



HRA Employees Win Prestigious Civil Service Awards from 100 Year Association of New York

Two HRA employees have won the prestigious 2012 Isaac Liberman Public Service Award for Career Civil Service Employees, which is given every year by the 100 Year Association of New York to honor outstanding achievements by New York City's civil servants. Joan Dworetsky, Senior Immigration Analyst with HRA's Office of Refugee and Immigrant Affairs (ORIA), and Nancy Mier, a Clerical Associate IV with HRA's Family Independence Administration (FIA) Division of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Services. In addition to this, the children of four HRA employees won college scholarships through the E. Virgil Conway College Scholars Awards, which honor academic achievement and community service by the children of civil servants.

As Senior Immigration Analyst for ORIA, Ms. Dworetsky plays a unique role within the Agency, advising HRA's front-line staff and trainers on what benefits immigrants are eligible for so that they can properly serve immigrants in need of assistance. Ms. Dworetsky goes above and beyond to answer any question asked of her, acting as a resource to those serving the City's immigrant population outside of HRA and taking time to research and learn anything she isn't already familiar with. She is devoted to her family, loves music and art, and is a lifetime learner.

Nancy Mier learned to value family and community and to help those in need from her parents, who were known as 'mom and pop' in her neighborhood for the help they gave to the poor. She began working at HRA after passing a civil service exam and soon fell in love with her work and the opportunity it gave her to help others and to learn from her coworkers. She has over 30 years of service with the Agency. She has two children and four grandchildren.

Sara Bauch, daughter of Naomi Bauch of HRA's Home Care Services Program (HCSP) Medical Review Team, is one of the winners of the 2012 E. Virgil Conway College Scholars Award. Ms. Bauch is a junior at Boston University and has just returned from a semester abroad in Spain. She is a Linguistic Major and Biology Minor and wants to be a pediatrician. Michelle Urman, another winner and daughter of HRA Caseworker Bella Urman, is a senior at New York University. She is the recipient of the CAS Scholarship, and a New York State TAP Grant. Bryant Ly, another E. Virgil Conway Winner, is the oldest son of Edward Ly, a Computer Associate (Technical Support) at HRA. Mr. Ly is a sophomore pre-medical student with a major in East Asian Languages and Cultures at the University of Southern California (USC) in Los Angeles. He has had experience volunteering as a teaching assistant at several locations in New York City's Chinatown. The final E. Virgil Conway award winner, Michelle Kantarovich, is the daughter of Liliya Kantarovich, Deputy Director of HRA's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment, Compliance and Periodic Processing Center. Ms. Kantarovich is a freshman at Pennsylvania State University, where she is enrolled in an accelerated Pre-Medical/Medical program. She hopes to specialize in neurosurgery and get into a top residency program within the United States.