Call for Nominations:
2017 Bettina Pruckmayr Award

The Bettina Pruckmayr Award is presented each year to a graduating J.D. student who has demonstrated a commitment to international human rights work. The award honors Bettina Pruckmayr, a 1994 Law Center graduate who was murdered in December 1995 during a violent mugging that took place near her home in Washington, D.C.

Bettina was dedicated to using her law degree to advance the public interest, particularly in the area of international human rights. She served as the Director of the World Federalist Association’s International Criminal Court Project from her graduation until her death. She also did significant public interest work while a student at the Law Center; among other things she served as chairperson of the Georgetown Law chapter of Amnesty International and co-founded the German American Law Students Association.

After Bettina’s death, a foundation was established in her memory. The purpose of the foundation is to present an annual monetary award to a student who will continue Bettina’s efforts toward the realization of international human rights. The recipient of this year’s award, selected based on nominations from the Law Center community, will be announced at the annual Public Interest Proud Event on April 25, 2017 and will receive $2000. (Alternatively, in some years two students are selected as co-recipients of the Pruckmayr Award, in which case each receives $1000.)

Please submit nominations for any graduating J.D. student or students to Patrick Griffith, Human Rights Institute Dash/Muse Fellow, by 5:00 p.m. on April 19, 2017 in hard copy to Williams Law Library Room 357 or by email to pwg7@law.georgetown.edu.

In your nomination, please indicate why you think the nominee should receive the Pruckmayr Award. Please describe your knowledge of the individual’s: demonstrated commitment to international human rights work; specific work organizing, coordinating, or participating in human rights programs or activities; plans to continue public interest work in international human rights beyond law school; and any other information that would be helpful in determining the award recipient(s).

In addition, the student group Human Rights Action/Amnesty International (HRA/AI) will be hosting a “For the Love of Chocolate” bake sale in support of the Pruckmayr Award from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 13, at the chapel tables. Stay tuned for more details from the students!