



## Media Advisory

### 2016 Ann Liguori Foundation Scholarship Winner Announced!

(Westhampton, NY – April 21, 2016) -- The **Ann Liguori Foundation** is pleased to announce the 2016 **Ann Liguori Foundation Sports Media Scholarship** recipient has been awarded to Allison Waddington from Jamison, Pennsylvania. Allison is currently a senior at LaSalle University in Philadelphia where she will start her MA in the Fall. She has interned at the Philadelphia Eagles, worked in LaSalle's athletic communication department and the college radio station. She keeps active as a member of the school's softball team and is on the dean's list. Allison's career goal is public or community relations for a pro sports team. The **Ann Liguori Foundation Sports Media Scholarship** is one of the scholarships administered by the **New York Women in Communications (NYWIC) Foundation**.

"I am incredibly honored and ecstatic to be the recipient of the **Ann Liguori Foundation Sports Media Scholarship** this year," says Allison Waddington.

"To even be mentioned in the same sentence with Ann is something that I am truly grateful for. Ann is such an inspiration to me and a true role model. Her portfolio of work and the success that she has had have allowed her to pave the way for other women interested in pursuing a career in sports media. I know that sports media is not the easiest field to break into, especially being a woman, but knowing that I have the support of Ann and her foundation gives me the hope and confidence I need to pursue my dreams. I hope that I can make Ann and her foundation proud!"

**The Ann Liguori Foundation Sports Media Scholarship** supports the study of sports media communications or management and is intended for those hoping to pursue a career in sports broadcasting, reporting, programming or production.

Each year, the New York Women in Communications Foundation, a 501c3, awards 15-20 scholarships to graduating high school seniors and undergraduate and graduate students who intend to pursue or further a career in communications. An applicant must be majoring, planning to declare a major, or pursuing an advanced degree in a communications-related field at an accredited college/university in New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Connecticut. Winners must go to school or be a permanent resident of one of those four states. Communications-related fields include, but are not limited to, advertising, broadcasting, communications, digital media, English, film, journalism, marketing, public relations, or publishing. Applicants must have an overall GPA of 3.2 or better (or the recalculated high school equivalent).

"We are grateful to Ann for her support of a student scholarship," says Linda Descano, President, New York Women in Communications Foundation. "Importantly, the scholarship focuses on sports media, a traditionally male-leaning aspect of our industry. We are delighted we can now assist young women looking to pursue non-traditional media roles and one day break glass ceilings."

Recipients are chosen by the New York Women in Communications Foundation Scholarship Committee on the basis of academic achievement, demonstrated leadership, participation in school and community-service activities, honors and other awards or recognition, work experience, and statement of goals and aspirations. Need and unusual personal and/or family circumstances are also considered.

The **Ann Liguori Foundation** was established by sports radio and television talk show host, reporter and author **Ann Liguori** to support a variety of not-for-profit organizations and causes.

Each year, Ann hosts the **Ann Liguori Foundation Charity Golf Classic** to raise money for a variety of charities. This is Ann's 18th year hosting this tourney. The event will take place on **Monday, May 23** at **Friar's Head** on the East End of Long Island. To register to play, click here:

<http://www.annliguori.com/charitygolfeventinfo.php>

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#### **About New York Women in Communications Foundation:**

The New York Women in Communications Foundation, the philanthropic arm of New York Women in Communications, Inc, cultivates leaders in our field by providing financial support, opportunities for professional development and mentoring, and entrée to a diverse community of communications professionals. We are the largest foundation for women's communications scholarships in the New York-New Jersey-Connecticut-Pennsylvania region.

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