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**D'EREDITA TO RECEIVE INAUGURAL
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION SCHOLARSHIP**

*Local Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration Announces Recipient of
Newly-Established Scholarship to Support Graduate Education.*

ALBANY, NY – April 13, 2007 – The Empire State Capital Area Chapter (ESCAC) of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA), the nation's most respected society representing all forums in the public service arena, today announced Vanessa D'Eredita as the recipient of its inaugural scholarship.

The scholarship, established earlier this year, seeks to recognize academic excellence and to offer financial assistance for tuition and other educational expenses to students who are formally admitted into a graduate degree-seeking program in Public Administration at a college or university in the Capital Region (greater Albany, NY). The scholarship(s) can be up to \$500 and can be awarded only once to a recipient during their graduate career.

Applicants should demonstrate motivation, academic and leadership potential, and be in good academic standing.

“Vanessa possesses a superb track record of academic excellence and public service,” said Dr. Michael Christakis, President of the Albany-based ASPA Chapter. A graduate student in the MPA program at the University at Albany’s Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, Ms. D'Eredita has an impressive 3.5 GPA and is a Fellow with the Center for Women in Government and Civil Society.

As a Fellow, Ms. D'Eredita works with the Bureau of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance (BRIA). Additionally, she has worked for the College of St. Rose’s Community Service and Global Outreach Office, the Albany District Attorney’s Community Intervention Initiative, and the Arbor Hill Community Center’s After School Program.

Ms. D'Eredita graduated cum laude in 2005 from the College of St. Rose with a BA in history and political science, and is from Pleasant Valley, NY.

She will be presented with the scholarship at the annual ASPA Awards Luncheon on Monday, April 23, 2007 at the Crown Plaza Hotel, this year as part of ASPA’s Spring Institute, “Transforming Government.”

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