

CORE PROGRAM 2017 DONOR REPORT

Thank you! We truly appreciate your support of Leadership Montgomery's Core Program. Your generosity helps Leadership Montgomery to strengthen Montgomery County by increasing community engagement and inspiring leaders committed to service to help improve the County. We could not do this without you. Thank you for helping to support LM's mission of making Montgomery County a better place to live and work.

Program Overview:

Leadership Montgomery's Core program is designed for top executives who want to use their knowledge, skills and relationships to advance and deepen their community impact. Through a highly interactive curriculum, participants gain unique exposure to Montgomery County's issues and key players while broadening their network with diverse leaders from the business, civic and nonprofit sectors.

Program Highlights:

- Penetrating civic education to help participants better understand important County issues
- Two overnight retreats to form deep bonds with a diverse cohort of motivated and community-focused peers
- Experiential learning and community visits enhanced by presentations of speakers who are the leading experts on the day's topics
- Small group and panel discussions representing diverse perspectives on critical local issues.
- Invaluable connections with local leaders in the public, private and nonprofit sectors
- Bus tour including stops at some of the County's historical and most cutting-edge locations.



Curriculum:

- History of Montgomery County
- Overview of County government structure, budget and demographics
- Public safety issues including a visit to the jail, hands-on police and fire training exercises and a ride-along with police and fire department personnel
- Education and the school system
- Visit to Annapolis to examine the relationship between the County and the State
- Exploration of diversity, within the class and the broader community through sharing life experiences and knowledge
- Overview from the regional to the local perspectives on business and economic development
- Safety net issues, including healthcare, workforce development and the role of nonprofits
- Discovering the value of creativity and innovation in the workplace

- Real estate development, affordable housing and transportation

Speaker Highlights:

- Eliot Pfanstiehl, CEO, Strathmore
- Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard, President, Montgomery College
- Carol Trawick, President, Jim & Carol Trawick Foundation
- Richard Madaleno, State Senator, District 18, Maryland Senate
- Terry Forde, President & CEO, Adventist HealthCare Inc.
- Jim Dinegar, President & CEO, Greater Washington Board of Trade
- Dr. Jack Smith, Superintendent, Montgomery County Public Schools
- Marilyn Balcombe, President & CEO, Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber of Commerce
- Anne Kaiser, State Delegate, District 14, Maryland House of Delegates
- Rob Green, Director, Montgomery County Department of Correction & Rehabilitation
- Chief Thomas Manger, Montgomery County Department of Police
- Chief Scott Goldstein, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service
- Jenna Umbriac, Director of Nutrition Programs, Manna Food Center
- George Neighbors, VP Global Talent Relations, Strategy & Operations, Discovery Communications
- Gwen Wright, Planning Director, Montgomery County Planning Department
- Ike Grigoropoulos, Founding Partner & Co-CEO, Cava Mezze Restaurant Group



Venue Highlights:

- Discovery Communications, Silver Spring, MD
- Maryland State House, Annapolis, MD
- United Therapeutics, Silver Spring, MD
- Tobytown (historic African American “Kinship” town), Potomac, MD
- Red Wiggler Community Farm, Germantown, MD
- Montgomery County Correctional Facility, Boyds, MD
- Public Service Training Academy, Rockville, MD
- BlackRock Center for the Arts, Germantown, MD
- Woodlawn Manor, Sandy Springs, MD
- Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo, MD



Participants:

- 59 established community leaders who live and/or work in the County graduated from the program
- Average age 45 - 42% people of color - 10% small business, 32% big business, 31% nonprofits, 15% government, 8% education
- Companies represented include: Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, Snyder Cohn, PC, Montgomery College, CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield, Rockville Chamber of Commerce, Family Services, Inc., Pepco, M&T Bank, Montgomery County Police Department, Washington Gas, Emmes Corporation, Eugene & Agnes E. Meyer

Foundation, Montgomery County Council, Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, United Therapeutics Corporation, Ballard Spahr, LLP, Avendra, Federal Realty Investment Trust, Strathmore, Aronoson LLC, Jewish Social Services Agency, Bar-T, Inc.

What Participants Have to Say:

- “Leadership Montgomery has been the best work-related experience of my lifetime.”- **Cyndie Shadow, Kaplan University**
- “I was moved by the thoughtfulness that went into the programming. Leadership Montgomery is an impressive program that will open doors in MoCo and beyond.”- **Eric Rasch, Silver Spring Civic Building at Veterans Plaza**
- “I really look forward to learning something new about the County during each session.”- **Charlotte Crutchfield, Red Coats, Inc.**
- “Amazing experience and worth every bit of the price for admission.”- **Michael Parsons, Apex Home Loans, Inc.**
- “The panel discussions were AMAZING. So great to hear differences of opinion expressed passionately but constructively.”- **Alan Heymann, DC Water**
- “I had heard so many wonderful things about this session from my colleagues that I thought it couldn't measure up to my expectations. It exceeded them! So much fun and the "up close and personal" components (tour, conversations, hands-on rotations) were invaluable.”- **Debbie Lindenberg, The Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation**
- “I enjoyed learning more about the safety net orgs and it was really helpful to hear directly from the clients they served.”- **Nicole Lewis, Generation Hope**
- “This was a life-enhancing experience. Overall, Leadership Montgomery was great!”- **La Verne Gordon, Montgomery College Foundation**
- “This gave me a better perspective of business in MoCo and Greater Washington in so many areas: I did not realize how many business hubs and dynamic companies were located in the area - I loved learning about United Therapeutics and impressed that they are building out in Silver Spring.”- **Sonya Sbar, Solomon Hess Capital Management**
- “LM is not only about networking, it’s about connecting with great people and caring for our community.”- **Christina Farias, Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences**

