



IMAN SOLIMAN RECEIVING THE DISTINGUISHED STUDENT AWARD FROM PRESIDENT JEFF HAARER



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PRESIDENT JEFF HAARER AWARDING THE ALUMNI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP TO RUBEN FRANCO, JR.

## Alumni Association President Jeff Haarer Grants the Distinguished Student Awards for the John Blair, Jr. Class and the Alumni Memorial Scholarship

The faculty, staff, and student body of the Thomas M. Cooley Law School gathered in the auditorium March 15, 2001, for the Honors Convocation of Hilary Term 2001. Alumni Association President Jeff Haarer was on hand to grant the Distinguished Student Award to a member of the graduating John Blair, Jr. Class, and to award the Alumni Memorial Scholarship.

Sixteen students were nominated for the John Blair, Jr. Class Distinguished Student Award. The students furnished a variety of information, including résumés and letters of reference which were reviewed by the Executive Committee. Nominees were also personally interviewed as part of the selection process.

Members of each graduating class are evaluated on the criteria of character, academic accomplishment, leadership, and extracurricular activities in the decision to grant the Distinguished Student Award. This award was given to Iman R. Soliman of the John Blair, Jr. Class.

Ms. Soliman will return to her externship location in the state of Arizona after graduation, where she will sit for the July 2001 Bar Examination. Ms. Soliman may take a position with the Maricopa County Public Defender's Office. It covers a large area of the state, including the metro Phoenix region. Ms. Soliman highly values direct contact with her clients, so she eventually would like to have her own practice, specializing in criminal law.

The Alumni Memorial Scholarship is granted each Hilary Term to a current student who has successfully earned at least 30 credit hours, has not been on academic probation for at least three terms, exhibits financial need, and is a positive force in the Cooley community. In Hilary 2001, sixteen students applied for the Alumni Memorial Scholarship. Three finalists were interviewed by the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association's Board of Governors on February 20, 2001.

The 2001 Alumni Memorial Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,950, was awarded to Mr. Ruben Franco, Jr. of the Thomas Johnson Class. The scholarship is derived from income from the Alumni Memorial Scholarship Fund. The fund is supported by the generous contributions of many alumni, and by the proceeds from the Alumni Golf Outing, which is held each July. This year's outing is scheduled for Saturday, July 21 at the Wheatfield Valley Golf Course near Williamston, Mich. All Cooley students, faculty, and staff are cordially invited to attend. Contact Darryl Parsell at the Alumni Relations Office on the 9th floor of the Cooley Center (517) 371-5140, ext. 2949 for more information.

Alumni Association President Jeff Haarer (Copeland Class, 1989) awarded the honors to the students. The Alumni Association is proud and pleased to give recognition to these outstanding members of the Thomas Johnson and John Blair, Jr. Classes and extends its best wishes for their continuing success. ■