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The staff is looking forward to the summer!

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Jen signed copies of her new book (co-authored with Richard L. Fox), *It Still Takes A Candidate: Why Women Don’t Run for Office*. In a panel discussion following the book signing, Dee Dee Myers, former White House Press Secretary to Bill Clinton, and Dana Perino, former White House Press Secretary to George W. Bush, discussed the outcomes of the 2010 midterm elections to an audience of more than 150 guests. Shira Toeplitz, a political reporter at Roll Call, moderated the discussion.

Panel event held by The Alliance for Women in Media and WPI!

Current and former female FCC Commissioners:
- Gloria Tristani
- Meredith Atwell Baker
- Susan Ness
- Mimi Dawson
- Deborah Taylor Tate

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Cindy Simon Rosenthal signed copies of her new book as guests enjoyed refreshments and entertainment. Following the signing, Cindy moderated a panel with former congresswomen Elizabeth Holtzman (member 1973-1981) and Connie Morella (member 1987-2003). They discussed whether the more things change, the more they stay the same, at least as far as women and politics are concerned.

2010 - 2011 Alice Paul Award Winners

- Connie Morella - Faculty Recipient
- Erin Fuller - Alumna Recipient
- Christy Anthony - Staff Recipient
- Gail Bantager - Graduate Student Recipient
- Kathryn Baxter - Undergraduate Student Recipient

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