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**Mathew Kleiner “Create Change: Health Leadership Award”  
2011 Awardee**

**JOHN MUELLER ‘13**

Gannett Health Services is pleased to announce the 2012 recipient of the “Create Change: Health Leadership Award”: John Mueller. This award is established to honor and carry forward the legacy of Mathew A. Kleiner ’93. It is awarded to Cornell University students who demonstrate the courage and commitment to create change that will enhance the health of the Cornell community, as Matt did as a student leader at Cornell. John’s leadership in many efforts to create healthier, safer Cornell and Ithaca communities is a fitting tribute to both Matt and his many family members and friends whose love and generosity created this award.

John Mueller is a successful student, enthusiastic member of an a capella group, popular elected student leader, and effective voice for student health and well-being. He has been a key participant, partner with administrators, and leading student advocate in a number of initiatives that aim to create a safer culture at Cornell. He is one of two students representing Cornell in the National Collegiate Health Improvement Project, a cutting-edge initiative to address high risk drinking.

As part of this effort, he promoted a community-wide campaign to introduce New York State’s new Good Samaritan Law. He also is deeply involved in the development of Cayuga’s Watchers. This student run social awareness campaign and service is being designed to curb high risk drinking and the negative consequences associated with it on our campus, including sexual assault, property damage, and personal health issues. Cayuga’s Watchers will be trained to recognize and help respond to high risk situations, without standing out in the crowd. Their goal is no less than “to change the drinking culture on our campus.”

John is an extraordinarily effective organizational leader; he also is an individual of courage and integrity. He has given his time, his personal story, his public testimony, and his passion to efforts to promote mental health and suicide prevention. He has put his heart and soul into nurturing Cornell as a “caring community.” For this reason, to convey our gratitude and our support, we are pleased to recognize John with this year’s Mathew Kleiner Create Change Health Leadership Award.

John offered this tribute to Matt:

“Matt Kleiner’s efforts continue to inspire Cornellians to tackle issues of student health with courage, passion, and thoughtful collaboration. Although I did not have the privilege of knowing Matt, I am proud to [be chosen] for an award in his name. Often times, engaging the community and tackling a serious public health issue can be daunting, but knowing the trial and tribulations (along with the successes, of course) of leaders like Matt help keep the light at the end of the tunnel within sight.

Like Matt, I am a “pre-law” student– I intend on getting a Master’s in Public Health and then attending law school for a J.D. I hope to be able to continue my work keeping students educated, safe, and healthy in my future career, and I hope that my efforts on campus will have an effect for years to come. While there is no silver bullet to public health issues like the problem of high-risk drinking, Matt’s legacy gives student leaders faith that they, too, can impact culture and social norms for a healthier and safer Cornell.”

***Mathew P. Kleiner "Create Change: Health Leadership Award"***

*The “Create Change: Health Leadership Award” was established to honor and carry forward the legacy of Mathew A. Kleiner, CU '93. It is awarded to Cornell University students who demonstrate the courage and commitment to create change that will enhance the health of the Cornell community. The award recognizes the personal investment of time, energy, dedication, and vision that effective leadership requires. Made possible by the generosity of Matt’s family and friends, this award will be administered by Gannett Health Services, Matt’s partners in creating change during his years at Cornell.*

*For more information, visit: [www.gannett.cornell.edu/campushealth/HealthLeadershipAward.html](http://www.gannett.cornell.edu/campushealth/HealthLeadershipAward.html)*

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