
Graduate Students Receive Prestigious Awards

Penny Prince, a doctoral student in the Department of Music and Performing Arts Professions, and Rekha Desai, a master's student in the Department of Teaching and Learning, have been awarded a Jewish Foundation for Education 125th Anniversary Fellowship. The fellowship was created to honor the foundation's centennial anniversary, and divides \$125,000 among nine students.

Prince, who earned a master's degree in piano from Manhattan School of Music, teaches at Lehman College, where she also supervises music student teachers and fellows. She has composed more than 100 musicals based on her own stories, as well as children's books and children's origi-



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nal stories. She wrote and produced "Rapunzel," performed at Manhattan School of Music, and "Sleeping Beauty," staged with Lehman College students. She also wrote a musical, "A Chair For My Mother," for the third grade class at PS 37, the Multiple Intelligences School in the Bronx, where Ms.

Prince was the first music teacher.

Rekha Desai is a graduate student enrolled in Steinhardt's program in mathematics education. She has privately tutored students in middle and high school mathematics. She recently served as a Math Specialist for the Big Apple Circus, teaching the children who

performed with the troupe. Her goal is to teach middle school mathematics in the New York City public school system. "I want to be able to help young students overcome their fears and difficulties with math and to develop a love of math and of learning," Desai said.