

News Release

Shore Leadership Visits the NASA Wallops Flight Facility



Photo Caption: Shore Leadership Class of 2017 visits NASA Wallops Flight Facility

The 2018 Shore Leadership Class toured the NASA Wallops Flight Facility as part of their two-day leadership training in October. Mr. Keith Koehler, News Chief for the Office of Communications at NASA's Wallops Flight Facility, led the class on a "behind the gates tour" of the facility. During the visit the class visited the control room and launch pad to understand the many facets of the NASA facility.

Later that afternoon, the class visited the NASA Wallops Education Center where Dr. Joyce Winterton, Senior Advisor for Education and Leadership Development, and Linda Sherman, Educational Directorate, shared information about the educational programs and student internships available through NASA. Dr. Winterton then took the group through a Decision-Making Exercise to simulate NASA launches allowing them to make decisions about each mission.

Immediately following the tour, Dr. Memo Diriker, Executive Director and founder of BEACON (Business Economic and Community Outreach Network at Salisbury University), Dan McDermott, Executive Director of the Upper Shore Workforce Investment Board, and Mike Pennington, Executive Director of the Tri-

County Council for the Lower Shore of Maryland, discussed the current and future workforce development and training needs for the Eastern Shore. Concerns were raised about the expanded use of robotics and the need for services to assist the aging population. The discussion was a great overview of the issues impacting the Shore and more importantly the need for regional collaboration and communication.

Day-two of the program session focused on Leadership Development led by Facilitator, Carol Graser where the class created and then discussed their Personal Mission Statements.

The final Shore Leadership Session will be held in Kent County on November 15th where the program session will focus on Manufacturing.

For more information on Shore Leadership or to apply to join the 2018 Shore Leadership Class, go to www.shoreleadership.org or email info@shoreleadership.org. The 2018 Shore Leadership Class begins with a two- day retreat on April 25-26, a \$200 discount will be applied to applicants who apply by November 15, 2017. Tuition assistance is also available upon request and approval.

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