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### Leadership Arlington Welcomes 27 Young Professionals to Membership

**Arlington, VA** - On Saturday, September 6, Leadership Arlington's newest class of the Young Professionals Program gathered for the first time at a day-long retreat sponsored by Marymount University. Twenty-seven participants were selected to engage in the experiential program, now in its sixth session, for fast track leaders in the region. The new class joins Leadership Arlington's over 1,000 members representing more than 500 organizations.

"The program evolves each year based on feedback from previous classes. We designed the program to help connect young professionals in the DC metropolitan area and open the door to deeper engagement within the community," says Liz Nohra, Chief Operating Officer at Leadership Arlington.

"By enhancing skills and 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. We want them to use their voices to become agents of change," 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 to promote a deeper level of community engagement. In addition to these program goals, they will receive valuable leadership skills training.

Thank you to our generous program sponsors: Arlington Community Federal Credit Union and Marymount University.



**Congratulations to the Leadership Arlington Young Professionals Program Fall Class of 2014!**

**Aryany Cedeno**, Arlington Food Assistance Center

**Patricia Dingcong**, LTBD

**Meredith Dukes**, Accenture

**Jeanine Finch**, Arlington County Government

**Chris Fong**, Vornado/Charles E. Smith

**Meredith Goldberg**, INTEC Group, Inc.

**Caitlin Jones**, National Housing & Rehabilitation Association

**Nicole Lewis**, Community Activist

**Nancy Liao**, Virginia Hospital Center

**Franny Mack**, Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing

**Krista Mather**, Marymount University

**Gregory Mihalek**, Technomics

**Amanda Needham**, Tradition Homes

**Jennie New**, SRA International

**Melissa O'Connor**, Arlington County Economic Development

**Aileen Pangan**, Encore Stage & Studio

**Scott Pedowitz**, Community Activist

**Corri Pfister**, Marymount University

**Taylor Pool**, Chesapeake Bay Foundation

**Latriece Prince-Wheeler**, Department of Veterans Affairs

**Matt Roberts**, Bean, Kinney & Korman, PC

**Steffi Rochford**, Arlington County Parks & Recreation

**Jhannet Sejas**, Arlington Community Federal Credit Union

**Jessica Silva**, Arlington County Commissioner of Revenue

**Courtney Simon**, Northrop Grumman Corporation

**Natalie Sutherland**, Turner Construction Company

**Meredith Westerlund**, Leadership Arlington

### 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 Arlington 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.