

METROPOLITAN WOMEN'S DEMOCRATIC CLUB

NEWS INFORMATION



Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton Legacy Fund Scholarship Award Presentation, hosted by the DC Federation of Democratic Women

University of the District of Columbia, David A. Clarke School of Law
Thursday, January 31, 2019 at 6:30pm

SCHOLARSHIP HISTORY

The Eleanor Holmes Norton Legacy Fund (EHNLF) was established by the DC Federation of Democratic Woman in 2018 as an independent, 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization. The EHNLF provides annual scholarship awards to outstanding women students who are District residents studying law or pursuing a master's degree in public policy, and who best demonstrate the passion, determination, and commitment to public service embodied by Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, the District of Columbia's 'Warrior on the Hill.'

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In an era when notoriety often overshadows some communities, individuals worthy of emulation can be difficult to find. Often combing through a lot of fluff just to reach what one would hope is a rare jewel can be an extremely time-consuming undertaking. Fortunately, for anyone looking for a pure form of humanity, there is a champion who has been fighting for the universal and civil rights of all mankind living amongst us. Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton's distinguished record of service is a reflection of her values and philosophy on life. Congresswoman Norton is not an advocate for handouts, she is fighting to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to compete on a level playing field. Congresswoman Norton understands service is not about a title, it is about empowerment. Fighting for equality in the workforce began for Congresswoman Norton before she was ever sworn in as a civil servant for the District of Columbia. She was appointed the first female chair of the US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission by President Jimmy Carter. Congresswoman Norton is also a proponent of education receiving a Bachelor's Degree from Antioch College, her Master's Degree from Yale University, and a Law Degree from Yale as well. Congresswoman Norton is also the recipient of more than 50 Honorary Degrees and her record of service is beyond reproach.

In honor of Congresswoman Norton's selfless acts of heroism and for fighting the good fight on behalf of the citizens of planet earth, the DC Federation of Democratic Women (DCFDW) has created a scholarship to assist those who will continue the fight now and in the future. The DCFDW identified three women who are well on their way to positively impacting the communities that make up the country in which we live and have shown a willingness to do battle on behalf of those who are not in position to fight for themselves.

Thank you DC Federation of Democratic Women for establishing the Eleanor Holmes Norton Legacy Scholarship Fund that pays tribute to our Congresswoman, and recognizes talented and gifted women following in her footsteps.

Thank you to our Club President the Honorable Estell Lloyd for your leadership and vision in enhancing our community and empowering future leaders.



The Awardees exemplified some of the characteristics of Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton. All work full-time and attend UDC David A. Clarke School of Law in the evening. Mrs. Nebiat Solomon is a second-year law student, who has shown the spirit of Congresswoman Norton. She is the director of the DC Government Office of African Affairs where she works to create an environment of inclusion for individuals from African now living in the District of Columbia.

Mrs. Jennell Thomas is a third-year law student, who reflects the spirit of Congresswoman Norton in the area of equality as an analyst at the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Mrs. Margrita Varela-Rosa is a third-year law student, who reflects the spirit of Congresswoman Norton as she advocates for the health and welfare of the citizens of Puerto Rico by coordinating a Senate briefing on Puerto Rican Medicaid.

