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WOMEN IN FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT FOUNDATION, INC. Announces 2022 Annual Award Recipients and Scholarship Winners

(Arlington, VA) The Women in Federal Law Enforcement Foundation, Inc., (WIFLE) is pleased to announce its 2022 Annual Award recipients and scholarship winners. The WIFLE Foundation Awards are presented to sworn and non-sworn women who have excelled in the following areas of law enforcement excellence:

- Demonstrated exceptional courage, bravery or heroism;
- Sustained superior levels of intelligence analysis and situational awareness during a National Security Special Event (NSSE) to prevent crime and terrorism;
- Modeled superior performance as role models for women in law enforcement;
- Recognized as a strong advocate whose demonstrated commitment has eliminated systemic barriers to career opportunities for women;
- Performed outstanding work as a state or local officer in a task force to investigate sex trafficking, terrorist crimes, and other civil rights violations against women;
- Prosecuted federal crimes involving trafficking of women, children, human beings, violence against women or minorities, civil rights and any terrorist related violation about the United States;
- Developed an effective partnership with a private sector in creating a system that prevents crimes; and,
- Contributed to the public interest of our country by faithfully serving and maintaining a distinguished law enforcement career for over 20 years.
- Recognized for outstanding achievement in government service by the Board of Directors of the WIFLE Foundation, Inc.

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The 2022 WIFLE Annual Award recipients and scholarship winners are as follows:

Julie Y. Cross Award

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Special Agent
Diplomatic Security Service
U.S. Department of State

Jenna Y. Maguire
Supervisory Special Agent
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

The Julie Y. Cross Award is named in memory of a U.S. Secret Service agent, the first female federal law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty on June 4, 1980.

Elizbeth Smith Friedman Intelligence Award of Excellence

Alyse V. Andrews
Investigative Analyst
Diplomatic Security Service
U.S. Department of State

Blerta Mucaj Wyatt
Senior Intelligence Analyst
Diplomatic Security Service
U.S. Department of State

This award honors federal law enforcement personnel, sworn and non-sworn, and full-time intelligence professionals for significant acts of exceptional levels of intelligence analysis to further investigative operations, secure a National Security Special Event (NSSE), reduce crime and prevent terrorism. Ms. Smith-Friedman is the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives' (ATF) first female Prohibition Investigator and accomplished Crypt-Analyst who fought threats of the prohibition era involving transnational organized crime syndicates that controlled liquor and narcotics smuggling.

Outstanding Advocate for Women in Federal Law Enforcement Employee Awards

Alana-Paige Bell
Assistant Supervisory Air Marshal in Charge
Technical Security Administration/Federal Air Marshal Service

The Outstanding Advocate for Women Award honors the contributions of an individual toward the elimination of systemic barriers to careers opportunities for women in law enforcement.

Outstanding Federal Law Enforcement Employee

Katherine Eberhart
Chief, Firearms Operation Division

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives

Jessica Meir

Special Agent
Drug Enforcement Administration

Angie M. Salazar

Special Agent in Charge
Homeland Security Investigations

Jennifer Terami

Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation

The Outstanding Federal Law Enforcement Employee Award honors an outstanding employee in the field of law enforcement who has shown a sustained superior level of performance throughout her career. violation; any terrorist-related violation against the United States; or commission of any corporate or government fraud.

Thomson Reuters/WIFLE Partnership Award

Keri Brady

Assistant Director
Passenger Division – National Targeting Center
U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Ty Fletcher

Supervisory Federal Air Marshal
Federal Air Marshal Service

Kimberley Thompson

Supervisory Federal Air Marshal in Charge
Federal Air Marshal Service

The Thomson Reuters/WIFLE Partnership Award honors an individual who has led the way to developing an effective strategy and initiated an effective partnership with a private sector entity in creating a system that prevents crimes.

Top Prosecutor

Melissa O'Boyle

Assistant United States Attorney
U.S. Attorney's Office

Eastern District of Virginia

Jenna Reed

Assistant United States Attorney
United States Attorney's Office
Eastern District of Kentucky

Mary Setzer

Assistant United States Attorney
United States Attorney's Office
District of Maryland

The Top Prosecutor Award recognizes a career federal prosecutor for exemplary achievements in prosecutions of federal crimes involving trafficking of women or children; trafficking of human beings for forced labor; commission of crimes of violence against women or a minority group; a civil rights violation; any terrorist related violation against the United States; or commission of any corporate or government fraud. Our Top Prosecutors this evening is being recognized for the prosecution of Fraud, Child Exploitation and Terrorism.

Outstanding Contribution of a State or Local Officer Serving on a Federal Task Force

Kalle James-Wintjen

Detective First Class
Howard County Police Department
Vice and Human Trafficking Unit

The Outstanding Contribution of a State or Local Officer Serving on a Federal Task Force Award recognizes the exceptional investigative work of a state or local law enforcement officer in a task force engaged in trafficking of women or children for sexual exploitation, forced labor, crime of violence against women or minorities, civil rights violations or terrorist-related crimes against the United States or any corporate or governmental fraud.

WIFLE Foundation President's Award

Sonya K. Chavez

United States Marshal
U.S. Marshal Service

This WIFLE Foundation President's Award is the highest honorary award given by WIFLE to recognize an individual for outstanding achievement in government service. This award is presented by the Board of Directors of the WIFLE Foundation, Inc.

WIFLE Foundation Public Service Award

Dawn Caltagirone

Assistant Port Director
Office of Field Operations
Customs and Border Protection
Port of Buffalo, New York

Melissa A. Gibson

Special Agent
United States Attorney's Office
District of New Jersey
U.S. Department of Justice

Paula Perfetti

Supervisory Law Enforcement Specialist
Federal Protective Service

Shannon Robbins

Chief, Designation and Sentence Computation Center
Federal Bureau of Prisons

Anne E. Salazar

Senior Intelligence Analyst
United States Coast Guard

The WIFLE Foundation Public Service Award salutes the exemplary performance of career civil servants (with more than 20 years of experience) who consistently contribute to the public interests of our country.

WIFLE Scholarship

Abigail Falkowski – California

Elizabeth Renteria-Gomez – Florida

Angel Leigh St.Clair – Virginia

WIFLE Members Only Scholarship

Madeleine Loshaw – Michigan

Scholarship Recipients:

This year, WIFLE awarded four scholarships to college students with excellent academic potential, superior achievement, and a devout commitment to serving their local communities.

WIFLE is proud of the superior accomplishments of all of the 2022 Award Recipients and scholarship winners. Collectively, WIFLE's honorees have maintained their commitment to academic excellence and to upholding the honorable tenets of the law enforcement profession.

WIFLE remains the only organization in the United States dedicated to providing solutions to issues facing women in federal law enforcement through annual professional leadership training.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: For questions concerning this release, please contact WIFLE Foundation, Inc., President Cathy Sanz or WIFLE Foundation Vice President Jessie Lane at 301-805-2180.

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