

The Year End Appeal & NEWSLETTER

Legal Outreach Strengthens its Commitment to Diversity, Inclusion and Social Justice with Student-Led Initiative

As we approach 2021, we are all hoping for a better year. A better year, however, cannot mean a return to the status quo - especially if it means acceptance of social inequities and racial injustices. Change is necessary and must be a part of the new equation not just next year but the next decade - or however long it takes to achieve the promises of our proud democracy.

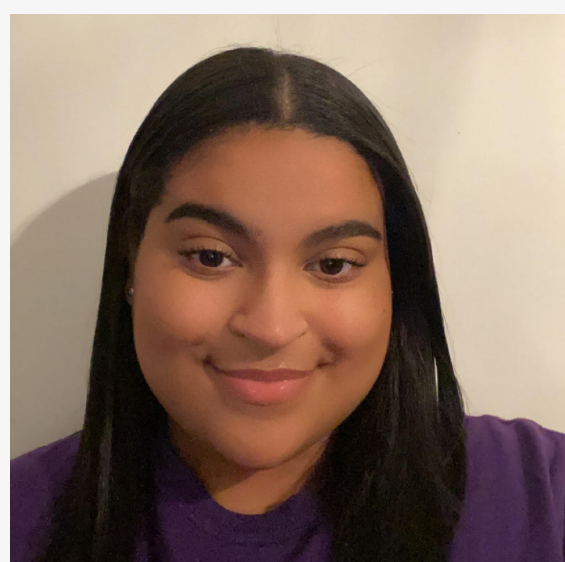


Above: Executive Director James O'Neal Addresses LO students

Legal Outreach is committed to doing its part. So too are our College Bound students who have taken the initiative to start their own Civic Engagement and Social Justice Leadership Council. This is a student-led program, one in which our students have the freedom to choose the issues, educate themselves thereon, and strategize and mobilize to make their voices heard. (See their comments below.)

They need our help but we need yours to make sure that this new "project" can become a "program" - an integral and on-going part of the work of Legal Outreach. Your year-end donation will help support the movement forward - from advocacy to action. Let's all do our part to prepare the next generation to take the reins of leadership in their communities, their professions, and society-at-large. Wishing you and yours all the best in the year to come.

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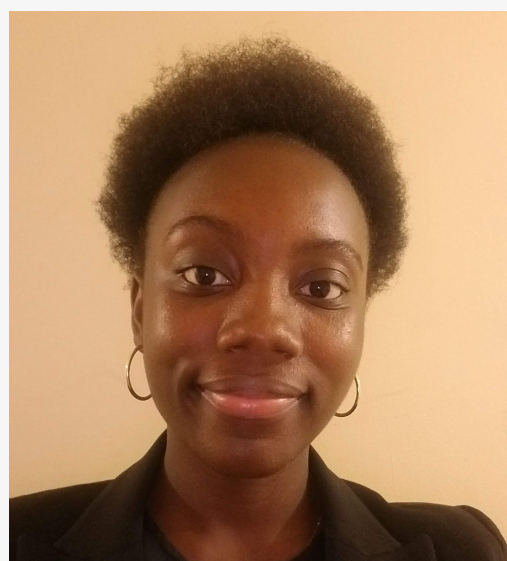
Saladys Pena, junior

"The Council began as a result of a virtual forum in which we (LO students) discussed the tragedy of George Floyd and racial injustice. From the beginning, this Council was formed because the students wanted to make a real change in the world. It is the product of student conversation and organization."



Rifat Ahmed, sophomore

"We, the Council members, are the bridge between our Legal Outreach peers and the current social justice issues we are facing. As students of color, we are the ones who are facing these injustices every day in our communities. I hope to work on these issues and take action to resolve them."



Jessica Sotindjo, senior

"I hope to encourage other students to aid us in the fight for social justice. We should not be afraid to use our voices. I also hope to become more comfortable speaking up about racial justice in America."



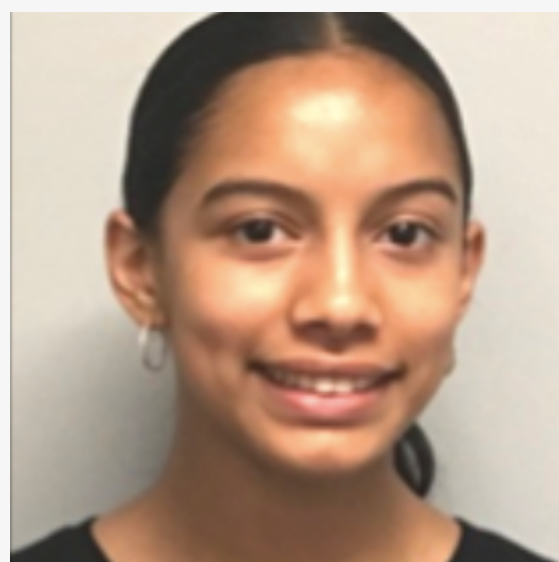
Dylan Tran, junior

"Before joining the Council, I had no idea how a young person like me could affect significant change in my community. Collaborating with my fellow council members, I learned the value of teamwork and the value of taking initiative and being a catalyst of social change."



Ethan Chavez, junior

"I hope to gain the proper experience to be able to lead a civil rights group in the future, as the work towards a fair and just society is never over. I also hope to be a part of the class that solidifies the existence of the Student Leadership Council for future generations of LO students."



Jasminda Madrid, sophomore

"I want to be a part of this initiative so that I could be a part of something bigger than myself. I am only fourteen, and I thought that this would be a great time for me to start being an activist for change."

To ensure the continued success of this program, we need your help! Please consider making a Year End donation to support the work of Legal Outreach and the Civic Engagement and Social Justice Leadership Council.

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