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***LEAD VIRGINIA ANNOUNCES 2011 CLASS MEMBERS***  
***Connecting leaders to shape Virginia's future***

**RICHMOND, Va. (April 13, 2011)** – *LEAD VIRGINIA*, the statewide leadership program now entering its seventh year of educating Virginia's leaders about the issues most relevant to the Commonwealth, has announced its 2011 class members.

The 49 class participants are senior-level executives in business, education, non-profit and government agencies throughout the Commonwealth. They are experienced, recognized leaders within their professions who are seeking to bolster a shared vision of progressive change through active community involvement across Virginia. A complete list of the class participants is attached.

*LEAD VIRGINIA's* 2011 curriculum centers on the key themes of health, economy and education and cultivates a shared vision and statewide perspective by examining the technology, economic development, demographics, transportation/growth management and quality of life issues impacting the Commonwealth in each of the regional sessions.

"*LEAD VIRGINIA* gives leaders insight into regional and statewide problems and access to essential resources to determine solutions by engaging class participants on issues relevant to their communities and others throughout the state," said Susan Horne, president and CEO of *LEAD VIRGINIA*. "Graduates of the *LEAD VIRGINIA* program are better equipped to facilitate change throughout the Commonwealth and offer innovative solutions that will positively affect citizens in the years to come."

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The 2011 sessions will be held in seven regions throughout the state. The leaders will participate in an orientation and opening session in Williamsburg April 14-16 and will, in upcoming months, visit Southern Virginia, Shenandoah Valley, Northern Virginia, Southwest Virginia, Hampton Roads and Central Virginia. Additionally, an alumni conference will be held in Virginia's Roanoke/New River Valley, June 2-4, 2011, to discuss how regional leaders are advancing the region through innovation and entrepreneurship. The program will conclude with a final session and graduation dinner and awards program in Richmond, November 17-19, 2011.

*LEAD VIRGINIA* educates participants about regional differences and statewide needs through the shared experience of seven two-day sessions held throughout the Commonwealth. Endorsed by the Virginia Chamber of Commerce, state universities and regional leadership organizations, the program offers leaders a forum for gaining deeper insights into complex statewide issues, exchanging resources, creating momentum and working within and outside the political arena to usher in positive change for the Commonwealth. Specific curriculum themes of local/regional economies, as well as the larger issues of education and health, are explored through in-depth dialogue, on-site field studies and experiential activities designed to highlight the diverse interests, resources and challenges of each region.

**About *LEAD VIRGINIA***

*LEAD VIRGINIA* was incorporated as a charitable and educational organization in March 2005 and is patterned after similar models of statewide leadership programs across the nation. Led by a board of directors composed of business, education, government, non-profit and community leaders from across Virginia, *LEAD VIRGINIA* uses a proven model for developing a statewide network of leaders by engaging academic, business, civic and government advisors to educate class members on the wide range of key issues in Virginia. 2011 sustaining sponsors of the program include Altria, Bon Secours Richmond Health System, HCA Virginia and Norfolk Southern Corporation. Additional sponsors include Dominion Resources, Northrop Grumman Virginia Business, Columbia Gas of Virginia, A Nisource Company, MWV, Verizon and XO Communications. More information about *LEAD VIRGINIA* can be found at [www.leadvirginia.org](http://www.leadvirginia.org).

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## LEAD VIRGINIA Class of 2011

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Astyra Corporation  
Richmond

Dr. Shekar Challa  
Chief Operating Officer  
Challa Law Offices  
Glen Allen

Toni Ardabell  
CEO  
Bon Secours, St. Mary's Hospital  
Richmond

Ken Chandler  
City Manager  
City of Portsmouth  
Portsmouth

Dr. Leigh Armistead  
Vice President  
GbHawk LLC  
Newport News

Pat Farrell  
CEO  
HCA, Henrico Doctor's Hospital  
Richmond

Bridget Bean  
Director  
U.S. Small Business Administration  
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Vice President – Virginia  
Verizon  
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Executive Vice President & Director of  
Retail Banking  
Union First Market Bank  
Ruther Glen

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LeClairRyan, A Professional Corporation  
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Prince William County Public Schools  
Manassas

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Manager, Customer Efficiency Programs  
Columbia Gas of Virginia  
Chester

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Germanna Community College  
Locust Grove

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President  
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Winchester

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Virginia Department of Aviation  
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Glen Allen

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Southwest Virginia Community College  
Cedar Bluff

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Presbyterian Homes & Family Services  
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Dominion  
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Wells Fargo  
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Vice President, Government & Industry  
Relations  
Northrop Grumman Corporation  
Arlington

Bill Roach  
Partner  
Dominion Capital Partners  
Norfolk

Todd Rowley  
Senior Vice President, Senior Director  
Capital One Bank  
McLean

Jeff Schragg  
Partner  
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