**Jennifer Jones Graduates from Leadership Maryland’s Executive Program**

*Howard County Economic Development Authority, CEO, and Columbia resident recognized at December 3 ceremony*

**Easton, Md. (December 4, 2024) –** Leadership Maryland announced today that Jennifer Jones, CEO at Howard County Economic Development Authority has completed the Executive Program, a professional development program dedicated to building a better Maryland by harnessing the strength of its local business and community leaders. Leadership Maryland honored Jones, a resident of Columbia, and the entire Executive Program Class of 2024 at its 31st graduation ceremony held December 3 at the Hilton Baltimore BWI Airport. Jones is now a member of Leadership Maryland’s powerful alumni network, consisting of more than 1,500 esteemed leaders from all over the state.

Jones was one of 51 individuals chosen by a committee to complete the eight-month hands-on learning program. The class participated in an orientation and closing retreat that bookended five, two-day sessions focused on Maryland’s five main geographic regions and the most vital issues impacting economic development, education, health and human services, criminal justice, the environment, and multi-culturalism/diversity across the state. More than 100 experts representing Maryland’s business, government, education, and non-profit communities served as panelists and guest speakers.

“On behalf of our staff, board, and membership, I congratulate the Executive Program Class of 2024 on completing the program and joining our alumni family,” said David Fike ’16 (LM), president and CEO, Leadership Maryland. “Each class year brings its own unique lessons, and I am proud to have witnessed the ways the Class of 2024 embraced each one on their journey to become a force for positive change in their organizations, communities, and state.”

"I am honored to be a part of Leadership Maryland’s Executive Program Class of 2024,” said Jennifer Jones, CEO, Howard County Economic Development Authority. “This experience has been transformative, providing valuable insights into Maryland’s critical issues and connecting me with an incredible network of leaders dedicated to positive change. I am excited to bring this knowledge and these relationships back to Howard County to further support economic growth and innovation."

The Executive Program is open to senior-level executives with significant achievements in their careers and/or their communities. Ideal Leadership Maryland members have a desire to learn more about Maryland’s most critical issues and a personal commitment to be a force for positive change in their organizations, their communities, and their state.

For more information about Leadership Maryland, please visit [leadershipmd.org](mailto:leadershipmd.org), call 410-841-2101 or email [info@leadershipmd.org](mailto:info@leadershipmd.org).

**About Leadership Maryland**

Leadership Maryland is a statewide nonprofit offering professional development programs dedicated to building a better Maryland by harnessing the strength of its business and community leaders. Established in 1992, Leadership Maryland’s Executive Program selects as many as 52 diverse and accomplished senior-level leaders from Maryland’s public and private sectors each year to come together as a class for an eight-month learning program focused on the state’s most vital social, economic and environmental issues. And new in 2024, Leadership Maryland’s Emerging Leader Program brings together a class of the state’s rising stars and gives them the skills and tools they need to advance in their careers. With an alumni network comprised of leaders from all industries and regions of the state, Leadership Maryland has established thousands of Marylanders on their career leadership path, equipped with the knowledge, skills, and connections needed to influence positive change. To learn more, please visit [leadershipmd.org](http://www.leadershipmd.org/).

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