

# Dinner for Hope

## and Silent Auction



## Meet Our Keynote Speaker:



H.E. Roya Rahmani is the first woman ambassador of Afghanistan to the United States of America. She assumed this position on December 14, 2018. Prior to this, she served as Afghanistan's first woman ambassador to Indonesia and the country's first accredited ambassador to the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN).

Ambassador Rahmani joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan (MoFA) in 2011. From 2012-2016, she served as the Director General for Regional Cooperation at MoFA during which she was responsible for leading efforts to promote the country's role and position in dozens of regional organizations.

H.E. Rahmani started her official work with the Afghan government at the Ministry of Education, as a senior advisor for Planning and Policy in early 2011. From 2009-2011, she managed a program implemented in 11 countries that promoted women's empowerment.

In 2007, she was awarded the Best Human Rights Activist Award by the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission.

Rahmani holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Columbia University and a Bachelor of Software Engineering from McGill University.

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## Meet Some of Our Students:



Can you imagine growing up in a war-torn country where peace and security seem like an impossible dream? Your future is to be married-off at a very young age with no hope for the future, let alone an education.

Pictured above is a photo of the many scholarship winners CFUW-Ottawa's UWHAW group has given out to date...giving **hope for the future**.

### Hadisa Rostami



Hadisa was born in 1997 in Bamiyan province and graduated from high school in 2016. There are seven people in her family. Her mother and her grandfather were sick so, her family spent a lot of money for their treatment. Unfortunately, her mother passed away and after three months she lost her grandfather. After her mother passed away, she had to take care of her four siblings. The only breadwinner of her family is her father who does not have a specific job and has three hundred Afghani incomes per day. She has not able to continue her studies because of her bad economic situation.

Hadisa is very happy that she became one of this year's UWHAW scholarship winner and now has the chance to study computer science to change her family situation and her life.

### Zahra Haidary



Zahra was born in 2000 in Ghazni province. She has four brothers, one sister, and her parents. Her father is a shopkeeper whose low income cannot satisfy the needs of the family. Her mother, who looks after the family is illiterate. Zahra says that "when I saw most of women are being punished or are being killed for no reason by their family, I feel that I should do something regard this issue. Thus, I want to be a lawyer in order to help the women who are being oppressed." This year's UWHAW scholarship will go a long way to help Zahra fulfill her dream.

### Monira Gharjistani



Monira was born in 1988 in Ghor Province, graduating from Malika high school in 2007. Living in Kabul, there are thirteen people in her family; her father, mother, three sisters, four brothers, sister-in-law, and her two nephews. Her sisters and brothers are still in school. Sadly, her father became paralyzed 14 years ago and the only breadwinner of her family. Monira could not find any job because she does not have enough job qualifications. She wants to continue her education and find a good job in governmental department. Monira is thrilled to be a UWHAW scholarship winner this year.

**University Woman Helping Afghan Women (UWHAW)  
invite you to join them for a Dinner for Hope.**

**Together we can make a difference!**

**Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**The Ottawa Hunt & Golf Club**  
**Reception 6pm**  
**Dinner 7pm**



All proceeds from this dinner and silent auction will go directly towards scholarships giving Afghan women a chance to not only get a university degree but have a better life in Afghanistan with hope for the future.

The evening includes an outside reception (weather permitting), an elegant 3 course dinner, opportunities to win raffles, 50/50 draw and bidding on fabulous silent auction items.



Join us on the grounds of the beautiful Ottawa Hunt & Golf Club.

Tickets for this memorable evening are \$100  
To register for this event, please contact:  
Alice Bolt at [alicebolt87@gmail.com](mailto:alicebolt87@gmail.com) or 613-731-5221  
Cheques are payable to **UWHAW**  
e - Transfers are also available  
Please inform Alice of any Dietary Concerns and Seating Requests.

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If you have a Silent Auction Item or Experience you wish to donate,  
please contact Lizz Wilfert at [cfuw.ottawa@bell.net](mailto:cfuw.ottawa@bell.net)  
We appreciate your generosity.

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**Together we can give these girls  
a hope for the future!**

