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NEW LEADERSHIP AT LEADERSHIP ANNE ARUNDEL

LAA Board Appoints Executive Director; Elects President and Board Members

ANNAPOLIS, MD (June 3, 2009) – The Board of Directors of Leadership Anne Arundel (LAA) recently convened at the LAA office in Annapolis and appointed a new Executive Director, and elected its slate of officers and Board members.

The Board of Directors appointed Patrick M. Lee, Jr. as Executive Director of the organization. A graduate of LAA's Flagship Class of 2002, Lee has an extensive background in organizational development, strategic planning, and analysis of operational and financial systems for various organizations. He served as Interim Executive Director from August 2008 to June 2009. In his short time in that position, Patrick worked closely with board committees and staff to revise program curriculum resulting in improved evaluation scores, restructured recruiting resulting in an increase in applications, broadened outreach efforts to include alumni, and improved the organization's infrastructure to ensure greater operational efficiency. He also served as President of LAA's Board of Directors from 2006 to 2008, and was the first Board President to be elected to a second one-year term. Patrick has served on a number of LAA committees, including the Strategic Planning Committee, the Program Committee and the Marketing Committee.

Lee is also co-founder and Chief Operating Officer of the Eastern Veterinary Blood Bank, the second largest veterinary blood donor operation in the country. He has a Bachelor's degree from Earlham College and a Master's degree in management from the College of Notre Dame of Maryland.

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Jackie Colestock, B&D Environmental Services, LTD, was elected President of the Board of Directors for the 2009-2010 program year. A 1997 graduate of Leadership Anne Arundel's Flagship Program, Ms. Colestock has served on the LAA Membership, Program Planning, Strategic Planning, and Personnel Committees, and the LAA Board of Directors since 2001. She has over twenty years experience as a Landscape Architect, providing environmental and landscape architectural services for commercial and residential properties throughout the Baltimore-Washington region.

The LAA Board of Directors also elected as officers for the 2009-2010 Board: Vice President Tom Marquardt, Capital Gazette Communications; Secretary Roseann Ryba, Booz Allen Hamilton; Treasurer Tim O'Ferrall, The O'Ferrall Group; and Past President Maura Walden, Johns Hopkins HealthCare. The LAA Board of Directors also elected Glenn Baer, ARINC; Hank Gundlach, Morgan Stanley; and Janice Page, BB&T as new members of the Board. They each will serve a three-year term. Other existing members of the 2009-2010 LAA Board of Directors include Jay Barr, PNC Bank; John Fullmer, Isis Counseling & Consulting; Margaret Griffin, M&T Bank; Jeff Griffith, Toal & Griffith, LLC; Stacey Sickels Heckel, Anne Arundel Community College; Lisa Hillman, Anne Arundel Health System; Bill Kuethe, State Farm Insurance; Nick Lambrow, M&T Bank; Robert Leib, Office of the County Executive John R. Leopold; David L. Wheeler, The Columbia Bank; and Bruce White, TeleCommunication Systems, Inc.

The vision of Leadership Anne Arundel is to develop and nurture 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. Leadership Anne Arundel's mission is to provide people of diverse backgrounds with the education, resources and networks necessary to become successful proactive leaders.

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