To Honor and Pay Tribute to Stephanie Wacholder

Stephanie Wacholder Endowed Scholarship
University at Albany School of Social Welfare

Stephanie Wacholder will be retiring from the School at the end of December, 2014. Therefore, it is with mixed emotions that we are announcing the establishment of the Stephanie Wacholder Endowed Scholarship to celebrate her historic work and many contributions to the School and the University over the past 14 years.

Stephanie’s 50-year career encompasses extensive experience in advocacy, negotiation and consensus-building with management and administration in private industry, government, education, healthcare and human services. In her current position with the University at Albany School of Social Welfare as Director of Special Projects and Strategic Partnerships, she is responsible for the developing, funding, implementing and sustaining innovative initiatives and collaboration.

She is a trail blazer who sets high impact goals and more than achieves each one. She has been strategic in her capacity-building and partnership work. She has become a skilled grant writer and this alone has positioned her to be a very high-demand partner on grants. Faculty, alums and doctoral students alike seek her counsel on their entrepreneurial ideas. She has a vast group of community partners who have come to trust if not depend on her and she in turn is able to garner their ongoing support for our School, our scholarships and grants.

Stephanie has demonstrated her ingenious and savvy skills to build public-private partnerships to advance new educational and research initiatives. She is the consummate advocate for our School and University and those we serve. She is sought after nationally as a leader and much of her work is seen nationally by her peers as exemplary. She is skilled in her implementation of vision-driven plans, initiating and moving multiple grant and advancement agendas forward. She is an unquestionably dedicated and gifted leader and our School has reaped the benefits of her thoughtful strategic work and leadership.

Prior to joining the University, she was the Director of State Public Programs and Government Affairs, managing a staff of over 100 for a large health management organization. One of the highlights of her career was serving as Chief of Staff for New York State Assemblyman William B. Hoyt with responsibility for the oversight and management of his legislative staff and drafting, negotiating and effecting major budget and legislative initiatives.

She received a Bachelor of Science in Social Work from the University of California at Berkeley and a Master of Science degree from Texas A&M University. She has served on numerous boards and advisory committees of community service organizations and currently serves on the Rensselaer County FEMA Board of United Way of the Greater Capital Region, and the advisory committees of To Life!, The Legal Project, and Parks & Trails New York.

For us, there is no more fitting way to honor and thank her for her numerous years of dedication to our School than through the Stephanie Wacholder Endowed Scholarship.

Katharine Briar-Lawson
Dean and Professor
University at Albany
School of Social Welfare

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Established in honor of Stephanie Wacholder, this scholarship will be awarded to a School of Social Welfare student enrolled in our MSW program who demonstrates financial need and a commitment to building collaborative partnerships and advocating for policy innovations in both the public and private sectors to promote well-being.

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