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Shore Leadership Class of 2022

The Shore Leadership Class of 2022 began their nine month journey with an Orientation at the Tidewater Inn on April 27th and 28th. Ms. Carol Graser, President of the Annapolis Leadership Group and Dr. Joe Thomas, Director of the J.B. Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership at the United States Naval Academy, led the class through the two day orientation. Dr. Thomas explained, "We spent time examining positivity, energy, and resilience as we emerge from the pandemic." During the two days, the class learned about Adaptive Leadership and the Theory and Practice of Leadership. The class also worked together as they completed a team building exercise around Easton.

Members of the Shore Leadership Class of 2022 include: Lacey Amos, Maryland Chamber of Commerce; Tucker Bullock, Easton Utilities Commission; Bryan Burkholder, Rommel ACE; Catie Comer, The ARC Central Chesapeake Region; Mary Foster, Shore United Bank; Pam Gregory, United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore; Rob Gunter, Queen Anne's County Government; Tara Hill-Coursey, Caroline Office of Tourism; Molly Hilligoss, Executive Director Habitat for Humanity of Wicomico County, Inc.; Chuck Lennon, Franchise Services, Inc.; Bill Mengel, Caroline County Public Schools; Misty Newnam, Shore United Bank; Judi Olinger, Chesapeake Neighbors; Michael Page, Queen Anne's County Public Schools; Patrick Rofe, St. Michaels Community Center; Geneva Schaffle, Talbot County Emergency Management; Sam Steele, MidAtlantic Farm Credit; Lori Stepp, Stepp Family Ventures, LLC; DJ Van Bourgondien, Qlarant, Inc.; Lisa Widmaier, Chesapeake College; and Danielle Williams, Channel Marker, Inc.

Each month the class will visit a different county on the Eastern Shore for a leadership session in the morning. Leadership topics that will be covered include: The Neuroscience of Leadership, Transformational Leadership, Leading Change, Leading with Strengths, Creativity, Leading Teams, and Personal Mission and Coaching for Excellence. In the afternoons, the class will learn about different regional topic such as agriculture, environment and legacy, manufacturing, workforce training and education, tourism, and government.

The Class of 2022 was treated to a reception by the Shore Leadership Alumni Association, followed by dinner with alumni. Shore Leadership Advisory Board of Directors Chair, Dr. Bryan Newton shared, "Welcome to the class of 2022! We wish you well on your journey with Shore Leadership and look forward to your graduation in December."

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 for the Class of 2023 and scholarships are available.

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