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AU Students Win National Political Award

WASHINGTON, DC – Five American University students: Aaron Alberico (SPA '12), Garret Bonosky (SPA '12), Noah Benjamin (SPA'13), Joshua Roll (SPA'12) and Bart Thompson (SPA'12) won a 'Gold: Best Campaign Strategy' Pollie Award in the student category for their dedication and exemplary work in the 2011/2012 Political campaign season. The team of five created a thorough campaign strategy book for the Tim Kaine for U.S. Senate campaign.

The Pollie Awards™ (Pollies) are bipartisan awards received annually by the members of the political communication industry who have demonstrated they are the “best of the best”. Winners are selected as the by a blind jury of their peers known as the “Judges”. *Esquire* magazine has defined the Pollies as “...the Oscars of political advertising.”

Winners were presented by the American Association of Political Consultants (AAPC) at the 21st Annual Pollie Awards & Conference on March 29th at the Hilton, Austin, TX.

Whit Ayres, Chairman of the AAPC, said, “This campaign year is a record year for candidate and issue spending.” Dale Emmons, President, went on to say “What was most encouraging about this year’s Pollie Awards was the high quality of work that our judges had to choose from.”

About AAPC

Founded in 1969, the AAPC is a multi-partisan organization of political and public affairs professionals dedicated to improving democracy. The AAPC has over 1,000 members hailing from all corners of the globe. It is the largest association of political and public affairs professionals in the world. The AAPC began presenting the Pollie Awards in 1993.