



American News Women's Club

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ANWC and CNN's Candy Crowley To Honor Scholars

WASHINGTON D.C., – The American News Women's Club (ANWC), the longest serving national organization for women in the media, announces its 2012 scholarship winners. Four aspiring journalists will each receive \$3,000 awards at the 2012 ANWC 18th Gala and Award Dinner June 13 honoring Candy Crowley, CNN Chief Political Correspondent and anchor of State of the Union with Candy Crowley.

The scholars are:

Omama Altaleb will be a sophomore at George Mason University and is majoring in communications with a journalism concentration. She is pursuing a career in journalism to answer her mother's perennial question, "How are you going to make the world a better place?" She has been interning at GMU's Arab Studies Institute while studying, and is considering a double major with conflict resolution.

Rachel Auerbach will be a junior at the University of Maryland College Park and is majoring in journalism and government and politics. She hopes one day to be a network anchor. She has known since she first stepped into a newsroom, in her senior year of high school, that reporting people's stories is what she wants to do. She has volunteered with Maryland Online Television Station and TerpsTV, and has written for *The Diamondback*, *Eclipse*, and the website Her Campus.

Rachel Karas will be a senior at American University and is working on two bachelor's degrees—one in print journalism and the other in international studies. She embraced journalism after seeing how sensitive news writing on the Virginia Tech massacre could help the whole nation to grieve that tragedy. She has set as her goal becoming one of the premier journalists covering the Middle East. In pursuit of that goal, she has studied a semester in Israel and is learning Arabic. She has also interned with the *Washington Post* and Agence France Presse, worked in a local television station and written for the *Eagle*.

Nicole Raz will be a senior at American University and is majoring in print journalism with a minor in international studies. She has been pursuing her dream of being an international reporter since high school, writing for local newspapers in her hometown of Albuquerque, N.M. She has lived in both China and Italy. She spent two years at the University of New Mexico, interning for a local newspaper and convincing broadcast reporters to let her shadow them to learn their craft. Last fall, she transferred to American University's journalism program, and now works with American TV and edits the satirical paper, *Eagle Droppings*.

The American News Women's Club is celebrating its 80th anniversary this year. Founded in 1932 as the American Newspaper Women's Club, the organization includes among its members professional communicators representing newspapers, radio and television, publishing companies, independent authors, online media, public relations firms, academic institutions, government, and more. ANWC has awarded scholarships since 1975 to outstanding young women in journalism or communications degree programs at local area colleges and universities.