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Amani Kancey is a second year student at Boston College Law School. Her interest in law and public policy stems from her professional experience as the Special Assistant to the U.S. Secretary of Transportation. This summer, Amani interned at the Massachusetts Department of Transportation working alongside Senior Counsel to the MassDOT and MBTA Board of Directors. “Transportation affects and changes lives, but it is not something people think about; it’s a subconscious privilege.” Amani’s summer provided her with the opportunity to take a microscopic look at Boston’s transportation policies, discover where the state’s priorities lie and become familiar with the way transportation decisions are made on a local and state level. Amani also spent time exploring the two public-private partnership projects (Project Mobility and Project SPAN) that MassDOT is considering and gained a deeper understanding of the complex nature of such collaborative initiatives. Amani remains invested in the issues. “There’s always work to be done in transportation infrastructure.”

Megan Beyer is a third year law student and is the Rappaport Center’s first Fellow from the University of Massachusetts School of Law. Since growing up on the South Shore, Megan has always known that she wanted to be a lawyer in the Boston area. “I want to actually help people and I think the best way I can do so is through law.” Megan spent her summer interning at the City of Boston’s Office of Women Advancement focusing on ways to combat human trafficking, specifically in Boston hotels. “The Fellowship has been inspirational since it allowed me a summer to do research and work in the field I love.” Megan’s experience also gave her the opportunity to see the inner workings of City Hall and the process required to create change through policy. Looking forward, Megan hopes to continue to improve and sustain human rights through the intersection of law and policy.