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Leadership Maryland Announces Executive Program Class of 2025

53 business and community leaders chosen to complete the eight-month professional development program

Easton, Md. (DRAFT) – Leadership Maryland officially announces the Executive Program’s Class of 2025, consisting of 53 business and community leaders from across the state chosen to participate in the professional development program dedicated to building a better Maryland.

The Class of 2025, the Executive Program’s 32nd class, reflects a cross-section of the state, including diversity of geographic location, profession, ethnicity, and gender. The program will run from April to December, and include five, two-day sessions focused on Maryland’s five main geographic regions and the most vital issues impacting economic development, education, health and human services, criminal justice, the environment, and multi-culturalism/diversity across the state. More than 100 experts representing Maryland’s business, government, education, and non-profit communities will serve as panelists and guest speakers.

“We are excited to announce our next class and welcome these accomplished and motivated individuals to the Executive Program,” said David Fike ’16 (LM) president and CEO, Leadership Maryland. “After a careful review and interview process, I am confident that the 53 members of the Class of 2025 represent a powerful cross-section of leaders who have a strong desire to make a broader impact within our state. I look forward to watching them grow as they build their knowledge, experience, and connections through our premier leadership program.”

Leadership Maryland’s flagship Executive Program 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 leadershipmd.org, call 410-841-2101 or email info@leadershipmd.org.

Leadership Maryland Class of 2025 participants:

OluwaTosin Adegbola, PhD ‘25
Dean, Clara I. Adams Honors College
Morgan State University

Charles C. “Chris” Bell ‘25
Project Executive
Southway Builders, Inc.

Christine M. Anderson ‘25
Chief Administrative Officer
Anne Arundel County

Michael A. Bowers ‘25
Director of Veterans Affairs – Department of
Defense Collaboration Office
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Casey “KC” Brent ‘25

Acting Director of Operations
Behavioral Health Administration

Kenneth S. Clash ‘25

Senior Director, Finance and Operations
International Philanthropy

James J. Conlon Jr. ‘25

CEO
Elysian Energy, LLC

Natasha Dartigue, Esq ‘25

Maryland Public Defender
Maryland Office of the Public Defender

Keith Fanjoy, LCSW-C ‘25

President & CEO
San Mar Family & Community Services

Mario J. Gangemi ‘25

Managing Member
Connections Consulting, LLC

Amy Gowan ‘25

President/CEO
Anne Arundel Economic Development
Corporation

Susan J. Grimes ‘25

Director of Business & Enterprise Solutions
Antietam Broadband

Stephanie K. Hall ‘25

Chief Government and Legislative Affairs
Officer
Coppin State University

John E. Hines ‘25

VP of Electric and Special Projects
Easton Utilities Commission

Latoya Jenkins ‘25

Vice President for Enrollment Management
and Student Experience
University of Maryland – Eastern Shore

Garret D.E. King ‘25

Chief Operating Officer
Maryland Department of Housing &
Community Development

Kelly A. Koermer ‘25

Vice President, Workforce, Business &
Community Education
Carroll Community College

Anthony Leonard ‘25

Vice President
Atlantic Union Bank

Lili Leonard ‘25

Founder & CEO
Black Dog Philanthropic Consulting

William L. Mapp III ‘25

Chief Technology Officer
Qlarant, Inc.

Drew Martorella ‘25

Vice President, Operations
Strathmore Hall Foundation

Michael P. “Mack” McLellan ‘25

Teacher
Patuxent Valley Middle School

David J. McShea ‘25

Executive Director, Maryland Area
Alzheimer’s Association

Morgan L. Miller ‘25

State Librarian
Maryland State Library Agency

Aaron J. Miscenich ‘25

Executive Director, bwtech@UMBC
Research & Technology Park
University of Maryland Baltimore County

Carys L. Mitchelmore ‘25

Interim Director and Professor
University of Maryland Center for
Environmental Science CBL

Madhuri Mitra, Ph.D '25

Professor of Biological and Environmental Sciences
University of Maryland – Eastern Shore

Robert Moore '25

Senior Vice President & National Healthcare Leader
The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company

Christy M. Morrell '25

Executive Director
Critchlow Adkins Children's Centers

Scott A. Nicewarner '25

City Administrator
City of Hagerstown, MD

Ruchika Nijhara '25

Executive Director, Maryland Stem Cell Research Fund
Maryland Technology Development Corp. (TEDCO)

Kristen L. Pironis '25

Executive Director
Visit Annapolis & Anne Arundel County

Jessica L. Reynolds '25

Senior Director, International Investment and Trade
Maryland Department of Commerce

Sheena Rogers '25

Director of Informatics and Business Integrations
Creative Information Technology, Inc.

Arianna E. Ross '25

CEO
Story Tapestries

Jacqueline R. Scott '25

Director, Dept. Community Resources and Services
Howard County Government

William H. Sherman II '25

President
Pendulum Analytics

Steven A. Singh '25

Vice President of Electric Operations
BGE an Exelon Company

Noah C. Smock '25

Director of Resource Development
ToolBank USA

Kristie L. Snedeker '25

Vice President, R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center
University of Maryland Medical Center

Kristian E. Spannhake '25

Director of Development
Harkins Builders, Inc.

Pia Sterling '25

Senior Manager Account Development – Medicare Portfolio
AARP

Jimmy Stewart '25

Executive Director
Project JumpStart, Inc.

Kasia Sweeney '25

Vice President, Strategy & Business Development
CalvertHealth System

Linda S. Thane Morgan '25

President
Support Unlimited, Inc.

Andrae L. Townsel '25

Superintendent
Calvert County Public Schools

Olive C. Waxter '25

President
Hippodrome Foundation, Inc.

Christy H. Weer '25

Dean, Franklin P. Perdue School of
Business
Salisbury University

Kacey B. Wetzel '25

Vice President of Programs – Outreach
Chesapeake Bay Trust

Natalie C. Williams '25

Founding Partner
BlitzAssociates LLC

Jaqueline D. Wilson '25

SVP – Area Manager
Burke & Herbert Bank

Minah Woo '25

Vice President of Workforce, Innovation and
Strategic Partnerships
Howard Community College

Brock Yetso '25

CEO/President
Ulman Foundation

About Leadership Maryland

Leadership Maryland is a statewide nonprofit offering professional development programs dedicated to building a better Maryland by harnessing the strength of its business and community leaders. Established in 1992, Leadership Maryland's Executive Program selects as many as 53 diverse and accomplished senior-level leaders from Maryland's public and private sectors each year to come together as a class for an eight-month learning program focused on the state's most vital social, economic and environmental issues. Introduced in 2024, Leadership Maryland's Emerging Leader Program brings together a class of the state's rising stars and gives them the skills and tools they need to advance in their careers. With an alumni network comprised of leaders from all industries and regions of the state, Leadership Maryland has established thousands of Marylanders on their career leadership path, equipped with the knowledge, skills, and connections needed to influence positive change. To learn more, please visit leadershipmd.org.

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