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Leadership Prince William formed by Area Chambers

Manassas, VA. The Prince William Greater Manassas Chamber of Commerce and the Prince William Regional Chamber of Commerce have worked together to create a separate non-profit organization offering an innovative program designed to assist in preparing existing and emerging community leaders for pivotal leadership positions in business, local government and community affairs. This is the first program of its kind in the Prince William area. It will offer a nine-month series of courses that inspire, enlighten and connect individuals as they develop personal and professional leadership skills that will forge the future of the Prince William region. Each year, one class will be selected from applications from individuals in business, government, nonprofit and civic organizations to create a diverse and dedicated network of leaders committed to growing and strengthening our community.

The two chambers, representing over 2,140 business members, created Leadership Prince William, Inc. by establishing a task force that developed the program as well as providing the initial venture funding. Together, the two chambers' combined membership and support of this new venture makes this one of the largest business groups in the Washington Metropolitan area. This historic joint venture signifies how those in our area are prepared to move Prince William forward as a strong and vital community. George Mason University and Micron Technology, Inc. are Foundation sponsors helping to establish and support Leadership Prince William.

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