

**Vassar College**  
**Office of Community-Engaged Learning**

**HISTORY OF THE HELEN MIRINGOFF AWARD AND NOMINATION CRITERIA**

In 1984 Vassar College established the *Helen Miringoff Award* to be awarded at Commencement to a student whose community-engaged learning project or community involvement has made a substantial contribution to an agency or to the community. During her thirty years in the Field Work Office (now called Office of Community-Engaged Learning) at Vassar, Helen Miringoff served as a vital link between the College and community, and instilled in generations of Vassar students her fervent belief in action informed by knowledge, commitment, and passion.

We invite nominations for this award from agency supervisors of Vassar students who have done a community-engaged learning placement during the current academic year. In thinking about whom to nominate, you may wish to consider the following:

- 1) Any student who in the course of their placement has demonstrated unusual caring and commitment to helping those in need.
- 2) Any student who has been unusually faithful and gone far beyond the agreed upon expectation in the completion of their assignment.
- 3) Any student who has shown exceptional creativity and / or intellectual ability in carrying out a project, which contributed to the betterment of an agency or the community.

We request that your nomination for the *Helen Miringoff Award* be submitted along with the student's evaluation form. The nomination should include a brief description of the student's activities, as well as your reason for nominating the student. A copy of your nomination will be forwarded to the student's faculty sponsor.

We thank you for your consideration.

In community,

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