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Professional Women in Advocacy Conference Announces Finalists for the 2018 Excellence in Advocacy Awards

Washington, D.C. – August 16, 2018 Organizers of the 2018 PWIA Conference are pleased to announce this year's finalists for the Excellence in Advocacy Awards, including (among others):

Excellence in Advocacy by an Up and Coming Practitioner – Recognizes the advocate for early achievements in her career and potential to be a successful contributor to the field over time.

 <u>Keri Richmond</u>, Junior Policy Specialist, <u>Arnold and Porter</u> for using her personal experience in foster care to advocate for foster families in a professional and personal capacity.

On October 9th one awardee from each category will be revealed at the Excellence in Advocacy Reception at the Washington Marriott at Metro Center in Washington, DC. For more information on the awards and the conference please visit www.womeninadvocacy.com

About PWIA

Professional Women in Advocacy believes that when women have a seat at the public policy table, everyone benefits. To do this we must be equipped to competently and confidently represent our organization, issue or cause. The goal of our programming is to provide women in advocacy the information, tools and contacts they need for the job. Our events attract a variety of people working in all areas of advocacy including federal, state and local government relations, public affairs, community relations, public policy, legislation, Congressional relations, community activism, political engagement and campaigns.