



## Celebrating five years of connecting leaders across the Commonwealth

Connecting Leaders to Shape Virginia's Future

Winter 2010

### LEAD VIRGINIA's Class of 2010 Graduation

As 2010 draws to an end the social capital that was formed among the Class of 2010 members is still going strong. On Friday, November 19, the Class of 2010's seven month journey was celebrated as all 46 members received their certificates and lapel pins. With their graduation, they now join more than 250 alumni who have shared this powerful learning experience, embraced the Commonwealth and face head-on the challenges that open doors for vision and innovation.

The night began with a reception in the Rotunda of The Jefferson Hotel and was followed by dinner in the Grand Ballroom. The invocation was offered by Dr. Alan Wagner, '10, President & Owner, Wagner Macula & Retina Center PC. Following dinner the graduation ceremonies began! Each year the current class elects a representative from their colleagues to be the Class Speaker; this year Edie Patterson, Executive Director of Virginia Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs was selected. Her speech focused on the relationships that were formed and demonstrated the spider-web network that has grown with now five years of LEAD VIRGINIA alumni.



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#### Congratulations to the Class of 2010!

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- Dr. Frank Moore**, Vice President for Information Technology, Longwood University
- Terry McNally**, Manager of Large Customer Relations, Columbia Gas
- Tim Pace**, Director of Engineering & Mapping, Henry County
- Greg Parsons**, Director of Sales, American Office
- Edie Patterson**, Executive Director, Virginia Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs

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## LEAD VIRGINIA Honorees

Each year LEAD VIRGINIA presents two awards, the Virginia Leader Award and the Service to LEAD VIRGINIA Award during graduation. This year's honorees were Mike Drzal and Caryn Durham.

**Virginia Leader Award** - Recognizes an individual who best represents the ideals of LEAD VIRGINIA in giving to the Commonwealth. The recipient demonstrates an ongoing commitment to gaining deeper insights into complex statewide issues, building social capital and creating momentum for positive change. The recipient serves as a model for civic engagement for future graduates.

**Mike Drzal**, '07, Attorney at Law, LeClairRyan, A Professional Corporation and LEAD VIRGINIA Board Member.

Mike is gifted with a visionary spirit. He has a deep connection with those entrepreneurs who live life on the edge, sacrificing much as they build a dream with an innovative concept, a new idea and ultimately, a successful enterprise. Mike participated in LEAD VIRGINIA's Class of 2007, and shortly thereafter became alumni committee chair and chair of the first alumni conference, held in Roanoke and Blacksburg and featuring the emerging entrepreneurial economy of that region.



Mike serves as a LEAD VIRGINIA board member and enthusiastic supporter, bringing his "golden rolodex" to recruitment and development efforts and helping to build social capital relationships across the Commonwealth. He remains a tireless supporter and generator of new program ideas that will keep us busy for many years!

**Service to LEAD VIRGINIA Award** - Recognizes one who has given most of his/her time, talents and efforts in support of LEAD VIRGINIA during the past year. The recipient demonstrates extraordinary dedication to developing and perpetuating LEAD VIRGINIA as the portal for leadership and an ongoing commitment for LEAD VIRGINIA's future success.

**Caryn Durham**, '08, Managing Director, Charles Ryan Associates .

Caryn's enthusiasm for life and for LEAD VIRGINIA are without equal. Following her 2008 class year she co-produced the Richmond regional session with her classmate Robert Powell of Virginia Business. Following that experience Caryn's firm Charles Ryan Associates re-vamped LEAD VIRGINIA's marketing and informational brochures with a fresh and updated look and messaging. Caryn's firm participated in the recent state directors' conference attended by leadership program directors throughout the country, conducting a richly informative session on social media and marketing messaging.

This year Caryn has served as LEAD VIRGINIA's regional alumni chair for Central Virginia, gathering current class members and alumni for a hugely successful hosted reception courtesy of Randy Reynolds at the beautiful new Westin Hotel in Innsbrook.



## Gubernatorial Recognition



At the LEAD VIRGINIA Board of Directors meeting on Friday, November 19, Secretary of the Commonwealth and LEAD VIRGINIA Board Member, Janet Polarek, presented Dr. Patty Cormier, President (Retired), Longwood University and LEAD VIRGINIA Board Chair with a Certificate of Recognition for LEAD VIRGINIA's five year anniversary. The certificate is signed by Governor Bob McDonnell and Secretary Janet Polarek.

## Class of 2010 Legacy Gift



Cathryn Lowe and Michael Latsko were the 2010 co-chairs for the Class of 2010 Legacy Gift.

They successfully raised \$13,805.00 to be used in 2011 for tuition assistance.

Red Clay Sunrise:  
Reflections on a Year in Lead VA

This Yankee come-here,  
Virginian by opportunity and choice,  
met the mountain singers  
and the city music-makers,  
met the unvoiced despair  
of poor hope in Richmond streets  
and in shacks along hillside hollers,  
saw the new ships building  
in harbors where old  
ships once brought crazy hoping  
hungry pioneers up  
the James River towards  
Jefferson's westward vision,  
Declaration of rising sunsets,  
met the patriots who  
fought their own chains while  
forging black hands to harsh fields,

met the new wayfarers  
in Reston and Richmond,  
building business from  
nothing and hard ideas,  
remet the American birthplace  
of Virginian legacies,  
and found this place of  
red soil and lost tobacco  
still ready for the passion of plows,  
new order in a new land  
where many hands can  
still make Good Work  
with our one Common Weal.

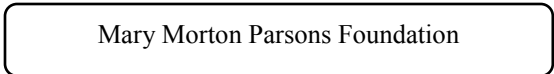
Written by Dr. David Sam,  
President, Germanna Community  
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### **LEAD VIRGINIA Class of 2011**

*LEAD VIRGINIA* is now accepting applications for its Class of 2011. Applications are available on the *LEAD VIRGINIA* website and are due January 15, 2011. To encourage alumni to reach out to colleagues who can both benefit from the *LEAD VIRGINIA* experience and contribute to its mission of *Connecting leaders to shape the Commonwealth's future*, you are invited to compete for the Star Recruiter Award for 2011.

How does one compete? By referring the most number of actual applicants to the Class of 2011 by the application deadline (your name must be on the application as "Referred or recommended by").

What is the grand prize? Luxurious overnight accommodations for two at the beautiful and historic Jefferson Hotel in Richmond, along with Sunday champagne brunch for two.

Remember, your name must be on the application under the "Referred or recommended by" section to be eligible for the Star Recruiter Award. The winner will be announced by February 1, 2011 and invited to be *LEAD VIRGINIA's* guest at the Class of 2011 Opening Session luncheon in Williamsburg next April.