



LEAD Celebrates Class of 2019 Graduation

The LEAD Greater Williamsburg Board of Directors, along with the board of the Greater Williamsburg Chamber & Tourism Alliance, celebrated the graduation of the LEAD Class of 2019 at a ceremony on Thursday, May 16th. The celebration, held at the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown, was attended by more than 100 program alumni and supporters; Bryan K. Stephens, President and CEO of the Hampton Roads Chamber, served as the keynote speaker.

LEAD Board Chairman, Mark Morrow of Crosswalk Community Church, and Bob Hershberger, Program Coordinator for LEAD Greater Williamsburg, gave special recognition to Phil Emerson, Executive Director of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, for his many years of service and dedication to the community.

The Class of 2019 consisted of 29 members from the region. The group was diverse, representing most facets of the community, including government, business, military, faith-based and non-profit organizations, and many more. This year's class project was WMBG Kind, a community kindness awareness campaign with a goal of inspiring Greater Williamsburg to become the next Community of Kindness. Through strong community engagement efforts, traditional media coverage, and a powerful social media strategy, the campaign reached thousands of people, not just on the peninsula, but across Hampton Roads.



1st row L-R: LaTonya Wallace-Conyers; Laura Kinsman; Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly; Adria VanHoozier; Melanie Wynkoop; Heather Hall; Michelle Williams, Jessa Guinn; Charvalla West; Michelle Alexander; Amber Saloka; Julie Kavanaugh **2nd row L-R:** Mary Jean Hurst; Juanita Parks; Amy Ahearn; Ellen Knecht; Brittany Voll; Jeff James; Ryan Stephenson; Yuri Adams; Jack Wickens; Jessica Wauhup; Sarah Sutton; Alicia Phinney **Back row L-R:** Matthew Williams; John Grantz; Bill Pribble; Kevin McCormick **Not pictured:** Dennis Szurkus



LEAD Greater Williamsburg is the community leadership program of the Greater Williamsburg Chamber & Tourism Alliance. Our mission is to encourage, enrich, and support community leaders throughout the region. 2019 marks the 25th anniversary of the LEAD program.

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