

PROGRAM LEADERSHIP

Bruce Adams, Program Founder

Bruce received the 2011 Distinguished Service to Public Education Award from the Montgomery County Board of Education in recognition of his 25 years teaching leadership seminars to County high school students. A former president and two-term member of the Montgomery County Council, Bruce is the director of County Executive Ike Leggett's Office of Community Partnerships.

Bruce was named a "Washingtonian of the Year" by *Washingtonian* magazine in 1998. He received the Scull Metropolitan Public Service Award from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments in 1993 and the William Prescott Allen Award from the B-CC Chamber of Commerce in 2005. Bruce started Montgomery County's Community Service Day in 1987, founded Bethesda Big Train baseball at Shirley Povich Field in 1999, and started the World of Montgomery Festival in 2008. He received the Peacemaker of the Year award from the Conflict Resolution Center of Montgomery County in 2017.

The Lazarus Leadership Fellows Program was honored by the B-CC High School Educational Foundation in 2010 and has been endorsed by:

- Donna Redmond Jones Ph.D., B-CC High School Principal
- B-CC High School PTSA
- B-CC Chamber of Commerce
- Leadership Montgomery

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THE PROJECTS OF 2017 REFLECTED THE BREADTH OF INTEREST, CREATIVITY, AND COMPASSION OF THE FELLOWS.

- ★ **Training Global Citizens:** Cultural immersion camp for children at National Center for Children and Families.
- ★ **Preparing to Succeed:** Introduction to high school for incoming ninth graders.
- ★ **Kids Just Like Us:** Create fun activities for patients at Children's Hospital.
- ★ **Write to Excite:** Literacy and creative expression camp at National Center for Children and Families.
- ★ **Getting Seniors Connected:** Taught residents of retirement communities how to better use their mobile devices.
- ★ **Ladies Bare All:** Created video focused on the empowerment of girls at B-CC High School.
- ★ **Leveling the Playing Field:** Program for children who might not otherwise have the opportunity to participate in sports.

"I learned the real meaning of having patience."

— Lazarus Fellow

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Sunday January 7, 2018

Applicants will be notified by February 8, 2018 whether they are accepted in the program or not.

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THE 2018 LAZARUS LEADERSHIP FELLOWS PROGRAM

TOMORROW'S LEADERS CHANGING THE WORLD TODAY



“Our students ought to be taught fundamental lessons that say democracy is precious, democracy is perishable, democracy requires active attention, and democracy requires hard work.”

— Roger Wilkins, Professor of History and American Culture, George Mason University

COMPONENTS OF THE PROGRAM

Learning About Leadership

In 2017, Fellows volunteered at A Wider Circle and worked to restore a former Germantown farm as a living museum to teach the story of the lives of slaves in pre-Civil War Montgomery County. In addition, they participated in a ropes course and visited Bethesda Magazine, Music Center at Strathmore, National Center for Children and Families, Bethesda Urban Partnership, Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad, and KID Museum.

Lazarus seminars are generally held on Sunday evenings in the Bethesda area. The introductory meeting will be held on Sunday February 25 at A Wider Circle. We will have a day long team building session at an outdoor ropes course on Sunday April 8. Other sessions will be Sunday afternoons or evenings on March 4 and 18, April 15, 22, and 29, and May 6 and 20.

The program continues throughout the summer, with Fellows meeting once or twice to share experiences about their projects and help each other with problem solving. In 2017, the Fellows visited Capitol Hill and attended a baseball game at Nats Park. Fellows are expected to participate in all of the meetings.

Serving the Community

Each Fellow designs a community service leadership project that requires a commitment of 200 hours during the summer. The purpose of the project is to effect change – to make something happen that might not happen without the initiative of the Fellow. The Program Founder works with the Fellows to select and design service projects, which may be team projects of more than one Fellow.

Reflecting on and Celebrating the Experience

On the afternoon of September 9, Fellows will help staff an Interfaith Unity Walk and then meet to share and reflect on their experiences. A graduation ceremony follows later in the month at Strathmore Hall.

Personal & Project Expenses

In mid-June, as they begin their service projects, each Fellow receives \$250 for meals, transportation, and expenses for the summer.

Stipend or Community Service Credit

Upon completion of the program in September 2018, Fellows elect to receive a stipend of \$750 or credit for 200 student service learning hours. To receive the stipend or the service hours credit, a Fellow must participate in the seminars and summer meetings, complete a journal reflecting on the entire Fellowship, and submit a report on his or her project that includes an evaluation from the Fellow’s supervisor.

TWENTY-SECOND YEAR OF SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY

Named in honor of Julius and Dorothy Lazarus in recognition of their years of service to the children of the Bethesda area and the generous financial support provided by their foundation, the Lazarus Leadership Fellows Program helps prepare 15 high school juniors and sophomores for their citizen leadership responsibilities each year. Since 1997, the Lazarus Fellows have completed more than 60,000 hours of community service.

All previous groups of Lazarus Fellows tell us it was a life-changing experience. An applicant a few years ago recalled an end-of-summer conversation with a Lazarus Fellow:

“I was amazed at the scope and detail that went into his endeavor, but the real shock came when I asked, ‘Who is running this program?’ and he replied ‘Oh, me.’ He described the way he was able to literally create this program from the ground up. He was immensely happy with the idea that he could challenge himself the way he did and for the results to be self-evident.”



“I learned that communication and teamwork are crucial to successful leadership. Over the summer these were things that I used every day with my group members and were important to running our camp successfully. I feel that I have already developed these traits over the summer, and I know they will be very useful to me in the future.” — Lazarus Fellow



STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM

The Fellows Program is open to all 10th and 11th grade students living in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase community. Each year, at least 12 of the 15 Fellows are students at B-CC High School. Past Lazarus programs have also included students from area public and private schools. The program seeks a diverse range of students.

Fellows are selected on the basis of demonstrated academic ability and service to the community. The most important part of the selection process is an essay describing an issue about which the applicant feels passionately enough to devote 200 hours of community service during the summer. The selection committee is made up of business and civic leaders, a parent, a teacher, and a former Lazarus Fellow.