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Angelique Gingras – University of Maryland. Angel graduates in May with a dual degree in journalism and history. She plans to intern for eight weeks with the *Annapolis Capital Gazette.* Then, she will study abroad at City, University of London to begin her two-year master's program in international journalism. Angel began her reporting journey through her internship at *The Washington Diplomat.* In the past year, she worked with the Associated Press to send more than 100 FOIAs for an investigation. She also covered Maryland's 446th legislative session and welcomed new ambassadors to their DC diplomatic posts. She is grateful for UMD's preparation for her journalism work and experience.

Aleena Fayaz – George Washington University. Aleena graduates in May with a Bachelor Degree in Political Communication and a Minor in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. She grew up in a first-generation home that had a tradition of watching daily news on the TV. Aleena has worked at CNN by using her research of the legal system to investigate former President Donald Trump's indictment of election interference. She currently contributes and edits stories about climate solutions at Planet Forward. She traveled to Dearborn, Michigan to report on Ford motors' communication efforts for their customers. She seeks to uplift marginalized voices and highlight human elements with truth and integrity.

Weslan Hansen – American University. Weslan graduates in May with a dual degree in journalism and Japanese studies. She worked as a newsgathering intern at CNN and covered the Jan. 6 Insurrection cases at the District Federal Courthouse. Weslan has written for ABC4 Utah, *The Durango Herald*, *Current*: News for Public Media, and AU's student newspaper, *The Eagle.* She focuses her coverage on communities. She reported about tribal water rights for the *Durango Herald*. She currently works at the *Current* and has developed an original beat focusing on mergers and acquisitions in public media and local news. Her background as a woman who grew up in poverty in Utah and rural Wyoming inspired her to focus on legal systems for communities that live in silence in the news media.

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Maureen Dowd

at the ANWC

Thursday, April 4

5:30–7:30 p.m.

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OUR STORY

The American News Women's Club was founded in 1932, when a handful of newspaperwomen banded together to push back against the restrictions on women in journalism. Not only were women barred from joining the National Press Club in those days, for example--they could only cover events from the balcony, effectively excluding women from questioning newsmakers.

Although excluded from membership, the National Press Club did provide the women a place to meet – the Ladies' Dining Room. When Prohibition was repealed in February 1933, the Press Club asked the women to move in order to enlarge the Press Club bar. Several years and moves later, the Club purchased a permanent home at 1607 22nd Street, NW. In 1979, the mortgage, paid in full, was burned at the Women's National Bank.

The ANWC Clubhouse on Embassy Row, built in 1906, was designated a historic site by the National Society of Professional Journalists in 2002. At the Clubhouse, the ANWC hosts programs featuring newsmakers, reporters and editors and provides professional development workshops and seminars for members and their guests.

The ANWC also helps women journalism students achieve their education and career goals through its scholarship program, which began in 1992.

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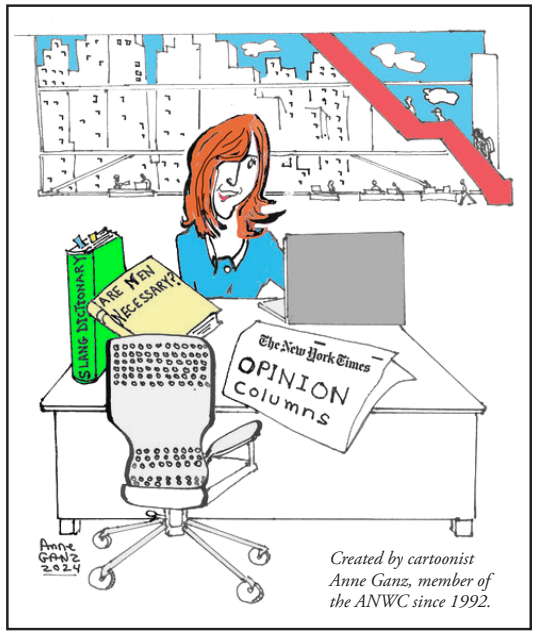

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