MAY EVANS SCHOLARSHIP

The Political Science Department is pleased to announce the annual competition for the May Thompson Evans and William Ney Evans Scholarship. Rising senior Westhampton College political science majors for the 2020-2021 academic year are eligible to apply, and the department may award the scholarship to more than one candidate. Recipients of this prestigious scholarship receive a generous financial award to help cover tuition costs for their senior year at the University of Richmond.

Any Westhampton College student who is a rising senior majoring in political science is eligible to apply if she is expecting to have completed a minimum of four units in political science by the end of the spring semester of 2020.

The Evans Scholarship is awarded on the basis of academic achievement and involvement in political and public affairs.

Persons wishing to apply for the Evans Scholarship should submit a letter of application, resume, and transcript electronically to Marielle Jones in the Political Science Department, at marielle.jones@richmond.edu by noon on Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

The resume and letter of application should include information pertaining to academic record and past and planned involvement in public affairs. In their letters, applicants are asked specifically to address the question of how the Evans Scholarship would further enhance their ability to engage in public service. The finalists will be interviewed on campus on the week of March 23rd, and the award winners will be recognized at the annual Pi Sigma Alpha dinner on April 6th. Anyone with questions about the scholarships or the application process should see Marielle Jones, Administrative Coordinator, or call her at ext. 8529.

Mrs. Evans established the scholarship as a memorial to her late husband, W. Ney Evans, a legal scholar, practicing attorney, and judge. Mrs. Evans, who received her B.A. from Westhampton College in 1921 and an M.A. from Columbia University in 1923, had a distinguished record of public service. After serving as Director of the North Carolina Employment Service, the first woman in the nation to be appointed director of such an agency, she was a federal civil servant for 27 years, and the ranking woman from the State of North Carolina from 1949-1960. In recognition of her outstanding achievement in the public sector and her advocacy of career opportunities for women, Mrs. Evans received the Distinguished Alumna Award from Westhampton College and the Honorary Doctor of Public Service Degree from the University of Richmond in 1964.

Recipients of the Evans Scholarship during the previous three years have been:

Lindsey Emery, Lina Tori-Jan, Camryn Travis (2019)
Claudia Ajluni, Chantel Baker, Claire Comey, Shannon Kane, Meghann Lewis (2018)
Isabella Brafman, Cady Hoffman, and Avery Peters (2017)