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Shore Leadership Class of 2021 Begins With In-person Orientation

After a year of being virtual, Shore Leadership has returned to face-to-face sessions with the Class of 2021. The class of 22 professionals came together for their two day orientation at the Tidewater Inn on September 15 and 16. Leadership Facilitators, Carol Graser, President of the Annapolis Leadership Group, and Dr. Joe Thomas, Executive Director of the Admiral James B. Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership at the United States Naval Academy, led the group through the Theory and Practice of Leadership, Leading Teams, and Leadership Lessons in the Pandemic.

Members of the Class of 2021 include: Christina Bartz, Choptank Community Health System; Jamie Beechey, Deputy Director of Recreation and Parks for Caroline County; Robin Cahall, Program Manager for Caroline County Health Department; Dimitros Cavathas, Chief Executive Officer of the Lower Shore Clinic; Tim Daniels, Owner of Daniels Insurance; Brian Feltz, Branch Manager Assistant Vice President for Queenstown Bank; Kelly Holden, Human Resources Director for Channel Marker, Inc.; Chris Honeman, Relationship Manager for Shore United Bank; Elouzia (Loge) Knight, Commissioner for the Town of Greensboro; Nick Liles, IT Manager for Sisk Fulfillment Service; Karen Luceti, Intake and Assessment Specialist at Chesapeake College; Robert Mitchell, Director of Environmental Programs for Worcester County Government; Chris Parks, Certified Financial Planner for Wye Financial Partners; Becky Peter, CFO for the ARC of Central Chesapeake Region; Robert Pulver, Technical Operations Manager for Easton Utilities; Rachel Smith, Director of Sales and Marketing for Londonderry on the Tred Avon; Dr. Karie Solembrino, Dean of Health Professions at Wor-Wic Community College; Scott Spector, Partner of Bay Imprint; Deidre Stokes, Corporate Contracts and Compliance Officer with Qlarant, INC.; Brennan Tarleton, Assistant Planner Officer for Talbot County Government; Dr. Heather Westerfield, Director of Nursing at Chesapeake College; and Jamie Williams, Director of Economic Development for Kent County Government.

Over the next eight months the class will be traveling throughout the Eastern Shore, learning about topics such as tourism, economic development, manufacturing, agriculture, the arts, the environment and legacy, and education.

Shore Leadership Alumni welcomed the Class of 2021 with a reception on September 15th, followed by a dinner which both alumni and new class members attended. Dr. Bryan Newton, chair of Shore Leadership stated, "We are thrilled to be back together in-person and to continue providing the premier

leadership development program on the Eastern Shore. Our new class of 2021 represents the future of leadership on the Shore in business, industry, government, education and non-profit organizations, and we wish them and our world-class facilitators the best as they start a new program year.”

Planning is now underway for the Class of 2022 which will start in April 2022. If you are interested in learning more about the Shore Leadership Program, please contact Ms. Chris Caulk at shoreleadership@gmail.com. Applications are now being accepted and scholarship monies are available.

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