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Business & Community Leaders Applaud the Success of Leadership Prince William Graduates Class of 2009

June 2009, Manassas, VA — Twenty nine leaders who make up the 2009 class of Leadership Prince William have graduated from the program. The class had their final retreat at George Mason University, Manassas campus. At their retreat, the class whose motto is "Second to None," made individual statements on their leadership plans and how the class inspired them and they reflected on their yearlong study of community and business issues and opportunities. The retreat was facilitated by Jan Day Gravel, of the Janus Development Group.

The Leadership program is aimed at providing our area with an ongoing source of diverse leaders who are prepared and committed to serve as catalysts of positive change for quality of life in the Greater Prince William community. Kathy Ellington, Executive Director said, "It's hard to believe another year of Leadership Prince William is coming to a close. We've had a wonderful program this year. The Class of 2009 has shared diverse perspectives and insights with one another. Their eagerness to become more involved in their professional and social communities speaks to the value of the program."

The Leadership Prince William Board of Regents honored the class members with a reception held at the George Mason University Bull Run Atrium. Margaret Goldberger, Executive Director of Prince William Health Partnership and Leadership Prince William Class of 2009 graduate, was elected by her fellow classmates to serve as their representative to the Board of Regents. She spoke to her fellow graduates and guests at the reception echoing the sentiments of all. "As a result of the Leadership Prince William program, we are better equipped to understand aspects of our world that are beyond our personal experience. We are able apply lessons learned over the year and see more clearly how we can make a difference."

Mortar Sponsors of the event were Verizon, Inc. and Micron Technology of Virginia. Commemorative sponsor was Prince William County/Manassas Convention Visitor Bureau. NOVEC was the evening's Entertainment Sponsor.

Kathy Ellington, Executive Director of Leadership Prince William congratulated the graduates and encouraged them to go into the community and find ways you can make a positive impact; serve as board members, committee members and commission members. Kathy gave the directive, "Become stewards of your community."

The newest Leadership Prince William Alumni includes:

Jeff Abt

Principal Mayfield Intermediate School
Manassas City Schools

Tom Bruun

Director Public Works
Prince William County
Prince William, Virginia

Dr. Ron Buchanan

Dean, Communications Technologies & Social Sciences
Northern Virginia Community College

Jim DiModica

President APT Impact, Inc.
Manassas, Virginia
Chairman, Prince William Regional Chamber of Commerce

Charles Gilliam

President Roux Pot
Manassas, Virginia

Margaret Goldberger, FACHE

Executive Director Prince William Health Partnership
Woodbridge, Virginia

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Membership Director

Prince William County-Greater Manassas Chamber of Commerce

Manassas, Virginia

Timothy Kotlowski (Lieutenant)

Manassas City Police Department

Manassas, Virginia

Cornelia Long

Principal, SLP Communications Solutions, Inc.

Woodbridge, Virginia

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Corry Matthews Enterprises

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Manassas, Virginia

Rossana Noviello

Prince William County Public Schools

Prince William, Virginia

Dr. Pat Peacock

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Synergy One Federal Credit Union
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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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