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### **JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HONORS GWU GRADUATE FOR SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT**

WASHINGTON – The Department of Justice today recognized Maya Weinstein with the Tomorrow’s Leaders Award during the National Crime Victims’ Service Awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. The award goes to youth up to age 24 who have dedicated their efforts to supporting victims of crime.

A survivor of sexual assault, Weinstein worked to help other victims find the resources and support they needed in the aftermath of such crimes when she was an undergraduate student at The George Washington University, and motivated the fraternities and sororities there to plan educational events on preventing sexual assault and treating its victims.

“Ms. Weinstein survived the trauma of campus sexual assault to become an advocate, a leader and an inspiration to women and men across the campus community and throughout the nation,” said Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs Alan R. Hanson. “The Department of Justice is proud to honor her for her outstanding service and for her unflinching pursuit of justice on behalf of the injured and aggrieved.”

During the ceremony, the Justice Department also recognized 11 other individuals and organizations for their outstanding efforts on behalf of crime victims. Awardees were selected from public nominations in nine categories, including federal service, special courage, public policy and victim services.

The Department’s Office for Victims of Crime leads communities across the country in observing National Crime Victims’ Rights Week. President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the first Victims’ Rights Week in 1981, calling for greater sensitivity to the rights and needs of victims. This year’s observance takes place April 2-8, with the theme *Strength. Resilience. Justice.*

The Office of Justice Programs, headed by Acting Assistant Attorney General Alan R. Hanson, provides federal leadership in developing the nation’s capacity to prevent and control crime, administer justice and assist victims. OJP has six bureaus and offices: the Bureau of Justice Assistance; the Bureau of Justice Statistics; the National Institute of Justice; the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; the Office for Victims of Crime; and the Office of

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