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Chamber Foundation Graduates Its 35th Class from the Leadership Greater Augusta Program

Fishersville, April 30, 2019– Leadership Greater Augusta (LGA) is a 9-month intensive training program for emerging and existing leaders. LGA builds the needed skills, knowledge, motivation and vision to develop a stronger community. Creating a space for leadership development since 1984, Leadership Greater Augusta has worked with over 500 professionals over the years to enhance the quality of leadership for organizations across our community.

The purpose of Leadership Greater Augusta is to advance positive, progressive and orderly business and professional development in the Greater Augusta Region by achieving the following:

- Educate potential and existing business and community leaders through exposure to diverse realities, personalities, and challenges in the community.
- Develop and enhance visionary leadership skills through in-depth training.

We are very excited to announce the LGA Graduating Class of 2019, who will officially graduate on Thursday, May 2nd at Blue Ridge Community College in the Plecker Workforce Center at 12pm:

James Allen, Virginia Cast Stone
Brooke Anderson, Converge Local
Travis Armstrong, McKee Foods Corporation
Kelly Burdick, American Shakespeare Center
Jessica Dove, City National Bank
Damon Frazier, DuPont Community Credit Union
Jonathan Girotti, Dynamic Aviation
Daniel Hansen, Balzer and Associates
Cody Hartman, Eddie Edwards Signs
Chris Hawley, Ball Advanced Aluminum Technologies
Tatyana Malashiy, Ball Advanced Aluminum Technologies
Paula Moore, Daikin Applied
Stephanie Ramsey
James Saunders, First Bank & Trust
Lindsey Walsh, Mary Baldwin University

"LGA gave me a well-rounded experience to further develop my leadership skills, gain a deeper understanding of my community, and connect in a profound way with my fellow classmates. It's an experience I'll carry forward into my career and also my personal development" said Brooke Anderson, Converge Local, LGA Graduate, Class of 2019

Another class member, Lindsey Walsh, Mary Baldwin University, said "participating in Leadership Greater Augusta helped me understand the scope of work my neighbors do every day. Whether we were visiting a farmer, learning about the diversity in our community, or diving into personal leadership styles, I always learned about a new process or resource I did not know existed before. While I would say I have grown personally throughout the experience, my greatest takeaway is the people I met in the class. I hope to continue working alongside my cohort to become a more engaged, informed, and active member of the area!"

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The Greater Augusta Regional Chamber of Commerce Foundation is a 501(c)(3) support organization of the Chamber serving Staunton, Waynesboro and Augusta County with a mission focused on initiatives in the areas of education, workforce development, quality of life, and community development.