

THANKFUL THURSDAY

Legal Outreach gratefully gives Thanks
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A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, JAMES O'NEAL

During this season, Legal Outreach's tradition has been to thank all the supporters of our College Access and Pipeline-to-Diversity programs. This year, we would like to acknowledge, in particular, the Chief Legal Officers and General Counsels of several major corporations who have supported our pipeline efforts in 2019. Each has exposed our youth to their institutions, their legal staff, and professional opportunities that exist for students from diverse, underrepresented, and low-income backgrounds. We are grateful for these partnerships and the forward thinking leadership of the individuals cited below.



LAUREEN SEEGER

EVP and General Counsel, American Express

We are grateful to Lauren Seger for her continuous support of Legal Outreach's Summer Internship Program for our rising 10th graders. For the past 12 years, AMEX has annually exposed five LO students to the work performed by attorneys in the law department. Students acquire a deeper understanding of the role of lawyers as an integral part of the business operations of the company. Students return from their experience excited about the various practice specialties and, as a result, become more motivated to strive for excellence. Ms. Seeger expressed her thoughts on the importance of the internship program:

"It is so important to engage students in exercises that expose them to the work of lawyers at corporations. Our goal is to inspire them to work hard so they might one day join the profession as colleagues vs. interns. Encouraging diverse populations at the early stages is critical to achieving our diversity goals."

TOM RIGGS

GS Bank USA General Counsel, Goldman Sachs



In October, our seniors participated in a full-day Professional Exposure Event at Goldman Sachs, facilitated through Legal Outreach's connection with Tom Riggs. Mr. Rigg's division organized a panel comprised of younger employees to answer questions from our students about college, career paths, and skill development. Following the discussion, the panelists, along with other Goldman Sachs employees, participated in a networking event with our students. This was followed by one-on-one sessions to help students revise and strengthen their resumes. The students took a tour of the trading floor and spoke with a number of traders about their work and positions. Mr. Riggs spoke about his support for the program,

"At Goldman Sachs, we are happy to support this initiative because it exposes students to a range of career paths. Through this program, Legal Outreach students have a chance to meet members of our Legal Division and some of our traders, which helps facilitate our desire to integrate diverse professionals into every division and at every level within the firm. Having a Legal Outreach alumna at Goldman Sachs is proof that programs like this make a difference."



SHEILA DAVIDSON

Chief Legal Officer & General Counsel, NY Life

During the summer of 2019, 24 rising 9th graders, all females, participated in our Summer Law Institute (SLI) at Cardozo Law School where they were provided with the opportunity to visit the offices of NY Life Insurance. Over 20 attorneys in the law department worked with the students in small groups to help them grapple with a legal issue that was far from clear cut. Students enjoyed the exercise immensely and were inspired, at the end of the five-week SLI, to continue their journey with Legal Outreach by enrolling in the four-year College Bound Program. Ms. Davidson shared her thoughts about the importance of the Summer Law Institute:

"It's been our pleasure to support the SLI because we believe it is important to expose students to career paths they may not have previously considered. Our attorneys enjoy participating in events where they are making a difference."

JENNIFER DANIELS

Chief Legal Officer & Secretary, Colgate Palmolive



For the past 7 years, Jennifer Daniels and her colleagues at Colgate Palmolive have sponsored the Summer Law Institute at Fordham Law School. Each year, Colgate attorneys, along with attorneys from the firm of Morgan Lewis, serve as guest speakers exposing students to various types of work performed by attorneys. In addition, Colgate hosts a breakfast for the students and organizes a panel to provide useful information and tips to the students as they continue their educational journeys. We are proud to continue our partnership with Colgate Palmolive and Ms. Daniels, who was honored in 2018 as Legal Outreach's Corporate Impact Champion.



DAVID LEVINE

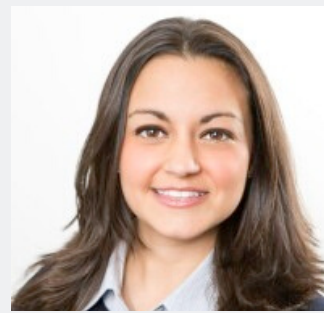
General Counsel, Bloomberg LP

In April, Legal Outreach's six most outstanding debaters from three prior competitions participated in the annual Constitutional Law Debater of the Year Competition. David Levine and several colleagues from the law department served as neutral and impartial judges who were tasked with determining the most outstanding debater based upon their presentations, arguments and responses to tough questions. At the conclusion of the exciting event, Mr. Levine acknowledged how impressed he was with each of the finalists.

"All of the students were well prepared with strong arguments and excellent responses to difficult questions. The talent displayed by the participants gives us hope that the profession will be able to achieve its diversity goals as pipeline programs like Legal Outreach grow. It was inspiring to see these students applying their critical thinking skills to real life Constitutional issues."

DOLORES DIBELLA

Vice President Legal Affairs, National Football League



On November 14th, sixteen Legal Outreach students, male and female, visited the NFL's headquarters for a professional exposure workshop. Professionals from various departments within the NFL spoke about their career paths and the different opportunities within the corporation, including those related to litigation, intellectual property, finance, and graphic design. Students received a primer on American professional football, after which they were split into groups and worked through a hypothetical problem with the assistance of NFL employees. On the importance of exposing diverse students to opportunities within the NFL, Ms. DiBella said,

"Our partnership with Legal Outreach is a prime example of how the NFL works to promote opportunities for young people, particularly those who grow up in diverse communities. For us, it's important for students to see that career opportunities at the NFL are available beyond playing the game on the field. Our hope is that these bright and talented young students will one day consider joining the league in our wide variety of professional capacities."

Thank you to all our Thankful Thursday Honorees!
We are truly grateful for your support.