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WLAM Foundation Hosts March Reception Honoring Students and Donors

Over 100 attendees of the WLAM Foundation's 2007 Awards Reception gathered on March 29, 2007 at the St. John's Conference Center in Plymouth, enjoying an evening in the Center's lovely Atrium. Attendees celebrated the accomplishments of the 19 Outstanding Women Law Students who were announced and profiled on their accomplishments. Each student-awardee received between \$2,000 and \$3,750 in awards given in recognition of leadership, or commitment to women's or diversity issues. The awards included four for "Ford Scholars," \$3,750 awards underwritten by the Ford Motor Company Fund. This marks the sixth year in which Ford has supported these generous awards. Also awarded this year were five \$3,000 awards to "GM Scholars," outstanding women law students who have demonstrated leadership on diversity issues. The remaining ten awards of \$2,500 each were given to WLAM Foundation Scholars. Profiles of the students appear on the Foundation's web site, www.wlamfoundation.org.



The 2007 Outstanding Women Law Students attending the WLAM Foundation's Annual Awards Reception on March 29, 2007. Profiles of the Awardees appear at www.wlamfoundation.org.

The annual Awards Reception also provided an opportunity to recognize and thank the generous members of the "Dean's List," major donors to the Foundation's scholarship fund. The Reception was generously sponsored by Ford Motor Company, the Kelly Law Registry, and LexisNexis.

Attendees were entertained by choral selections from the ForumShoppers, a quartet led by the Hon. William Giovan, Wayne Circuit Judge. And, State Representative Barbara Byrum provided inspiring remarks on leadership, speaking from her perspective as a business owner, community leader, freshman legislator, and prior WLAM Foundation awardee.

Photos from the Awards Reception, and Rep. Byrum's remarks, appear on the Foundation's web site, www.wlamfoundation.org.



The Forumshoppers, led by Judge William J. Giovan (third from left), other members are: Euel Kinsey, Marvin Shupski and David Montera.

Ongoing Support for Women's Education

The Women Lawyers Association of Michigan Foundation enjoys ongoing financial support from prominent Michigan law firms that recognize the importance of supporting tomorrow's leaders in the law. At the top of our Dean's List in terms of seniority are the following major donors:

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The WLAM Foundation thanks the following generous members of the year-2007 Dean's List:

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DW Women's Network Establishes New Scholarship

The Women's Network of Dickinson Wright, PLLC, has made a five-year commitment to a new scholarship for an outstanding woman law student, to be administered by the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan Foundation. The Dickinson Wright Women's Network Award, in the amount of \$2,500 annually, will go to a student meeting leadership criteria who attends one of Michigan's accredited law schools. The application process will be announced by the Foundation in late summer, 2007, on its web site, www.wlam-foundation.org.

"The Network was created more than seven years ago to recognize the importance of diversity in the legal profession, provide networking opportunities between the firm's women clients and its women attorneys, and provide internal mentoring for Dickinson Wright's women attorneys," says Lee Khachaturian, Chair of the firm's Women's Network. She adds, "We are delighted to add the establishment of the Dickinson Wright Women's Network Scholarship to our list of achievements, and are excited about the impact we expect it will have on exceptional women law students and the future of our profession."

The Foundation thanks the Dickinson Wright Women's Network, Ms. Khachaturian, and Kathy Lang, a former WLAM Foundation board member and partner at the firm!

Photos from the Awards Reception



Rep. Barbara Byrum, Michigan House of Representatives, and Dawn Van Hoek, Chair of the WLAM Foundation.

WLAMF Trustee and Ford attorney Dolores Nunez Studier, Ford Scholars Karissa Holmes and Meredith Mullins.



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