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## First-Year Student Receives Schweitzer Fellowship

3/31/05—Boston College Law School is pleased to announce that first-year student Natalie Langlois has been named a recipient of a 2005-06 Schweitzer Fellowship.

“Natalie not only received a fellowship in a highly competitive process, but, most impressively, was the only law student to be named a fellow,” said BC Law Professor Mary-Ann Chirba Martin. “She’s an incredible young woman.”

Langlois is from Rochester, NY, and attended college at Colgate University where she concentrated in Psychology. This summer she will be working at Greater Boston Legal Services, in the Health & Disability Unit, with the Medicare Advocacy Project.

Langlois hopes to use her upcoming summer experiences at GBLS as part of her fellowship project, and as a starting point for identifying and addressing the problems the elderly community faces when navigating access to healthcare via Medicare and Medicaid.

“I’m very excited about the fellowship,” Langlois said. “I applied because it seemed like a great opportunity to combine my interest in health and healthcare law with serving a community in need. I have worked the past four summers at a long-term care and rehabilitation nursing facility in the recreation department - this work experience sparked my interest in continuing to serve the elderly community, and through law school, I am able to do so in a legal capacity.”

Since 1991, The Boston Schweitzer Fellows Program has provided more than 200 Boston and Worcester area students the opportunity to carry out health-related community service projects in their local areas.

Fellows have worked to provide services ranging from developing a fall prevention program for seniors, health education programs in local schools, cookbooks for low-income families, to identifying the mental health issues Sudanese refugee children face in the U.S.

Boston Fellows have also conducted more than 30 public outreach events, including formal symposia on topics such as HIV and AIDS, refugee and immigrant health, nutrition and obesity, and access to health care. These free events are open to the general public and engage students, academic faculty, community members and others in thoughtful dialogue about the unmet health needs facing our local communities.