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**LEAD HISTORIC TRIANGLE CLASS OF 2017 PILOTS YOUTH LEADERSHIP  
PROJECT**

**Lafayette High School students participate in community-supported program**

March 30, 2017– The LEAD Historic Triangle Class of 2017, a program sponsored by the Greater Williamsburg Chamber & Tourism Alliance, successfully piloted the Greater Williamsburg Youth Leadership Project in partnership with Lafayette High School. Ten students completed the seven-week program, which included field trips to learn more about local industries, including healthcare, agriculture, education and more.

The Youth Leadership Project culminated with a final event, Leadership Launch, on March 23. Family, friends and community leaders gathered at Launchpad in New Town to see three teams of students deliver presentations on a community problem and their proposed solutions.

Lafayette High School Principal Anita Swinton, Guidance Counselor Patrick Moore and English teacher Jennifer Stanley came to support the students. Mooretown Road Chick-fil-A franchisee Wrenn Holland, WJCC School Board Chair Kyra Cook, and James City County Administrator Bryan Hill served as judges to evaluate the students' presentations.

The LEAD Class of 2017 plans to expand the program to high schools across the Historic Triangle area in Summer 2018 in partnership with Thomas Nelson Community College.



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