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Stacie Hunt to retire as head of Leadership Howard County

COLUMBIA, Md.—Stacie Hunt will retire as president and CEO of Leadership Howard County on June 30, 2022, after 20 years of leading the organization. Leadership Howard County seeks to empower leaders to strengthen and transform the community.

“Stacie has led by example at Leadership Howard County, growing the organization, developing our leadership programs and providing leaders with the skills needed to accomplish great things in Howard County and Maryland,” said Anne Brinker, chair of Leadership Howard County’s board of directors. “We’ll miss Stacie and wish her the best in her retirement.”

Under Hunt’s tenure as president and CEO, Leadership Howard County redesigned the organization’s leadership development programs, including the flagship Leadership Premier program, and introduced Leadership Essentials, a program for emerging leaders. In addition, Leadership Howard County expanded opportunities for high school students through Leadership U.

Hunt helped lead Leadership Howard County through two strategic plan redevelopments to solidify the organization’s vision for the future and ensure its sustainability. The organization moved into new offices in Columbia and celebrated three milestone anniversaries, its 20th, 25th and 30th, under Hunt’s direction.

“It’s been an honor and pleasure serving such a vital organization in Howard County,” Hunt said. “I’m grateful to the board, staff, volunteers, graduates and supporters who have made my time at Leadership Howard County meaningful and impactful. I look forward to watching Leadership Howard County continue to grow and build a community of strong leaders.”

Hunt graduated from Leadership Howard County and joined as executive director in 2002. In addition to her role with the organization, she serves on boards and councils throughout Howard County. She chairs the grants committee for the Horizon Foundation and serves on BGE’s Howard County Local Advisory Council, the Howard County Public School System Superintendent’s Program Innovation Advisory Board and Howard Community College’s International Education Advisory Board.

In addition, Hunt has volunteered for Howard County organizations for 30 years, including the Howard County Library System, Bright Minds Foundation, Association of Community Services, Howard County Chamber of Commerce and the Community Foundation of Howard County, among others.

Hunt holds a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing and business administration from Auburn University and a certification in transformational leadership and social change from Maryland University of Integrative Health.

An event will be held in the spring of 2022 to celebrate Hunt's leadership. A search for her replacement is underway.

Leadership Howard County provides innovative programs designed to empower and connect community leaders and keep them engaged in the critical issues facing Howard County and the region. Drawn from private businesses, nonprofits and the public sector, Leadership Howard County participants share a common interest in learning more about their community and a commitment to making a positive impact. (www.leadershiphc.org)

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