

## David C. Leach, MD Award Recipients 2011



**Andrew C. Miller, MD**

Emergency Medicine/Internal Medicine  
State University of New York (SUNY) Health Science Center at Brooklyn  
Brooklyn, NY  
Co-founder, Morzak Research Initiative



**Rashid M. Rashid, MD, PhD**

Dermatology  
University of Texas at Houston and MD Anderson Cancer Center  
Co-founder, Morzak Research Initiative

**Nominators had this to say:**

“The *Morzak* program has been an amazingly effective and efficient means to advance medical research education and scientific investigation amongst students, residents, and fellows. It has produced a sustainable and lasting impression on the residency and serves as a model for others to follow. The premise of the initiative is simple: To provide a trainee-centered approach to research that works within the confines of a rigorous medical training program to provide trainees with the skills, experience, and confidence needed to be productive medical researchers.”

“Over a 4-year period, Drs. Miller & Rashid have mentored 43 individuals (19 students, 18 residents, 4 fellows, and 2 attending physicians). These mentorship experiences resulted in 106 published projects with an additional 18 manuscripts in submission. To underscore the magnitude of these numbers, one must realize that of the 43 mentees, 26 were mentored to their first publication. They did not merely assist experienced researchers to publish more, but rather, they took novices and taught them how to conduct and publish academic projects from scratch.”