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**TWO LEADERSHIP ANNE ARUNDEL CLASSES TO GRADUATE  
AT TRIBUTE TO COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP**

ANNAPOLIS, MD (May 27, 2008) – Nearly 65 graduates of Leadership Anne Arundel’s (LAA) Flagship Class and Neighborhood Leadership Academy will be saluted at LAA’s annual Tribute to Community Leadership. The cocktail and dinner event, whose theme is “LAA Past, Present & Future,” will be held Tuesday, June 10 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at the Hilton Baltimore BWI Airport, 1739 West Nursery Road in Linthicum.

“Tribute is the highlight of LAA’s program year, a time when we recognize the achievements of this year’s graduates and welcome them to the growing LAA family,” said Pamela Brown, Ph.D., Executive Director of LAA.

During the program, Art Ebersberger, the founding father of LAA, will review why he helped found LAA, the organization’s role and why the idea of community trusteeship is so vital to the strength and success of the community.

Three special awards will be presented during the ceremony. The Jack Harden Community Champion Award will provide a full scholarship to LAA’s Flagship Program to a graduate of the Neighborhood Leadership Academy. The Patrick M. Lee, Jr. Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service to Leadership Anne Arundel will honor a person who has given tirelessly of his or her time and expertise to LAA this year. An exceptional LAA graduate who has made significant contributions for the betterment of the community will be named the LAA Distinguished Graduate for 2008.

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During the cocktail reception which precedes the dinner, community projects undertaken by the 2008 Flagship and Neighborhood Leadership Academy classes will be showcased.

Tribute sponsorships are available at levels of \$3,000, \$1,500, \$750 and \$500. Proceeds will benefit the Arthur Ebersberger Scholarship Fund, which provides partial scholarships to qualifying Flagship Program candidates for the class of 2008.

Tribute tickets are available at a cost of \$80, of which \$40 is tax deductible, with proceeds benefiting the Arthur Ebersberger Scholarship Fund.

Deadline for sponsorships and ticket reservations is Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. For information, go to [www.leadershipaa.org](http://www.leadershipaa.org), or e-mail [info@leadershipaa.org](mailto:info@leadershipaa.org). To purchase a ticket to the event, call LAA at 410-571-9798.

Emcee for the event will be Tony Spencer, Coordinator of Community and Social Programs for the City of Annapolis, and a graduate of the Flagship Class of 1995.

Leadership Anne Arundel develops and nurtures community trustees who improve the quality of life in Anne Arundel County by convening diverse stakeholders, bridging their divides, and facilitating resolutions for the common good. LAA provides people of diverse backgrounds with the education, resources and networks necessary to become successful pro-active leaders. During its 14 years, Leadership Anne Arundel has trained more than 800 people to become community leaders through its Neighborhood Leadership Academy, and its Flagship and Executive Leadership Series programs. Leadership Anne Arundel graduates have become involved in non-profit boards, local governments and other community organizations.

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