nine-month program where they learned ways to strengthen and build our community through an experiential issue-based and skill-building curriculum. Every year, the class is comprised of approximately

50 leaders from the private, nonprofit and public sectors to ensure diverse perspectives among class members.

To view the members of the Leadership Arlington Class of 2018, please visit [bit.ly/LA2018ClassList](http://bit.ly/LA2018ClassList). To view members of the Young Professionals Fall and Spring classes, please visit [bit.ly/YPPFall2017ClassList](http://bit.ly/YPPFall2017ClassList) and [bit.ly/YPPSpring2018ClassList](http://bit.ly/YPPSpring2018ClassList), respectively.



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

Thank you to event sponsors Dominion Energy and Bridges to Independence.

### About Leadership Center for Excellence

The mission of Leadership Center for Excellence is to enlighten, inspire and connect leaders through community building and leadership development. For more information, visit [leadercenter.org](http://leadercenter.org) or call 703-528-2522.

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