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## Leadership Center for Excellence Welcomes 25 Young Professionals to Membership

**Arlington, VA** - On Saturday, August 29, Leadership Center for Excellence, powered by Leadership Arlington, welcomed its newest class of the Young Professionals Program as it gathered for the first time at a day-long retreat. 25 participants were selected to engage in the experiential program, now in its eighth session, for fast track leaders in the region. The new class joins Leadership Arlington's over 1,000 members representing almost 600 organizations.

"Our program provides a launchpad for up-and-coming young leaders to expand their leadership footprint regionally. We provide training on essential skills necessary for both professional and personal leadership while also connecting them 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 Arlington.

"This area 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," says Betsy Frantz, President & CEO at Leadership Center for Excellence.

Over the next four months, the Young Professionals Program will focus on civic and philanthropic awareness to promote a deeper level of community engagement throughout the DC metro region. In addition to these program goals, they will receive valuable leadership skills training.

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**Congratulations to the Leadership Center for Excellence  
Young Professionals Program Fall Class of 2015!**

**Tatiana Delgado**, Healthcare Distribution Management Association  
**Ariana Flores**, BB&T  
**Michael Hawald**, Marymount University  
**Alex Held**, Arlington Chamber of Commerce  
**Amanda Herrmann**, U.S. Department of Labor  
**Dan Howard**, Communities in Schools of Northern Virginia  
**Robbie Humphreys**, Dominion Virginia Power  
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