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Alliance for Women in Media Announces 36th Annual Gracie National Award® Winners

*Grand Award Winners to be Recognized at Annual Gala
Featuring the Biggest Names in News and Entertainment*

February 22, 2011 (McLean, VA) – [Alliance for Women in Media](#) (AWM) is pleased to announce the 2011 national winners of the [36th Annual Gracie Awards](#). The awards will be presented at a black-tie Gala at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, Los Angeles, CA on Tuesday, May 24, 2011. **Local market, public and student award winners will be announced later this week.**

In preparation for the awards Gala, Gracie Award statues are being engraved for such talented women as **Katie Couric, Martha Stewart, Meredith Vieira, Betty White** and **Alfre Woodard** in recognition of such dynamic programming as **ABC's *Private Practice*, Oprah Radio's *No Phone Zone*** and **CNN's *Heroes: An All-Star Tribute***. The Gracies each year recognize exemplary programming created for women, by women and about women in all facets of media and entertainment, as well as individuals who have made contributions to the industry. The awards program also encourages the realistic and multifaceted portrayal of women in entertainment, news, features and other programs.

Each year the Gracies Gala attracts the best and brightest in all aspects of the media. In addition to the above, this year's national winners include: Discovery's ***A Conception Story***, E! Entertainment Television's ***Chelsea Lately***, ESPN's ***Hannah Storm***, HBO/ *Temple Grandin's* ***Claire Danes***, Lifetime/*In Plain Sight's* ***Rosie Perez***, MSNBC's ***The Assassination of Dr. Tiller***, NBC/*Community's* ***Yvette Nicole Brown***, Nickelodeon/*iCarly's* ***Miranda Cosgrove***, NPR's ***Female WWII Women Pilots: The Original Fly Girls***, Scholastic Media's ***WordGirl***, and USA Network/*Covert Affairs'* ***Piper Perabo***— representing a broad cross-section of outstanding actors, anchors, stories and programs. **(See accompanying pages for full release of winners.)**

"The power of this year's Gracie Award winners showcase how vital a role women in the industry continue to have," stated 2011 AWM Chair Sylvia Strobel, Esq. "We look forward to honoring these deserving programs and individuals."

"With such a talented and diverse group of women being honored, this year's Gracie Gala promises to a memorable and inspiring event," said AWM President Erin M. Fuller, CAE. "We're also delighted to have Dove return as the Gracies' 2011 title sponsor."

The Gracies are presented by the AWM Foundation, the philanthropic arm of AWM which supports educational programs, charitable activities, public service campaigns and scholarships to benefit the public and women in the media. The Gracie Awards, established in 1975, honor programming and individuals of the highest caliber in all facets of radio, television, cable and web-based media, including news, drama, comedy, public service, documentary and sports.

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Supporting the Gracies is synonymous with supporting women's achievements in all facets of media and entertainment. Reserve your table and demonstrate your commitment to the AWM Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit charity. Sponsored tables are available ranging from \$7,500 to \$20,000. For more information, please contact AWM at (703) 506-3290.

For more information about the Gracie Awards, please visit www.thegracies.org.

[About the Alliance for Women in Media \(AWM\)](#): The Alliance for Women in Media leverages the promise, passion and power of women in all forms of media. Formerly known as American Women in Radio & Television, AWM is the longest-established professional association dedicated to advancing women in media and entertainment, and will celebrate its 60th anniversary in 2011. The Alliance for Women in Media carries forth its mission by educating, advocating and acting as a resource to its members and the industry at large via inspired thought leadership that illuminates areas of societal need.

[About The Alliance for Women in Media Foundation](#): The Alliance for Women in Media Foundation (formerly known as The Foundation of American Women in Radio & Television) supports and promotes educational programs, charitable activities, public service campaigns and scholarships to benefit the public, the electronic media and allied fields. The Alliance for Women in Media Foundation has created partnerships and joint-initiatives with the National Middle School Association, the Emma Bowen Foundation, the American Red Cross and other organizations that are philosophically aligned with the mission of the Foundation. The Foundation supports several public service campaigns, including most recently a [radio PSA campaign](#) with the Dove Self-Esteem Fund. The Foundation also supports [Empowering America](#)[®], an initiative which pays tribute to many of America's most pioneering and inspiring women. Through this program, the Foundation provides *Empowering America*[®] educational collateral to needy urban middle schools around the country. The Foundation also produces nationally acclaimed recognition programs, including the [Gracie Awards](#)[®], a live gala that honors exemplary programming created for, by, and about women.

2011 Gracie Award Winners – National

(in alphabetical order)

60 Minutes: Interview with Kathryn Bigelow

Outstanding Interview Program

CBS News

A Conception Story

Outstanding Series

Discovery Communications

Alexandra Pelosi

Outstanding Director - News/Non-Fiction

HBO/Motel Kids of Orange County

Alfre Woodard

Outstanding Female Actor in a Supporting Role
in a Drama Series or Special

TNT/Delta Blues

Anne Thompson

Outstanding Reporter/Correspondent

NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams

Betty White

Outstanding Female Actor in a Leading Role in
Comedy Series or Special

TV Land/Hot in Cleveland

Breakthrough Women

Outstanding Series

HLN

Chelsea Lately

Outstanding Talk Show -
Entertainment/Information

E! Entertainment Television

Claire Danes

Outstanding Female Actor in a Leading Role in a
Drama Series or Special

HBO/Temple Grandin

CNN Heroes: An All-Star Tribute

Outstanding Special or Variety

CNN

Corny Koehl

Outstanding Producer - Entertainment

Harpo Radio/The Gayle King Show

E:60 Chelsea Baker

Outstanding Soft News Feature

ESPN

Female WWII Pilots: The Original Fly Girls

Outstanding Portrait/Biography

NPR

Francia Raisa

Outstanding Female Rising Star in a Drama Series or Special

ABC Family/Secret Life of an American Teenager

Hannah Storm

Outstanding Producer - News/Non-Fiction

ESPN

In The Same Boat

Outstanding Interview Program or Feature

RTÉ Radio 1

Janet Tamaro

Outstanding Producer - Entertainment

TNT/Rizzoli & Isles

Julie McCarthy

Outstanding Reporter/Correspondent

NPR

Katie Couric

Outstanding Host - News/Non-Fiction

CBS Evening News with Katie Couric

Kung Fu Grannies

Outstanding Soft News Feature

World Vision Report

Lynn Hermstad

Outstanding Director - Entertainment

Dr. Phil Show

Martha Stewart

Outstanding Host - Entertainment/Information

Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia

Meredith Vieira

Outstanding Anchor - News

NBC/The Today Show

Miranda Cosgrove

Outstanding Female Rising Star in a Comedy Series or Special
Nickelodeon/iCarly

No Phone Zone

Outstanding Public Service Announcement
Harpo Radio

Outside the Lines

Outstanding Sports Program
ESPN

Piper Perabo

Outstanding Female Actor in a Breakthrough Role
USA Network/Covert Affairs

Private Practice

Outstanding Drama
ABC

Ramona Sweats the Blind Date

Outstanding Comedy
Greater Media Charlotte

Reporting from Haiti

Outstanding Breaking News Coverage
NBC

Rosie Perez

Outstanding Female Actor in a Leading Role in a Drama Series or Special
Lifetime Movie Network/In Plain Sight

Seeking Justice for Campus Rapes

Outstanding Hard News Feature
NPR

Skin Cancer: Beautiful Doll

Outstanding Public Service Announcement
Style Network

Sold on Craigslist

Outstanding Investigative Program or Feature
CNN

Taking Care with Joan Lunden

Outstanding Talk Show - Entertainment/Information
Retirement Living TV

The Assassination of Dr. Tiller

Outstanding Hard News Feature
MSNBC

The Current: Egg Freezing/Older Parents

Outstanding Talk Show - News
CBC Radio One

The Dr. Laura Berman Show

Outstanding Talk Show - Entertainment/Information
Oprah Radio

The Little Couple

Outstanding Reality Show
TLC /LMNO Productions

The Middle

Outstanding Comedy
ABC/Warner Bros. Television

True Life Presents: Resist the Power! Saudi Arabia

Outstanding Documentary
MTV Networks

Wells Fargo Women's eMagazine:**PlanForWhat'sNext.com**

Outstanding Web site - Information/Entertainment
Wells Fargo/Naka Productions

WordGirl

Outstanding Children/Adolescent Animated Program
Scholastic Media

Yvette Nicole Brown

Outstanding Female Actor in a Supporting Role in a Comedy Series or Special
NBC/Community