

## Leadership Maryland Announces Class of 2015

50 Business Leaders to Complete Eight-Month Professional Development Program

**Annapolis, Md. (February 23, 2015)** – Leadership Maryland officially announces the Class of 2015, consisting of 50 business leaders from across the state chosen to participate in the professional development program dedicated to building a stronger Maryland by educating, cultivating and connecting our state's brightest leaders.

The Class of 2015, Leadership Maryland's 23<sup>rd</sup> class, reflects a cross-section of the state, including diversity of geographic location, profession, ethnicity and gender. This year's class is unique in that it features a younger median age than past years, with 11 members under the age of 39 years.

These 50 individuals will complete an eight-month hands-on learning program focused on the state's most vital social, economic and environmental issues. Following a two-day opening retreat in April, the class will attend five two-day intense sessions focusing on Maryland's economic development, education, health and human services, criminal justice, the environment, and multi-culturalism/diversity. These sessions will be followed by a one-day closing retreat in November and a graduation celebration in December. More than 100 experts representing business, government, education, and the non-profit community will serve as panelists and guest speakers.

"The selection process for the Class of 2015 was very competitive this year, as we had an extraordinary pool of diverse and experienced applicants to choose from," said Renée M. Winsky '05, president and Chief Executive Officer, Leadership Maryland. "The 50 selected participants represent a broad spectrum of highly-qualified executives from across the state, and we are confident that their Leadership Maryland experience will help them to play an even greater role in our unified effort to shape the future of our state."

Leadership Maryland is open to senior-level executives with significant achievements in either their careers and/or their communities. Ideal Leadership Maryland members have a desire to learn more about Maryland's most critical issues and a personal commitment to be a force for positive change in their organizations, their communities, and their state. For more information about Leadership Maryland, please visit [www.LeadershipMD.org](http://www.LeadershipMD.org), call 410-841-2101 or email [Info@LeadershipMD.org](mailto:Info@LeadershipMD.org).

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**About Leadership Maryland**

Leadership Maryland is a professional development program dedicated to building a stronger Maryland by educating, cultivating and connecting our state's brightest leaders. Each year, as many as 52 diverse and accomplished executives from Maryland's public and private sectors are selected to come together as a class for an eight-month hands-on learning program focused on the state's most vital social, economic and environmental issues. The first Leadership Maryland class graduated in 1993, and the organization's alumni network now consists of more than 1,000 leaders from all industries and regions of the state. To learn more, please call Leadership Maryland at 410-841-2101 or visit [www.LeadershipMD.org](http://www.LeadershipMD.org).

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