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**The National Italian American Foundation and U.S.- Italy Fulbright Commission join the Fondazione Giovanni e Francesca Falcone in honoring the memory of Judge Giovanni Falcone, his wife Francesca Morvillo and the three agents of his security detail, who were tragically killed 24 years ago, on May 23, 1992.**

“The legacy of the Falcones is one that has inspired Italians and Italian Americans alike to stand up to the worst of our society and to active in the pursuit of integrity and fairness. We at NIAF seek to honor their sacrifice and help spread their message of faith in what is right” said NIAF President John M. Viola.

In remembering Judge Falcone's legacy, and all Mafia victims, these three institutions have created the Fulbright-Fondazione Falcone-NIAF Awards for Italian and U.S. citizens doing research in the fields of Criminology and encourage interested U.S. and Italian students to apply for the 2017-2018 edition. "The Fulbright Commission is proud to have partnered with NIAF and Fondazione Falcone to provide opportunities to youth who believe in justice and the rule of law" said the Commission's Executive Director, Paola Sartorio.

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**The National Italian American Foundation (NIAF)** is a nonprofit, nonpartisan educational foundation based in Washington D.C. that promotes Italian American culture and heritage. NIAF serves as a resource on the Italian American community and has educational and youth programs including scholarships, grants, heritage travel, and mentoring.

**The Commission for Cultural Exchanges between Italy and the United States** – the bi-national agency that on the behalf of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the U.S. Department of State has been managing since 1948 the **Fulbright Program in Italy** promoting study, research and teaching opportunities in Italy and the U.S. through a program of scholarships for Italian and U.S. citizens - has signed an academic partnership with **Fondazione Falcone and The National Italian American Foundation (NIAF)** for the Academic Years 2016 - 17, 2017-18 and 2018-19.

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