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## Leadership Maryland Announces 2019 Officers and Directors

*Bob Frazee, Chris Hoyson, Merry Mears and Anna Leake Smith join board of directors.*

**Annapolis, Md. (March 14, 2019)** – Leadership Maryland, the professional development program dedicated to building a better Maryland by harnessing the strength of its local business and community leaders, announces the election of its officers and board of directors for the coming year.

Newly elected to Leadership Maryland’s board are: **J. Robert “Bob” Frazee ’09 (LM)**, president and CEO of J.R. Frazee Strategic Consulting LLC; **Chris D. Hoyson ’17**, senior vice president, The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company; **Meredith M. “Merry” Mears ’17**, chief development officer, Gillis Gilkerson; and **Anna Leake Smith ’10**, group vice president, M&T Bank.

Leadership Maryland’s officers have all been re-elected for 2019, including: **Dr. Memo F. Diriker ’12 (LM)**, director of BEACON at Salisbury University, as chairman of the board; **Jeanne F. Singer, Esq. ’07**, Attorney at Law with the Law Offices of Jeanne F. Singer, as vice chairman; **Gloria Aparicio-Blackwell ’13**, director of community engagement, University of Maryland, as secretary; and **Jeannette R. Fitzwater ’09**, CEO and Strategic Coach, JR Fitzwater & Associates, as treasurer. In addition, existing directors **Kenneth L. “Ken” Brannan ’05 (LM)**, owner of Saucy Salamander Café & Catering Company; and **Jeanette G. Partlow, Esq. ’13**, president at Maryland Chemical Corporation and Chemstation Chesapeake, have also been re-elected.

For more information about Leadership Maryland or program application information, please visit [www.leadershipmd.org](http://www.leadershipmd.org) or call 410-841-2101.

### 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](http://www.LeadershipMD.org).

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