



REAR ADMIRAL JAMES J. CAREY FOUNDATION

# PRESS RELEASE

## Washington, DC Area Eagle Scout Combines Eagle Scout & Networking For Career Success

*Washington, DC: January 2, 2013:* Andrew C. O'Brien, a 2002 graduate of the University of Maryland who was promoted to Eagle Scout in Troop 476 in Middletown, MD in 1998, has been selected for the Admiral Carey Foundation "Men of Achievement Award" for his early success in his chosen life's career and the role that the lessons-learned through being an Eagle Scout have played in that success. Eagle Scout O'Brien was recently promoted as a Partner in the Public Affairs Firm of DCI Group in Washington, DC, an amazing achievement given DCI's several hundred employees and operations all over the world. He is also a graduate of the Washington Scholars Fellowship Program in Washington, DC, the youth leadership training and development program that receives more funding from the Admiral Carey Foundation than any other program. Washington



Scholars motto is "Training Tomorrow's National Leaders Today" and they have a special category for Eagle Scouts because Eagle Scouts have proven to be some of the top performers in every Washington Scholars Class for the past 10 years.

When asked how the combination of being an Eagle Scout and being a Washington Scholars Graduate had helped him succeed in his chosen career at his relatively young age, O'Brien replied "Both Washington Scholars and the path to Eagle Scout teach commitment to completing what you start, to doing what you say you are going to do, and to being mentored by those more senior who have tread that pathway before you. They both teach networking and reaching out to others to get the job done. When I began my career with DCI Group, it was almost immediately clear to me that getting the job done and networking to achieve results at a very high level was my path to success, and both the Washington Scholars Program training and my Eagle Scout training had already given me those skills and I already knew how to use them. So it was just a matter of applying them and working hard and making sure my performance was the best of the best, and that has led me to early success. Other Eagle Scouts can do these same things, it's simply a matter of paying attention and learning how to achieve and how to accomplish and how to perform and how to network, and then putting those skills to work."

The Admiral Carey Foundation Founder and Chairman, Rear Admiral Jim Carey, himself an Eagle Scout and Silver Award Explorer, said "We recognized early-on that Andy O'Brien would be a top performer, and I personally was able to watch him use his Eagle Scout skills in networking and in top performance and in getting the job done to know he would be a class leader and later, a leader in his life's career because he proved to us that he would use the skills we were teaching him with those he had already learned through his path to Eagle Scout. And we were surely right as he has used all he learned from us to be chosen as a partner in his firm at a relatively early stage in his career.". Admiral Carey continued, saying "we read about so many young college graduates today that are unable to find jobs--- the last number I saw was 24% of them. What a tragedy when I know from experience over the past quarter century that Washington Scholars can teach them and train them and develop them to ensure they DO find a job---- and our 100% employment success rate proves that. Combine what we teach with what they are taught as Eagle Scouts and we can ensure they are destined for success if they simply apply what we taught them."

## Press Notes:

**The Rear Admiral James J. Carey Foundation, Inc.:** An IRS-approved 501.c.3 private foundation, both tax-exempt and tax-deductible. The Foundation's primary focus is youth leadership training and development, with most program support and funding going to the Washington Scholars Fellowship Programs. Website URL for full information is [www.AdmiralCareyFoundation.org](http://www.AdmiralCareyFoundation.org). The foundation also has special corporate-giving and individual-giving programs that fund 10-week Washington Scholar Leadership Training Programs for military veterans, Eagle Scouts, and outstanding young men and women. Chairs are named for the donor corporation or any individual where recognition or memorialization is desired. One-time endowments covering all expenses, including housing and weekly expense stipends are \$5,000 each, and "in perpetuity" endowments that fund one scholar every year "forever" are \$100,000. Discussions to fund such programs are held direct with Admiral Carey, who can be reached at [RADMCarey@aol.com](mailto:RADMCarey@aol.com).

**The Washington Scholars Fellowship Programs:** A youth leadership program focused on training the best and brightest of America's young men and women to become future national leaders and have career paths in national or international public policy. Founded by Admiral Carey during his service in the Reagan Administration in 1984. There are now over 500 graduates of the program with over 100 working full time in Washington, DC in national or international public policy on Congressional Staffs, at Think Tanks, and a broad range of public policy organizations and associations. Program Motto is "Training Tomorrow's National Leaders Today". Website with full details and application forms: [www.WashingtonScholars.org](http://www.WashingtonScholars.org).

**Admiral Carey Foundation Eagle Scout Programs:** The foundation established a separate Eagle Scout Program within the foundation almost 10 years ago AND has also done the same within the Washington Scholars Fellowship Programs. Past experience and previous classes have shown Eagle Scouts to be excellent role models for the rest of the class, both in leadership skills and in meeting all the expected standards and performance goals on time and well performed. As a result, this special program status has been accorded Eagle Scouts in order to facilitate and promote having a greater number of Eagle Scouts in the Admiral Carey Foundation programs. Further details on this effort are at [www.AdmiralCareyFoundation.org/?page\\_id=620](http://www.AdmiralCareyFoundation.org/?page_id=620).

**DCI Group:** The DCI Group is a highly successful public affairs firm in Washington, DC with an impressive client list. Full details on their website at [www.dcigroup.com](http://www.dcigroup.com).

**Andrew C. O'Brien:** Further details on Mr. O'Brien are available on the Admiral Carey Foundation website: [www.AdmiralCareyFoundation.org](http://www.AdmiralCareyFoundation.org) on the Men of Accomplishment page and/or the Eagle Scout Program page.

**Rear Admiral James J. Carey, U.S. Navy [Ret.]:** Admiral Carey is the Founder of the Washington Scholars Fellowship Programs as well as The Rear Admiral James J. Carey Foundation, Inc. He has a long and successful career in business, government, national and international public policy, the military, and public charity and philanthropy. He is an Eagle Scout and Silver Award Explorer Scout and a Brotherhood Member of the Order of the Arrow. Full details on his life and each of these career paths is available at [www.JamesJCarey.us](http://www.JamesJCarey.us).