

Heart of the Community Award is presented to Community Legal Assistance Corporation ("Hofstra Law Clinics")

In a Hofstra Law School clinic, students represent actual people and work on actual cases. They advocate in court, counsel clients, conduct fact investigations and mediate disputes.

Students not only must think like a lawyer, as they are asked to do in most law school classes, but also act like a lawyer.

The experience is both deeply challenging and immensely rewarding. Most students who take part in a clinic look upon their participation as the highlight of their legal education, an experience which enables them to approach the practice of law with confidence and sensitivity.

Simone M. Freeman was selected to participate in the Housing Rights Clinic (now known as the Law Reform Advocacy Clinic) as a Hofstra Law School 3L where she represented clients in a variety of municipal and housing related issues. Simone continues to stay involved with her *alma mater* through various mentorship and development opportunities.



L to R: Simone Freeman, Jaspan Schlesinger and Mickheila Jasmin-Beamon, Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University.