

**Awards Announced for
2011 Steve Miller Fellowships in Medical Education**

Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons students **Cecilia Fix** and **Haley Masterson** are the recipients of the 2011 Annual Steve Miller Fellowships in Medical Education awards.

Ms. Fix (P&S Class of 2014) will examine similarities and differences between the health care systems in New York City and the Dominican Republic. **Mentored by Delphine Taylor, M.D.**, Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine in the College of Physicians & Surgeons and Course Director for "Foundations of Clinical Medicine-Seminars," Ms. Fix will explore how migration between the two systems might inform the health care decisions and expectations of Dominican immigrants. In her application for the Steve Miller Fellowship, she proposed "a better understanding of the health care systems they move between [in order to] increase my awareness of possible differences of beliefs or sources of misunderstanding and will allow me to more effectively communicate with and care for Dominican patients." She is inspired to undertake the study because few published studies address movement between healthcare systems in immigrant populations and in particular how this movement influences ideas and decisions related to health care.

Ms. Masterson (P&S Class of 2014) will study "Assessing the Effect of the P&S Psychiatric Rotation on Student Perceptions of the Mentally Ill." **Mentored by Janis Cutler, M.D.**, Professor of Clinical Psychiatry in the Department of Psychiatry and Director of Medical Student Education in Psychiatry, Ms. Masterson's goal will be to discover how student perceptions of mentally ill populations are affected by their major clinical year psychiatric rotation. Her method will be to administer a pre- and post-rotation survey to rotating P&S students on their first and last days of the Psychiatry rotation. In her application for the Steve Miller Fellowship, she proposed a study that "would allow us an objective measurement of both how the psychiatric rotations may be able to foster the growth of humanistic physicians to the stigmatized patients they will doubtless be seeing in nearly any specialty they choose, as well as in what areas the rotations could improve."

The Steve Miller Fellowship grants a \$2,000 award to the recipients from an endowed fund created by donors who wished to memorialize the late Dr. Steve Miller, Director of Pediatric Emergency Medicine, by further developing his work and dedication to the practice of humanism in medicine.

The Steve Miller Fellows will present their papers at the **3rd Annual Steve Miller Education Day** to be held on **Friday, October 28, 2011** in the Department of Pediatrics, Tower 103 in Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital of New York.