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 thank the General Counsel of several major corporations who have supported Legal Outreach’s College Access and Pipeline-to-Diversity programs. Each has expanded our reach 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.

LAUREN SEEGER
EVP and General Counsel, American Express

We are grateful to Lauren Seeger for her continuous support of Legal Outreach’s Summer Internship Program for our rising 9th graders. For the 12 years that Legal Outreach has worked closely with her, her firm has supported the legal work performed by attorneys in the law department. Students acquire a sense of the legal profession and what it means to work in the business of a large corporation. We are grateful for the steady employment that this internship provides to the students.

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TOM RIGGS
GS Bank USA General Counsel, Goldman Sachs

In October, our seniors participated in a day-long Professional Exposure Event at Goldman Sachs, facilitated through Legal Outreach’s connection with Tom Riggs. Ms. Riggs donated an entire panel comprised of younger employees to answer questions about the work the firm does in a fast-paced, high-velocity environment. The students gained a better understanding of career paths and skill development. Following the discussion, the panelists, along with other Goldman Sachs employees, provided, in particular, the Chief Legal Office and a former employee, a behind-the-scenes tour of the trading floor and an explanation of the work performed by attorneys in the law department. Students return from their experience excited about the various practice specialties and, as a result, become more motivated to strive for excellence.

JENNIFER DANIELLS
Chief Legal Officer & General Counsel, NY Life

For the past 7 years, Jennifer Daniels and her colleagues at Colgate Palmolive, have supported our students. Ms. Daniels, who was honored in 2018 as Legal Outreach’s Corporate Impact Champion, shared her thoughts about the importance of the Summer Law Institute:

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Sheila Davidson
Chief Legal Officer & General Counsel, NY Life

During the summer of 2023, 24 rising 9th graders, all females, participated in our Summer Law Institute (SLI) at Cardozo Law School where they were given the opportunity to participate in various professional and personal growth activities. Over 20 attorneys in the law department worked with the students in small groups to help them grapple with legal issues that were far from clear. Students enjoyed the exercise immensely and were inspired, at the end of the five-week SLI, to continue their journey with a professional path by enrolling in our College Access Program. Ms. Daniels shared her thoughts about the importance of the Summer Law Institute:

"It is so important to engage students in exercises that expose them to the world of law so all corporations. Our goal is to inspire them to work hard to achieve their dreams. As more people of every demographic become part of our pipeline, our work will be cut in half."

JUDITH HORSHEL
Chief Legal Officer, Encompass Health

In April, Legal Outreach’s six most outstanding debaters from three prior years, joined educators and alumni at the National Football League (NFL) Legal Clinic in conjunction with the NFL’s Inspire the future program. Ms. Horshel expressed her thoughts on the importance of the internship program:

"The internship program is an excellent opportunity for our students. It provides them with a hands-on experience, which they will remember for a lifetime."

JANICE JENSEN
Chief Legal Officer & Secretary, Middlefield

David Levine and several colleagues from the law department at Encompass Health, a large healthcare company, welcomed the students to the NFL’s Inspire the future program. Mr. Levine expressed his thoughts on the importance of the internship program:

"It is critical that we provide our students with the opportunity to gain meaningful work experience. The NFL’s Inspire the future program is an excellent opportunity for our young people, particularly those who grow up in diverse communities. It is a competitive program, but we are delighted to participate and support Legal Outreach’s efforts in this important work."

DOLORES DIBELLA
Vice President Legal Affairs, National Football League

On November 8th, thirteenth Legal Outreach students, male and female, visited the NFL’s headquarters for the NFL’s Inspire the future program. Professionals from various departments within the NFL spoke about their career paths and the eligibility requirements for entering the NFL. The event included presentations, student introductions, and breakout sessions, including those related to litigation, intellectual property, finance, and graphic design. Students received a resume review from NFL partners and the NFL’s Inspire the future agreement has allowed the NFL to retain some of their top high school and college debaters through an internship with a variety of professional capabilities."

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