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### Announcing the Leadership Arlington Class of 2019

**Arlington, VA** - Leadership Center for Excellence (LCE) announced the members of the Leadership Arlington Class of 2019. Leadership Arlington is a nine-month program for established leaders that promotes leadership skills and community building. Participants met for the first time at the Opening Retreat on Thursday, September 13 and Friday, September 14 at Marymount University's Ballston Campus.

"This class's enthusiasm, diversity and willingness to engage was impressive from the starts," said Karen Coltrane, LCE's President & CEO. "They and their organizations are investing in their leadership capacity and that bodes very well for our community's present and future."

The Class of 2019 is comprised of 50 leaders from diverse professional backgrounds in the public, private and nonprofit sectors. Throughout the program, they will develop a deeper understanding of the region and enrich their personal and professional skills through an experiential and issue-based curriculum. Program day topics include economic development, health and human services, education, the arts, public safety and more. Additionally, participants will travel to attend the Richmond General Assembly to better understand the relationship between the state and Northern Virginia.

LCE has graduated more than 1600 leaders from its programs, representing more than 600 organizations across the region.



Congratulations to the Leadership Arlington Class of 2019!

**Carlin Anderson**, Bridges to Independence  
**Melanie Avery**, Veterans On the Rise  
**Rashad Badr**, The Hard Yards  
**Shannon Bailey**, More Vang  
**Bo Bennett**, Arlington County Fire Department  
**Nicole Billman**, Arlington County Department of Management & Finance  
**Nigeria Bloczynski**, Washington Gas  
**Lauren Cates**, Healwell  
**Stacy Cook**, Perception Learning  
**Jay Corbalis**, JBG SMITH  
**Karen Daniel**, Youth Service America  
**Susan Davidson**, AHC, Inc.  
**Debbie Diffie**, Department Of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service  
**Max Donley**, The Donley Group  
**Jill Emerson**, George Mason University - Schar School of Policy and Government  
**Lisa Fikes**, Leadership Center for Excellence  
**Mary Goldsmith**, RSM US LLP  
**Eric Gordon**, US Army, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall  
**J. Michael Griffin**, Integrated Health and Wellness  
**Shaelynn Hales**, CNA  
**Betsy Howell**, Freddie Mac  
**Katie Jefcoat**, Kickstart With Katie, Rodan + Fields  
**Tara Johnson**, Arlington County Sheriff's Office  
**Larysa Kautz**, Melwood  
**Jareb Ketay**, GHT Limited  
**Kris Krider**, Arlington County Department of Community Planning, Housing & Development  
**Pat Kumashiro**, Kumashiro Consulting LLC  
**Rupal Lamorena**, Accenture Federal Services  
**Carol Limburg**, IBM Global Business Services US Public Service  
**Melissa Logsdon**, IronNet Cybersecurity  
**Amy Lorenz**, National PTA  
**Karen Maples**, FutureForward  
**Jennifer McDermott**, Fulton Bank  
**Melissa McMahan**, Arlington County Department of Environmental Services  
**Kathy Mumberg**, Arlington Public Schools  
**Mike Mistretta**, Virginia Hospital Center  
**Scott Reamy**, Dominion Energy  
**Ramon Reyes**, IDTP  
**Noemi Riveira**, Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia  
**Julie Rosenberg**, US Environmental Protection Agency  
**Kim Rucker**, Arlington County Treasurer's Office  
**Erica Russell**, United Way of the National Capital Area  
**Christine Sanders**, Arlington County, Office of the County Attorney  
**La Donna Simon**, FVCbank  
**Amy Slater**, St. Mary's Episcopal Church  
**Mona Thomas**, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation  
**James Wade, Jr.**, Arlington Community Federal Credit Union  
**Steve Ward**, NOVA Community College  
**Rob Wiersberg**, FORM Architects, PLLC  
**Sam Wolbert**, Animal Welfare League Of Arlington

To view more photos of the Leadership Arlington Class of 2019, visit the Leadership Center for Excellence [Facebook page](#).

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