

Virginia LEADERSHIP

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Celebrating Good Government in Virginia at the 2009 Sorensen Gala

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January 28

The Sorensen Institute, led by Recruitment Coordinator April Auger, went on the road this winter visiting high schools and colleges across Virginia to promote our 2009 youth programs.

In January we enjoyed a successful recruiting event at Liberty University. This marks the first time that Liberty has hosted the Sorensen Institute and encouraged its students to apply to our College Leaders Program.

Alumni Martin Mash (CLP 2005) and Hunter Fairchild (CLP 2008) spoke candidly about their experiences at Sorensen.



Sorensen recruiting at Liberty University. From left to right: Martin Mash (CLP 2005), Hunter Fairchild (CLP 2008), April Auger, Liberty's Dr. George Buzzy, Dean of the Helms School of Government, Bob Gibson, and Rachel Casebolt.

The Sorensen Institute would like to extend our thanks to the organizations and individuals who continue to support our special events.

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Events Update

RICHMOND

General Assembly Reception

The Sorensen Institute's Third Annual Legislative Reception and Luncheon to honor our seventeen graduates serving in the Virginia General Assembly was held on February 12 on the top floor of the Sun-trust Building in Richmond. Check out a slideshow of photos from the event in the Sorensen Newsroom online.



CHARLOTTESVILLE

Lawrence Eagleburger

Sorensen will host former Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger on Tuesday evening April 14 from 7-9pm at Piedmont Virginia Community College. Eagleburger will discuss "Foreign Policy: Past, Present, and Future." This event is free and open to the public and alumni are encouraged to join us.



NOVA and HAMPTON ROADS

General Assembly Review

Join us for a public Q&A and discussion about the 2009 General Assembly session with regional legislators in Hampton Roads on April 13 at 7pm at Christopher Newport University and in Northern Virginia on April 20 at 7pm at the Annandale Campus of NVCC. More details online in the Sorensen Newsroom. This event is free and open to the public



DANVILLE

Democratic Issues Forum

On April 28 the Sorensen Institute will host an Issues Form with the three candidates vying for the Democratic nomination for Governor: Terry McAuliffe, Creigh Deeds, and Brian Moran. Look for more details in the Sorensen Newsroom. This event will be free and open to the public.



CTP Winter 2009

January 22-25 at James Madison's Montpelier

The Sorensen Institute marked the 10th anniversary of its Candidate Training Program with the Winter 2009 class in January. The class was held at James Madison's Montpelier near Orange. Over the last decade, Sorensen's CTP has become a national model, has been replicated in many states, and is this year the subject of a PhD dissertation.

Of the 212 graduates of the Candidate Training Program since 1999, 60 have served in elected office around the Commonwealth, including one in the Virginia State Senate and seven in the Virginia House of Delegates; 24 have been appointed to state boards and commissions.

Due to overwhelming demand and a generous grant from the Claude Moore Charitable Foundation, we are able to offer the Candidate Training Program for a second time this year. The Spring 2009 CTP will be held May 14-17 at historic Carter Hall in Millwood, Clarke County.



Candidate Training Program Class of Winter 2009



*ABOVE: Members of the CTP Winter 2009 class
RIGHT: Joseph Lee of Roanoke*





Gary Nordlinger (PLP 2004), president of Nordlinger Associates, teaches effective campaign planning



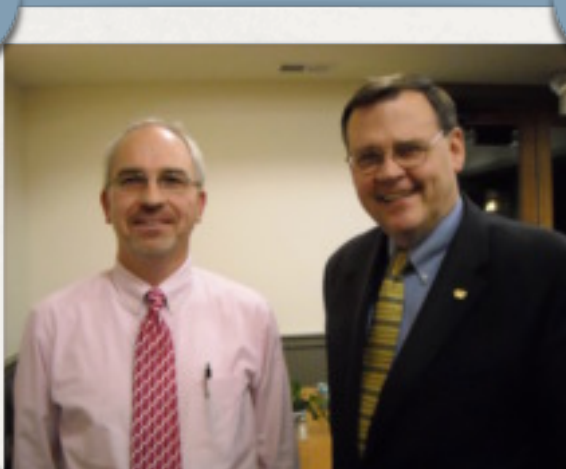
Jason Greenwood of Fredericksburg (far right) and other members of the CTP class



Kaye Kory of Falls Church and Kala Quintana of Burke (PLP 08)



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Quentin Kidd and Bob Gibson

PODCAST:
Virginia Politics:
Past, Present, and Future



Quentin Kidd is an Associate Professor of Political Science at Christopher Newport University and a founding member of the faculty for Sorensen's youth programs. Quentin spoke with the Winter 2009 CTP, discussing in detail some emerging trends that have the potential to dramatically shape both policy and politics. This is a fascinating talk that will be of interest to every Sorensen graduate. Visit the Sorensen Newsroom and click on January 27.

PLP 2009

First Session: March 5-7, Williamsburg, Yorktown, Gloucester

The Political Leaders Program Class of 2009, thirty-nine members strong, gathered for its inaugural session in Williamsburg on Thursday, March 5. This year's outstanding PLP class represents the spectrum of political leanings and is very evenly balanced among Republicans, Democrats and independents. Geographically, the class hails from throughout Virginia and reflects the Commonwealth's diverse population. The class members are of a



The Political Leaders Program Class of 2009

broad range of ages and have a wide set of personal and professional backgrounds and life experiences. This composition is critical to the effectiveness of the program.

The Sorensen Institute's flagship Political Leaders Program, which celebrates its 15th anniversary this year, is a non-partisan leadership development program for residents of Virginia interested in becoming more active in public service, whether as community leaders or as elected officials. The curriculum focuses on three core subject areas: Ethics in Public Service, Public Policy, and Campaign and

Advocacy Skills. The program encourages principled leadership, a commitment to public service in addition to bipartisan solutions to issues of governance. The Sorensen Institute seeks to improve political leadership in Virginia, thereby strengthening the quality of governance at all levels of government.

The Political Leaders Program meets in various locations across Virginia, once a month for 10 months from March through December. Participation in this program has become a traditional "first step" for future political leaders in the Commonwealth. A total of seventeen Sorensen alumni now serve in the Virginia General Assembly, dozens more have been appointed to boards and commissions, while nearly 100 have been elected to local office.

The Political Leaders Program Class of 2009 will meet next in Roanoke in April and in Staunton in May. For a complete schedule of the program throughout the year, see the calendar on page 14.



LEFT: LaTonya Reed and Seneca Bock. BELOW: Matt Conrad, Rose Keravuori, Steve Scott.



ABOVE: Turner Perrow, Andrea Young, Bryce Reeves



Members of the PLP Class of 2009 with former Virginia Governor Linwood Holton.



Matt Charles, Alicia Hughes, Mike Coker

The Political Leaders Program Class of 2009

Ken Alger, Stanley
 Jaime Areizaga, Arlington
 Don Bewkes, Crozier
 Seneca Bock, Suffolk
 Keela Boose, Norfolk
 Matt Charles, Danville
 Steve Cochran, Blacksburg
 Mike Coker, Portsmouth
 Matt Conrad, Richmond
 Kelly Eplee, North Garden
 Carolina Espinal, Arlington
 Shawn Eure-Hill, Chesapeake
 Suzanne Gandy, Roanoke

Doug Garcia, Richmond
 Amy Gardner, Arlington
 John Hedges, Charlottesville
 Alicia Hughes, Alexandria
 Larry Jackson, Forest
 Susan Kelly, Chesapeake
 Rose Keravuori, Arlington
 Nick Kessler, Richmond
 Marisa LeForge, Williamsburg
 Art Major, Winchester
 Janet Oleszek, Fairfax
 Turner Perrow, Lynchburg
 Joshua Prueher, Virginia Beach

John Rainero, Bristol
 Bree Raum, Arlington
 LaTonya Reed, Richmond
 Bryce Reeves, Spotsylvania
 Lynne Rhode, Crozier
 Scott Robinson, Heathsville
 Chris Rogers, Richmond
 Stephen Scott, Kents Store
 Timothy Simmons, Staunton
 Bo Trumbo, Covington
 Jennifer Walle, Richmond
 Keith West, Richmond
 Andrea Young, McLean

Check out the SLIDESHOW of PLP 2009's First Weekend in the Online Sorensen Newsroom: Click on March 11

Gala 2009

March 20, Ritz-Carlton, Arlington

The Sorensen Institute celebrated its 2009 Gala on the evening of March 20 at the Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City in Arlington. Nearly 250 alumni, board members, and friends of Sorensen turned out to support our mission to improve political leadership and government throughout the Commonwealth. Thanks to their generous investment, we raised \$211,000 to support this effort.

At this memorable event we were proud to honor each of the thirteen members of the Virginia delegation now serving in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives in Washington: Senator Jim Webb, Senator Mark Warner, Congressman Robb Wittman, Congressman Glenn Nye, Congressman Bobby Scott, Congressman Randy Forbes, Congressman Tom Perriello, Congressman Bob Goodlatte, Congressman Eric Cantor, Congressman Jim Moran, Congressman Rick Boucher, Congressman Frank Wolf, and Congressman Gerry Connolly.

Speakers at the 2009 Gala included Sharon Bulova, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors; Vivek Kundra, a graduate of the Political Leaders Program Class of 2007 and the nation's Chief Information Officer having recently been appointed by President Obama; Sean Connaughton, a graduate of the Political Leaders Program Class of 1995, the Corporate Vice President for the American Bureau of Shipping and recently the U.S. Maritime Administrator; and former Congressman Tom Davis, who represented Virginia's 11th Congressional District for seven terms. Our thanks to everyone who helped to make this an unforgettable evening.



Former U.S. Congressman Tom Davis was among the speakers at the 2009 Gala



The Mark Fried Table. SEATED left to right: John Hager, Mark Fried, Terry McAuliffe, Janet Oleszek. STANDING left to right: Tom Lavin, Paul Harris, Congressman Jim Moran, Keren Charles Dongo, Mo Elleithee, Gary Nordlinger.



ABOVE: Members of the Political Leaders Program Class of 2009: Carolina Espinal, Janet Oleszek and Bree Raum.

BELOW: Larry Roberts (PLP 2001), Vickie Williams (PLP 2005)



Members of the Young Liberals Club from Charlottesville-area high schools with Congressman Tom Perriello



RIGHT: Lucy Hutchinson (CLP 2005), Martin Mash (CLP 2005) and State Advisory Board member Chelsea Rock (CLP 2006)



Sorensen's Executive Director Bob Gibson with State Advisory Board Chairman Barbara Fried.



*Kaelan Young, Dendy Young,
and Andrea Young (PLP 2009)*



*Sean Kumar (PLP 2005), Rita Aguilar (PLP 2007)
and Tim Heaphy (PLP 2005)*

*RIGHT: The Dominion
Table. SEATED left to
right: Anne McKay,
Margaret Reagan,
Sharon Bulova.
STANDING left to
right: Bob Gibson, Bruce
McKay, Julie Sparks,
Paul Reagan,
Jean Hovey Murray, Bill
Murray, Phil Sparks.*



*Virginia State Senator Creigh Deeds and
U.S. Congressman Rob Wittman*



*Members of the PLP Class of 2007 from left to right:
Terron Sims, Vivek Kundra, Sapna Kundra,
Jeff Faries, and Rob Hamilton*

**For more photos of the 2009 Gala,
check out the SLIDESHOW in the Online Sorensen Newsroom**



LEFT: The Claude Moore Foundation Table. SEATED left to right: Anne Rocktashel, Alice Brown, Gary Brown, Anne Jones, Nathan Jones. STANDING left to right: Daniel Nichols, Rachael Nichols, Lynn Tadlock Luke McFarland, Tina Oshaughnessy



Steve Cochran (PLP 2009), Congressman Tom Perriello and Congressman Jim Moran



Former Lieutenant Governor John Hager and Mrs. Maggie Hager

**** AWARD WINNERS ****



State Board member Delegate JOHN COSGROVE (PLP 1998) was presented with the annual Service to Sorensen Award for his unselfish and dedicated work supporting the Sorensen mission. John's friend and Legislative Aide Christie New Craig (PLP 2006) accepted the award on his behalf.



VIVEK KUNDRA (PLP 2007) was honored with the 2009 Expression of Ideals Award which is presented each year to a Sorensen graduate who best represents the principles at the heart of the Sorensen mission: a spirit of ethics, bipartisanship, and civic engagement.

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Media Watch

Now Available in the Online Sorensen Newsroom



Public Radio WVTF recently profiled Sorensen's youth programs in a story that includes interviews with Emma Yackso (HSLP 08) and Marc Johnson (CLP 2003).
Click on FEBRUARY 18 to hear the podcast.



Cox Communications broadcast an interview with Board Chairman Barbara Fried and Vivek Kundra (PLP 07). The interview ran on Cox's Headline News channel throughout the northern Virginia region.
Click on FEBRUARY 19 to see the video.



Emma Yackso and Marc Johnson also discussed Sorensen's nationally recognized High School and College Leaders Programs on WINA's "Charlottesville—Right Now!"
Click on FEBRUARY 20 to hear the podcast.



Public Television WVPT recently showcased Sorensen's youth programs including interviews with Marc Johnson, Maribel Castaneda (HSLP 2008) and Martin Mash (CLP 2005)
Click on MARCH 23 to see the video.

Sorensen Calendar 2009

April

3-4: PLP 2009 meets in Roanoke.

13: Hampton Roads 2009 General Assembly Session Review at Christopher Newport University, 7pm.

14: "American Foreign Policy: Past, Present, and Future," An Evening with former Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger hosted by the Sorensen Institute, Piedmont Virginia Community College, 7pm.

20: Northern Virginia 2009 General Assembly Session Review at the Annandale Campus of Northern Virginia Community College, 7pm.

28: Democratic Issues Forum in Danville, 7pm, Institute for Advanced Learning (see page 3)

May

8-9: PLP 2009 meets in Staunton.

30: College Leaders Program Class of 2009 begins in Cville.

June

12-13: PLP 2009 meets in Charlottesville.

27: CLP 2009 Graduation

July

11: High School Leaders Program Class of 2009 begins in Cville.

17-18: PLP 2009 meets in Northern Virginia.

25: HSLP 2009 Graduation.

August

7-8: PLP 2009 meets in Martinsville.

September

11-12: PLP 2009 meets in Southwest Virginia.

October

9-10: PLP 2009 meets in Hampton Roads.

November

13-14: PLP 2009 meets in Richmond.

December

11-12: Political Leaders Program Class of 2009 celebrates its graduation in Charlottesville.

Founded in 1993 to educate, train and energize emerging leaders from the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership is a non-partisan organization dedicated to improving the quality of governance at levels of government throughout Virginia. The Sorensen Institute has established itself as a powerful and effective force for restoring public confidence in our political system. The Sorensen Institute does not participate in campaigns on behalf of issues, causes, or candidates for office. Though it is housed at the University of Virginia, the Sorensen Institute relies entirely on individual, foundation, and corporate gifts to support its programs. Virginia LEADERSHIP is a quarterly publication produced by staff at Sorensen and made available online. For information please contact Coy Barefoot, Director of Communications and Alumni Relations at barefoot@virginia.org or (434) 243-2427.