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Spring 2017

~ Save The Date! ~

10th Annual Bench-Bar Culinary Challenge

When: June 14, 2017

Location: Home of Hon. Wendy Baxter,
in Detroit's historic Sherwood Forest neighborhood

* All profits benefit Alternatives for Girls, Crossroads for Youth and WLAM Foundation Scholarship Fund.

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Women Lawyers Association of Michigan Foundation

The Women Lawyers Association of Michigan Foundation's primary mission is to support the legal education of women who show leadership in advancing the position of women in society. Donations can be made through www.wlamfoundation.org or by contacting us at (248) 740-7003.



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For more information on the Foundation's community involvement, scholarship program and upcoming events please visit our website at www.wlamfoundation.org or email us at wlamfmi@gmail.com.

2017 Scholarship Awardees



The 2017 Outstanding Women Law Student awardees of the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan Foundation are:

Emmanuela Jean-Etienne; Jennifer Smith; Lauren Washburn Rogers; Luciana Viramontes; Nicole Sappingfield; Husnah Khan; Aruna Vithiananthan; Amber Thomas; Wanda Roberts; Ava Morgenstern and Ana Juneja.

The WLAM Foundation's scholarship program has awarded 246 law students with over \$592,500 to support their law school educations. Specially named awards exist for scholarships supported by large and ongoing donations from General Motors and Dickinson Wright Women's Network, for WLAMF President Dawn Van Hoek and for a scholarship named for former WLAM Treasurer Kimberly M. Cahill.

Thank You to the 2017 Dean's List

Summa Cum Laude (\$2,500 and above)

General Motors; Albert & Doris Pitt Foundation; Bench-Bar Culinary Challenge Committee; Dickinson Wright

Magna Cum Laude (\$1,000 to \$2,500)

Bodman, PLC; Carole Chiamp; Sue Ellen Eisenberg; Giarmarco, Mullins & Horton PC; Pamela Harwood; TalaricoLaw

Cum Laude (\$750-\$999)

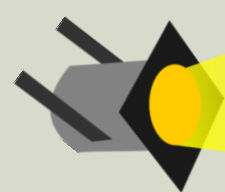
Schoenherr, Cahill & Warnez, PC♥; Marianne & Judge Lawrence Talon

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♥ Donations made to the Kimberly M. Cahill Scholarship Fund

♦ Donations made to the Florence King Scholar in Patent Law Fund



Donor Spotlight

WLAM Foundation relies on the help of donors from within, and outside of, the law community. Attorney Karen Seder is a new donor to the WLAM Foundation. Ms. Seder made a donation to the Foundation on the eve of the Presidential Election in November, in honor of Hillary Clinton's historical candidacy. Thank you to Ms. Seder for her kindness and generosity to the Foundation, and to all our donors for helping WLAMF to continue to support the education of women.



A Successful WLAM Foundation Reception

This year's WLAM Foundation Reception for Education and Community Leadership was held on March 23rd at the The Rust Belt Market in Ferndale.

• This year's "Do Good Work" Grant Honoree was **Hope Shores Alliance**, for its support of survivors of sexual and domestic violence.

(Pictured: WLAMF Treasurer Paula M. Talarico, WLAMF board member and prior awardee Maya Watson, and Hope Shores Alliance Executive Director Katy Conklin.)



• This year the WLAM Foundation introduced the **Florence King Scholar in Patent Law Award**, supporting students planning a patent law career. The first recipient of this award was Ana Juneja, of Western Michigan Cooley Law School.

• A "pre-glow" was held with WLAM Foundation prior awardees. We were honored to host Justice Joan Larsen of the Michigan Supreme Court who met with some of our prior and current awardees.



(Pictured Left: WLAM Foundation Scholarship Awardees with Honorable Joan Larsen, Michigan Supreme Court Justice.)

(Pictured Right: 2017 Awardee Amber Thomas with WLAMF Prior Awardee Katila Howard.)



(Pictured Left: Awardee Jennifer Smith, UDM Law School Dean Phyllis Crocker, Awardee Aruna Vithiananthan.)

• A big thank you to our generous sponsors of the event: Kenneth M. Bernard, CFA, Bernard Wealth Management Corp.; Nancy Glen & Ralph McDowell; and TalaricoLaw.