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Best of Ballston Awards Program Honors Marymount President Dr. Matthew D. Shank with Robert Ball, Sr. Award

The Ballston BID's annual meeting will also honor leaders in real estate and innovation

ARLINGTON, Va. (June 1, 2018) – The Ballston Business Improvement District (BID) will host the second annual Best of Ballston Awards Program presented by Clark Construction in conjunction with BID's Annual Meeting on June 14th. The awards program, which celebrates the creative minds behind Ballston's renaissance, will recognize Ballston's businesses, community leaders and real estate professionals.

The evening will culminate with the presentation of the Robert Ball Sr. Award to Dr. Matthew D. Shank, the President of Marymount University, in recognition of his contributions to Arlington and his dedication to strengthening the bonds of the Ballston community. Having served as Marymount's President since 2011, Dr. Shank oversaw the growth of the university in Arlington, and was instrumental in the opening of the Ballston Center complex on Fairfax Drive.

"I am honored to receive the Robert Ball, Sr. Award," said Dr. Shank. "Marymount's goal in redeveloping our Ballston Center was to create an intersection of commerce and imagination for our students and our community, and we are grateful to the many partners who shared our vision and helped bring it to life. I am especially pleased that Ballston Center is a physical representation of Marymount's commitment to blend private education, retail operations and commercial enterprises in a way that serves Arlington residents."

A panel of local leaders convened to review submissions and determined winners to be recognized through the following award categories:

- **Property Manager's Award** – presented to a Ballston Property Manager who utilizes resources in Ballston to connect tenants to services, products and programs that help build business;
- **Innovation & Creativity Award** – presented to a tenant of Ballston that has developed an innovative product or service, or has been in the forefront of innovation in their respective industry; and
- **Broker Award** – presented to a Ballston broker that has attracted the greatest number of new tenants or leased the greatest amount of square feet in Ballston.

"Over the past several years, Ballston has emerged as a premier destination for businesses in our region to lay down their roots," said Tina Leone, CEO of the Ballston BID. "We are proud to honor the innovative local business leaders, property managers, and real estate brokers who have helped transform our neighborhood to the hub of innovation it is today."



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The Ballston BID's 7th Annual Meeting and Best of Ballston Awards presented by Clark Construction will be hosted at the Hilton Arlington Hotel at 5:30pm on June 14th. Residents and business community members of the Ballston and neighboring areas are invited – registration is complimentary.

For registration and program information, please visit www.ballstonbid.com/boba.

About the Ballston Business Improvement District

The Ballston Business Improvement District (BID) is a 25-block neighbourhood with more than 8.3 million SF of office space, one-million SF of retail space and 8,000 residential units. The BID works to attract, support and connect the most compelling and ambitious minds in our region. Ballston's blend of urban sophistication and neighborhood charm make it a premier business, cultural and entertaining destination with top universities, scientific research organizations, Fortune 500 companies, upscale hotels, retail, green space, 60 restaurants and home to the Washington Capitals – all easily accessible by metro and major thoroughfares. For more information about the Ballston BID, visit www.ballstonbid.com.