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Loudoun Laurels Foundation Announces Executive Leadership Transition

The Loudoun Laurels Foundation announced an upcoming leadership transition as Executive Director Nikki Daruwala prepares to step down at the end of 2025 after four years of distinguished service.

Since joining the foundation, Daruwala has played a pivotal role in strengthening the organization's reach, expanding its programs, and enhancing operational effectiveness. Under her leadership, the foundation has continued to uphold and elevate its mission of honoring community leadership and supporting youth mentorship across Loudoun County.

"We are deeply grateful for Nikki's dedication and the meaningful impact she has had on the Loudoun Laurels Foundation," said Joe May, Board Chair of the Loudoun Laurels Foundation. "Her steady leadership and commitment to excellence have positioned us for continued success. We wish her all the best in her next chapter."

Effective January 1, 2026, Aparna Sanjay, who has served as the foundation's Operations Director over the past year, will assume the role of Executive Director. Sanjay brings strong organizational leadership skills, a deep understanding of the foundation's programs, and a demonstrated commitment to advancing its mission.

"Aparna has already proven herself to be an invaluable member of our team," continued Mr. May. "Her operational expertise, and passion for community engagement make her exceptionally well-qualified to lead the Loudoun Laurels Foundation into its next phase."

As part of the transition, the foundation is also pleased to announce that Margaret Brown, a seasoned local marketing professional, will join the organization as Communications and Outreach Director. Brown brings extensive experience in brand strategy, community engagement, and nonprofit communications, and will help strengthen the foundation's visibility and outreach across Loudoun County.

The Loudoun Laurels Foundation expresses its deepest appreciation to Nikki Daruwala for her service and looks forward to continued growth and impact under the leadership of Aparna Sanjay and Margaret Brown.

About the Loudoun Laurels Foundation:

The Loudoun Laurels Foundation is dedicated to honoring exceptional community leadership and empowering the next generation of leaders through mentorship, scholarships, and educational support. The foundation celebrates individuals whose contributions exemplify the values of service, integrity, and civic engagement.