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**LEADERSHIP ANNE ARUNDEL SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR
FLAGSHIP CLASS OF 2010**

ANNAPOLIS, MD (April 9, 2009) – Leadership Anne Arundel is seeking applicants for the 2010 Flagship Program. The Flagship Program is for individuals who want to develop and enhance their leadership skills, expand their network and connection in Anne Arundel County, and learn about issues so they can make a positive impact on the county. Applications can be accessed by visiting www.leadershipaa.org or calling the LAA office at 410-571-9798. The deadline to submit applications is May 18, 2009.

LAA's nine-month Flagship Program includes an intense curriculum of civic information and leadership skills development. The program kicks off in September with an orientation, a countywide bus tour and an overnight opening retreat. By the end of the month, participants 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 then meets once a month to focus on critical regional issues, to meet and discuss issues with leaders from the public, private and non-profit sectors, and to identify areas of community needs. The monthly sessions have focused on the following issues: government, education, law and public safety, health and human services, environment and cultural arts. This year the curriculum may include two issues new to the program: agriculture and technology. The program also provides participants with the opportunity to enhance and practice their leadership skills through a group project.

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In June, the class will graduate with other Leadership Anne Arundel classes at LAA's "Tribute to Community Leadership."

The vision of Leadership Anne Arundel is to develop and nurture community trustees who improve the quality of life in Anne Arundel County by convening diverse stakeholders, bridging their divides, and facilitating resolutions for the common good. Leadership Anne Arundel's mission is to provide people of diverse backgrounds with the education, resources and networks necessary to become successful proactive leaders.

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