

PRESS RELEASE

Harford Leadership Academy Grads Host “Leaders HAVE Talent” Talent Show

Bel Air, MD 21014: On Tuesday, November 15, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Chesapeake Theater at the Harford Community College, twelve graduates of the Harford Leadership Academy will display their talents as performing artists in a talent competition fundraiser. The performers will be competing for Judges’ Choice, Audience Favorite, and Best in Show. Three area community leaders will act as judges: James LaCalle, Duke Thompson (Maryland Conservatory of Music), and Vanessa Milio (Harford County Chamber of Commerce). The master of ceremonies will be Eric E. McLaughlin, a founding partner of Shaffer, McLaughlin & Stover, LLC. Tickets to the event are open to the public and are \$20. To purchase tickets call the Harford Community College Ticket Box Office at (443) 412-2211.

All proceeds from the event will support *Winds of Leadership, Inc. (WINDS)* which is the 501(c)(3) philanthropic arm of the Harford Leadership Academy. WINDS has designed a monument to honor leadership that will be placed in the plaza outside of the Chesapeake Center at the Harford Community College. This monument will be a visual symbol to the community that leadership matters and our future depends upon a strong network of leaders to solve the most pressing issues of each generation. The location is set in the plaza, but the funds to build the statue still need to be raised.

A group of graduates of the class of 1999 of the Harford Leadership Academy have organized the “Leaders Have Talent” event to help raise money to build the monument. The team led by Marlene Lieb (Harford Community College), Claudia Holman (APGFCU), Terri Schell (Harford County Public Library), Kurt Sudbrink (The John Carroll School), Steph Hau, (Chesapeake Environmental Management), and County Councilman Chad Schrodes has worked over the past eight months to develop the program and host it.

Performers will include the following: Bill Fritz (PNC Bank), Josh C. Nelson (Chesapeake Environmental Management), Shane Grimm (Harford County Government), Suzanne Green (YMCA), Joe Ricci (Susquehanna Workforce Network), Michael G. Hiob (Harford County Government), Felicia Roach (C.U.L.T.I.V.A.T.E), Jennifer M. Jones (State of Maryland), Annie Pagura (Harford Community College), Tamara Zavisian (Community Foundation of Harford County), Kurt Sudbrink (The John Carroll School), Eyvo Johnson (Harford Community College).

Many companies have sponsored the event generously. **BOB HOPE Sponsors** include: Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union, Chesapeake Environmental Management, Inc., and SURVICE Engineering Company. **OPRAH WINFREY Sponsors** include: Boyle Buick/GMC Truck and Clark Turner Signature Homes. **BONO Sponsors** include: Freedom Federal Credit Union, Friends of Billy Boniface, Harford County Councilman Chad Shrodes, Harford County Chamber of Commerce Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna, Johnson & Johnson, lkk consulting services, Robinson & Robinson, LLC, Slavia Federal Savings Bank, and The John Carroll School.

Tickets can be purchased by calling (443) 371-2211. Question about the event should be directed to Kurt S. Sudbrink (410) 652-3143.