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Marching Orders and Reflections for the 2010 Graduates of Leadership Prince William

Manassas – June 10. The graduates, Alumni and invited guests gathered in the Didlake Grand Foyer of the Hylton Performing Arts Center for a celebration reception honoring the third group of graduates of Leadership Prince William, the Class of 2010 “Third is Superb”

Earlier in the day, the class members participated in a closing retreat held at the Kelly Leadership Center in Manassas, VA. The retreat was facilitated by Jan Day Gravel, Janus Development Group. During the course of the retreat, class participants reflected on their yearlong study of community issues and opportunities.

Kathy Ellington, Executive Director Leadership Prince William, encouraged the graduates by saying, “Recognize what your task is, now that you’ve completed the program. You have the knowledge to be effective participants in the civic life of our region by serving as community stewards.”

Jim Aram, Administrator of Advantage Physical Therapy and a Class of 2010 graduate said, “Leadership Prince William provided an opportunity for me to get to know myself better from a personal and professional perspective. Furthermore, it allowed me to create and strengthen relationships with other community leaders that will last a lifetime. Ultimately as the program continues the entire Prince William community stands to benefit as our leaders gain exposure to the many issues that exist in the place we live, work and play.” Mr. Aram was elected by his fellow classmates to serve as their representative to the Board of Regents.

Jim Dimodica, President of APT Impact, Inc., Co-Chairman of the Board of Regents of Leadership Prince William congratulated the graduates saying “Leadership Prince William gives established leaders across our community exposure and helps develop a network of relationships. We seek mutual understanding of priorities for the future of Prince William, and the cities of Manassas and Manassas Park. As a class of 2009 graduate it encourages us to act, individually and in concert, to move our communities forward to help reach our full potential.”

Co-Chairman Steve Nelson, Junction Travel echoed “What a wonderful group of leaders. They will all serve our community well.”

Encore Sponsor of the Closing Retreat was Verizon. Salute Sponsor was Micron Technology, Inc. Whitlock, Carradice & Associates/Ameriprise Financial was the evening’s Celebration Sponsor. NOVEC was the Commemoration Sponsor.

Brian Wolfe, Chief Information Officer Logis-Tech, Inc. and Class of 2010 graduate commented, “Leadership Prince William not only opened doors through the civic, government and business contacts I was constantly exposed to, but also opened my eyes to the complex machine of *Community*. The program enriched many areas of my personal and professional life and many of the contacts have hopefully become lifelong friends.”

The 2010 Leadership Prince William Alumni includes:

Jim Aram

Advantage Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation, LLC

Steve Barksdale

Comcast Business Communications Products

C. C. Bartholomew

Long & Foster Realtors

Lucy Beauchamp

Potomac Science Center

Kathy Bentz

Bentz Communications LLC/PWC Park Authority Arts Council

Cynthia Brookshire

Prince William Study Circles

Carlos Castro

TODOS Supermarket

Cynthia M. Clark

Prince William County Sheriff's Office

James Elliott

First Virginia Community Bank

Frances Halpern

T. D. Bank

Frances Harris

Action in Community Through Service

Sharon Henry

Prince William County Public Schools

Reverend Tracey Dawkins Holley

First Mount Zion Baptist Church

Catherine M. Hoover

George Mason University Office of Continuing Professional Education

Regina N. Jessop

Duvall Wheeler, CPAs

Debbie Jewell

Dominion Woman's Club/Traveling Vineyard

Debbie Jones

Prince William County-Greater Manassas Chamber of Commerce

Jean Kellogg

Hylton Performing Arts Center

Kendra Kielbasa

Home Instead Senior Care

Kathy Martin
Prince William County/Manassas Convention & Visitors Bureau

Carrie McVicker
George Mason University

Nicole Negvesky
Brown & Brown Insurance Agency of Virginia

Enoc Parada
J. P. Construction Inc.

Betsy Reilly
Prince William Health System

Kathy Strauss
Image Werks

Sandy Thompson
Manassas City Public Schools

Steven Witt
Washington First Bank

Brian Wolfe
Logis-Tech, Inc

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The program, Leadership Prince William, is built around a comprehensive, ten-month curriculum that brings key community information and imparts vital skills to the residents and business leaders of the Prince William area.

Directed by a Board of Regents, Leadership Prince William is a private, non-profit organization with programs designed to prepare existing and emerging community leaders for pivotal positions in business, local government and community affairs. The courses inspire, enlighten, and connect a network of individuals interested in building a strong future for the Prince William community. The skills imparted during this intensive program will help launch graduates into new civic and business opportunities, and will create a positive force for change in the community.

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