

Leadership Maryland Class of 2017 Graduates

52 leaders recognized at December 5 ceremony

Annapolis, Md. (December 6, 2017) – Leadership Maryland announced today that 52 members of the Class of 2017 have completed the professional development program dedicated to building a better Maryland by harnessing the strength of its local business and community leaders. Leadership Maryland honored the entire Class of 2017 at its 25th annual graduation ceremony held December 5 at the Lord Baltimore Hotel.

Each member of this year's class was chosen by committee to complete Leadership Maryland's eight-month hands-on learning program focused on the state's most vital social, economic and environmental issues.

"On behalf of the Board of Directors, I feel especially honored to congratulate Leadership Maryland's silver anniversary graduating class on beginning their lifelong inclusion in a very special club," said Leadership Maryland Board Chairman Eric Brotman '09, president and managing principal, Brotman Financial Group. "These graduates have had experiences and built relationships over the past eight months that will impact their career, life, and our state for many years to come. After 25 years, the influence Leadership Maryland's program and alumni have had on the State of Maryland is immeasurable, and the Class of 2017 should be very proud to now be a part of this organization's rich history."

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, call 410-841-2101 or email Info@LeadershipMD.org.

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About Leadership Maryland

Leadership Maryland is a professional development program dedicated to building a better Maryland by harnessing the strength of its local business and community 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 1,100 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.