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**TRIBUTE TO COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP  
SALUTES LEADERSHIP ANNE ARUNDEL'S 2007 GRADUATES**

*Three people honored with special awards*

ANNAPOLIS, MD (July 5, 2007) – Nearly 350 people gathered recently at the Hilton Baltimore BWI Airport to salute 90 graduates of Leadership Anne Arundel's (LAA) three programs at the organization's 2007 Tribute to Community Leadership. Graduates of LAA's 2007 Flagship Program, Neighborhood Leadership Academy and Executive Leadership Series were honored at the dinner event, whose theme was "Making Connections . . . Making a Difference."

"Leadership Anne Arundel has had an exceptional year, and we are proud to welcome such an outstanding group of graduates to the growing LAA family," said Patrick Lee, President of LAA's Board of Directors and a member of the Flagship class of 2002.

Three special awards were presented during the ceremony. Michael Moulden, Sr., a graduate of LAA's 2007 Neighborhood Leadership Academy (NLA), was presented with the Jack Harden Community Champion Award, which provides a full scholarship to LAA's Flagship Program to an NLA graduate. Chuck Vogan, a member of LAA's 2006 Flagship class, was honored with the Patrick M. Lee, Jr. Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service to Leadership Anne Arundel. This award recognizes a person who has given tirelessly of his or her time and expertise to LAA this year. Tad Wood, a member of the Flagship Class

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of 1999, was named the LAA Distinguished Graduate for 2007 for his significant contributions for the betterment of the community.

The Flagship Class of 2006 was recognized for having the largest number of people in attendance.

Community projects undertaken by the 2007 Flagship and Neighborhood Leadership Academy classes were showcased during the cocktail reception that preceded the dinner.

Proceeds from the dinner benefited the Arthur Ebersberger Scholarship Fund, which provides partial scholarships to qualifying Flagship Program candidates for the Class of 2008.

Leadership Anne Arundel builds, connects, and celebrates community leaders through training, information and networking. Leadership Anne Arundel is making a significant impact in Anne Arundel County as an essential resource for community leaders.

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