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The 2013 Signature Reception: A Fun and Notable Evening

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On October 24th, members, sponsors and friends of the Virginia WPF celebrated together at its first *Signature Reception*, which was held in Richmond. The reception was fun and notable for several reasons.

demands and unlimited access knock us off balance on a regular basis.

Service at the reception was impeccable thanks to the Virginia Men in Public Finance!

Male representatives from our key sponsors, as well as state and local governments, embraced their roles as servers and added a terrific, fun spirit to the evening. We at the Vir-

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Virginia WPF awarded its first Mary S. Blackwell Barnes Scholarships to two well-deserving college students. The award presentation was particularly special because of the presence of Mary Barnes' family and friends at the reception.

Attendees heard inspiring stories and advice from the successful women's business owner, Katherine Wintsch. Katherine spoke about the "Perfect Mom Paradox" and shared practical tips for finding balance in a world where various

Guest Server "Paper Plate" Awards

Most Creative Apron
Arthur Anderson, McGuireWoods

Best Server
Andrew Busan, Raymond James

Most Masculine Apron
Kevin Rotty, The PFM Group

Specialty Drink Award
Steve Schemmel, Bank of America Merrill Lynch

Best Public Finance Themed Apron
T.W. Williams, McGuireWoods

Mentoring News

In November the Mentorship Committee held a panel discussion at the University of Virginia to educate students about the various careers in public finance. The event consisted of a great discussion on the similarities and differences in the experiences of our panelists. The Mentorship Committee is currently working with representatives from Virginia Commonwealth University to hold a similar panel discussion in either March or April. If you are interested in serving as a panelist for the next panel discussion, please contact either Lisa Williams or Kirsten Krug.

In addition, the Mentorship Committee is currently pairing up members looking for formal mentorship relationships with mentors and mentees. If you are interested in receiving a mentor or mentee, please contact either Lisa Williams or Kirsten Krug.

As a result of the success of the "Meet Your Maker" speed mentoring event in the fall, the Mentorship Committee will have a "speed networking" event at the January wine tasting in Tysons Galleria. You are guaranteed to meet someone new!

We want to hear from you! If you have ideas on mentoring events that you would like to see please contact a member of the Mentorship Committee or email us at info@virginiawpf.org.

September Iron Chef Photos—Norfolk



Interested in Serving on a VA WPF Committee?

Please email info@virginiawpf.org with your interest in any of the following committees: Events Planning, Sponsorship, Communication/Outreach, Scholarship or Mentoring. We are looking for people willing and able to provide enthusiasm and ideas with minimal time commitment.



Women in Public Finance, Virginia Chapter, Announces Winners of the 2013 Mary S. Blackwell Barnes Memorial Scholarship

Jessica Rogers
George Mason University
School of Management
Class of 2014
Master of Business Administration

Jessica Rogers is working toward her Master of Business Administration with a concentration in finance at George Mason University's School of Management. While Jessica has an exemplary academic background, the scholarship committee was most impressed with her leadership skills and clearly demonstrated commitment to public service through her work with various non-profit organizations. Jessica is currently involved with Build Metro DC, an organization



aimed at encouraging continued education through entrepreneurship programs. Jessica has also recently started a new non-profit organization, Mama's House of Northern Virginia, to serve as a resource for teen mothers. Mama's House is intended to provide a bridge to enable young mothers to continue their education, as well as increase their knowledge of personal finance matters.

Meg Schwenzfeier
The College of William & Mary
Class of 2014
Bachelor of Arts, Government

Meg Schwenzfeier is currently pursuing her Bachelor of Arts in Government at The College of William & Mary. Meg is the campaign coordinator for William & Mary's Young Democrats and last year led that chapter to do more voter contact than any other Virginia chapter. She restarted William & Mary's dormant Virginia21 Chapter as a freshman, and during her sophomore year, helped lead a successful lobbying effort to convince state senators to amend SB1, regarding Voter ID law, to include student IDs as acceptable forms of identification for voting. Through her internships at

EMILY's List and Kaine for Virginia, Meg developed an interest in government communications, in connecting public officials with their constituents through the media and the ways in which communications professionals can build support for legislative initiatives.



The scholarships were awarded to Ms. Rogers and Ms. Schwenzfeier at the 2013 Virginia Women in Public Finance Signature Reception held in Richmond on October 24th.

An announcement on this year's scholarship competition will be circulated in the coming weeks, and an overview of the scholarship and application materials will be posted on our website at www.virginiawpf.org. Please feel free to email us at info@virginiawpf.org with any questions on the scholarship or application process.

Membership List

Don't forget that you can view the VA WPF membership list on our website by using the following link: http://www.virginiawpf.org/?page_id=318

Please contact info@virginiawpf.org for the password.

VA WPF Fall Membership Drive

The Communications/Outreach Committee held its fall membership drive from September 1 through October 15, 2013. We challenged our membership to refer new members to our organization and the person with the most referrals would receive an IPAD Mini. The winner of the IPAD along with a \$25 I-tunes gift card was Sheila Minor of Minor & Associates (a member since May 2013).

Our fall drive produced 21 new VA WPF members and membership now totals 206 members comprising 116 public sector, 86 private sector and 4 student members.

Upcoming Events!

Keep an eye on your email or visit our website for information on:

**Happy Hour with "Hot Topics" Discussion at Southern Railway Taphouse, Richmond, VA —
 February 27, 2014, 5:00 to 6:30 pm**

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Signature Reception

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ginia WPF were particularly impressed by the creative aprons that were personalized by each of our servers.

The reception was such a success that we have decided to focus on making the Signature Reception our biggest and best event each year.

Thanks to everyone who attended the reception in 2013 and especially to our male servers!



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