

Washington DC, October 17, 2018

The Hellenic American Women's Council will hold its 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on November 2 & 3, 2018, in Washington, DC. At a time when bold and responsible leadership is key to addressing national and global challenges, the conference will focus on what makes leaders effect a positive difference to the world. HAWC will also honor one of its own inspiring members, the distinguished journalist and communications professional **Thalia Assuras**, with the **Aristeon Award**. Ms. Assuras represents the best of the Hellenic spirit: hard work coupled with passion, resilience with flexibility, grit with humanity.

As the President of Assuras Communications LLC, Thalia Assuras is a nationally recognized communications professional in media, presentation and speech training; executive coaching; crisis communications; and public relations. Drawing on more than 25 years of journalistic experience as an anchor, correspondent and writer with national broadcast networks, she appears as a broadcast commentator, analyst, moderator and master of ceremonies for a variety of functions and advises newcomers on communications careers.

An award-winning national television news anchor and correspondent for ABC, CBS, Bloomberg, CTV and Global CanWest in the U.S. and Canada, Ms. Assuras has reported on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the terrorist attacks of 9/11, the Kosovo refugee crisis, natural disasters, national and international politics and elections, US presidential summits, and Olympic Games. She has interviewed Presidents, Cabinet secretaries, members of Congress, leaders of foreign nations, corporate executives, scientists, authors and celebrities, among others. She has lectured on journalism and media at American University, George Washington University, and the University of Western Ontario. She is a member of the advisory boards of the Center for National Policy and the Next Generation Initiative.

Ms. Assuras will be honored with the Aristeon Award and will deliver the keynote speech on Saturday, November 3, at a Luncheon, at the Capital Hilton. That morning, there will be a panel discussion titled "**Leaders Who Make A Difference**", moderated by the **editor of Washington Monthly** magazine Paul Glastris. The presenters, Former Assistant Secretary of the U.S. State Department Barbara Pope, Former Director of the US Agency for International Development Andrew Natsios and Former Official of the Environmental Protection Agency Margot (Tsirigotis) Oge, will explore the type of leaders who make a positive difference to the world, from their personal experiences.

Please find CVs and pictures of the honoree and panel participants below and address any press requests to Eleni Miller at [Eleni\\_miller@hotmail.com](mailto:Eleni_miller@hotmail.com) or 202 836-2279.