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### **LEADERSHIP ANNE ARUNDEL SELECTS FLAGSHIP CLASS OF 2011**

ANNAPOLIS, MD (September 20, 2010) – Leadership Anne Arundel (LAA), which develops and nurtures community trustees who improve the quality of life in Anne Arundel County, has selected 31 people as members of its Flagship Class of 2011. *(Editor’s Note: A list of the Flagship Class members is attached.)* The theme of this year’s Flagship Program is “Expanding Our Horizons.”

Flagship Class members participate in an intense nine-month curriculum that focuses on civic information and leadership skills development. The program is based on building community knowledge, developing leadership skills, and gaining a philosophical understanding of community trusteeship.

“We are very pleased to have such an outstanding group of community leaders in our Flagship Class of 2011,” said Patrick M. Lee, Jr., Executive Director of LAA. “We look forward to helping them learn about the county and enhance their leadership skills during their Flagship Program year.”

LAA’s Flagship Program begins in September with an evening orientation, a countywide bus tour and an opening retreat. By the end of the month, participants will gain an understanding of what constitutes leadership, as well as an introduction to the infrastructure, natural resources and current political issues of Anne Arundel County.

The class meets for a full day once a month to focus on critical regional issues, meet and discuss issues with leaders from the public, private and non-profit sectors, and identify areas of community needs and skills necessary to succeed as community leaders. The monthly sessions focus on important community issues, including government, education, law and public safety, health and human services, technology, environment, agriculture and cultural arts.

The program also provides participants with the opportunity to build on and practice their leadership skills through a group project.

In June, the class will graduate with other Leadership Anne Arundel classes at LAA’s gala event, “A Tribute to Community Leadership.” Other LAA programs include the Executive Leadership Series, the Neighborhood Leadership Academy and the Leadership Fellows Seminar Series.

Leadership Anne Arundel’s mission is to provide people of diverse backgrounds with the education, resources and networks necessary to become successful proactive leaders. During its 17 years, Leadership Anne Arundel has trained more than 1,000 people to become community leaders through the Neighborhood Leadership Academy, the Flagship and Executive Leadership Series programs and the Leadership Fellows Seminar Series. LAA graduates have become involved in many non-profit boards, local governments and other organizations, and have launched a number of successful community programs.

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## **FLAGSHIP CLASS OF 2010**

Darlene Ajayi, Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship  
Alexander Bacquie, Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works  
Carrie Bacquie, ARINC  
Theresa Besel, Adobe  
Carole Broczkowski, Constellation Energy/BGE  
Maura Callanan, Anne Arundel Medical Center  
Amy Chase, Whole Foods Annapolis  
Chip Crovo, Loews Annapolis Hotel  
Colleen Cunningham-Greene, JHHC  
Cheryl Dahut, Sandy Spring Bank  
Chris Engel, M&T Bank  
Lois Findlay, Strategical Thinking, Tactical Action  
Abigail Fowlkes, Hospice of the Chesapeake  
Bob Foye, Coldwell Banker  
Megan Gibbs, Opportunity Builders, Inc.  
Lisa Jacobs, Anne Arundel Community College  
Kathy Koelle, Menchies  
Kathryn Collings Lange, U.S. Boston Capital Corporation  
Suzette Langley, Passion for Life Coaching  
Bill Martin, Annapolis Symphony  
Paul McMurray, Insight Management Consulting  
Enrique Melendez, Paragon Project Resources, Inc.  
Maggie Melson, St. John's College  
Becky Oguete, Poretz Mortgage  
Lewis Poretz, Poretz Mortgage  
Kimberly Potember, Greenberg Gibbons  
Kim Prochazka, BB&T  
Donna Smith, ARINC  
Tim Stotesbery, TCS  
Elvia Thompson, Annapolis Green & Stellar Presentations, Inc.  
Steve Wientge, The Columbia Bank