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Maryland Public Television's Erin Chrest selected for Leadership Maryland class of 2022

*MPT executive and Baltimore City resident is among 52 chosen to participate in
professional development program*

OWINGS MILLS, MD – [Maryland Public Television](http://MarylandPublicTelevision.org)'s (MPT) Erin Chrest, managing director, Major and Planned Giving, is among 52 business, education, government, and nonprofit leaders chosen to participate in Leadership Maryland's 2022 professional development program.

[Leadership Maryland](http://LeadershipMaryland.org) is a non-profit organization offering professional and youth development programs dedicated to building a better Maryland by harnessing the strength of its current and future leaders. It is open to senior-level executives with significant achievements in either their careers and/or their communities. Ideal participants 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.

As part of Leadership Maryland's 29th class, Chrest will complete the hands-on learning program focused on the state's most vital issues. The program runs from April to December, and includes five, two-day sessions focused on Maryland's five main geographic regions and the most important 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 will serve as panelists and guest speakers.



In her leadership position within the statewide public TV network's Development Division, Chrest works with donors to fund the station's key priorities, in addition to overseeing grants, annual leadership giving, and planned giving activities for the station's affiliated 501(c)(3) nonprofit, the MPT Foundation, Inc.

Among her accomplishments, Chrest managed the successful conclusion in 2019 of the \$12.5 million Campaign for MPT. In addition, she established MPT's Legacy Society, which enables individuals to include the statewide broadcaster in their estate plans. She has also expanded membership in the Leadership Society, whose members make yearly contributions of \$1,200 or more to the MPT Foundation.

Chrest graduated with a bachelor's degree in English literature from Wheeling Jesuit University and earned a master's degree in Appalachian studies from Appalachian State University. She is also a member of the National Association of Charitable Gift Planners.

She resides in Baltimore City.

More information about Leadership Maryland is available at Leadershipmd.org.

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About Maryland Public Television

Maryland Public Television (MPT) is a statewide, public-supported TV network and Public Broadcasting Service member offering entertaining, educational, and inspiring content delivered by traditional broadcasting and streaming on TVs, computers, and mobile devices. A state agency, it operates under the auspices of the Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission. MPT creates local, regional, and national content and is a frequent winner of regional Emmy® awards. MPT's commitment to educators, parents, caregivers, and learners of all ages is delivered through instructional events and Thinkport.org. MPT's year-round community engagement activities connect viewers with resources on a wide range of topics. For more information visit mpt.org.