

Women In Touro College Awarded Internships

Four political science students from Lander College for Women were awarded competitive and prestigious internships in recent months that enabled them to learn about the nation's political processes first hand.

The students currently are working for (or recently completed internships with) United States Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-NY); New York State Attorney General Eliot Spitzer; U.S. Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL); and U.S. Congressman Brian Higgins (D-NY).

"These young women represent the best qualities of our students at Lander College for Women," said Dean Marian Stoltz-Loike, Ph.D. "They are passionately committed to pursuing high-quality general and Judaic studies, and are able to balance the demands of an intense and demanding internship with uncompromising adherence to being Orthodox Jewish women."

Michal Gross, a senior from Lakewood, New Jersey, currently is interning for Eliot Spitzer's New York gubernatorial campaign. Ms. Gross is a political science major, who is also completing prerequisite courses for admission to physician assistant studies programs. In addition to a career in health sciences, she is also considering law school. Ms.

Gross graduated for Girls in Lakewood and attended Ateres Bnos Yerushalayim Seminary in Jerusalem. The managing director of the Spitzer 2006 campaign, Cynthia Darrison, is also a graduate of Lander College for Women.

Chana Shaffer, a senior from Crown Heights, interned in the New York City office of Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton this summer. Ms. Shaffer is majoring in political science and plans to attend law school after graduation. While an intern, she provided assistance to constituents, especially members of the military and veterans. Ms. Shaffer graduated from Bais Rivkah High School for Girls in Crown Heights and attended the Bais Chana Seminary in Safed, Israel. She also serves on the staff of the Jewish Children's Museum in Crown Heights.

Molly Brock, a junior from Jerusalem, interned for Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen in Washington, D.C., over the summer. Ms. Brock is majoring in political science and plans to attend law school following graduation. She participated in the Washington Internship Program of the Orthodox Union's Institute for Public Affairs. The IPA program places college students in congressional offices and in Jewish public advocacy organizations in the nation's capital and provides opportunities for leadership development and advocacy train-

ing.

Amanda Minkoff, a senior from Staten Island interned for Congressman Brian Higgins in Washington, D.C. this summer. A double major in political science and history, Ms. Minkoff plans to pursue graduate studies in history with a focus on colonial American Jewish history. She was also a participant in the IPA's Washington Internship Program. Ms. Minkoff graduated from Bruria High School for Girls in Elizabeth, New Jersey and served last summer as an intern in Senator Clinton's New York City office.

David Luchins, Ph.D., chair of Touro College's political science department and the founding dean of Lander College for Women, played a key role in helping all four students secure their highly sought-after internships.

Lander College for Women will soon be moving into a world-class facility at 60th Street between West End and Amsterdam Avenues in Manhattan. The new facility will provide an ideal setting for the outstanding educational experience provided to students at the college and is located in the same Upper West Side community as the school's dormitory. ■