LEGAL OUTREACH
2021-22 ANNUAL REPORT

328
Low-Income Youth Served

90%
Overall Retention Rate

100%
College Matriculation Rate

98%
College Acceptance Rate to Most, Highly, and Very Competitive Colleges

80.4%
College Matriculation Rate to Most, Highly, and Very Competitive Colleges

1239
Average SAT Score
The collective matters!

When we reflect upon the year, people will remember the class of 2022 and their outstanding college admissions results. Our seniors received letters of acceptance from and matriculated to Yale (3), Princeton, Columbia, Swarthmore, Wellesley, Duke, NYU (3), Carnegie Mellon (2), Smith and so many other great colleges.

Yet, what I’ll remember is the collective contributions of our supporters – staff, board and advisory board members, mentors, sponsors, partners, internship providers, guest speakers, volunteers – all of whom came together to create opportunities for the members of this graduating class. Some contributed their time, others their talent, and still others their treasure to create steps on the ladder leading to heavenly results.

I’m grateful to all who did their part to fill the gaps, to close the deficits and who enabled members of the senior class and our future leaders to earn their nicknames of “no excuses.” No excuses were needed because they were resolute and determined to achieve their goals and as a result, with the help of the many, they have reaped the rewards that far too often are reserved for the privileged and few. Thank you to all who played a part, great or small, in leveling the playing field. All things are possible for our youth when they are supported by those who truly believe.

With Sincere Gratitude,

James B. O’Neal, Executive Director
To achieve diversity within any profession, early intervention in the lives of underrepresented groups is a necessity. Legal Outreach thus recruits high potential eighth graders from underserved communities and immerses them in a five-week **Summer Law Institute (SLI)** in partnership with six law schools. Upon completion, the SLI participants apply for admission to **College Bound**, Legal Outreach’s four-year, intensive academic skill development and support program designed to prepare them for the rigors of college and professional careers. Meeting after school, on Saturdays and during the summers, students spend over 2,300 hours building and sharpening the skills needed for success.

**OUR PROGRAMS**

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**Summer Law Institute (SLI)**
- Summer after 8th grade

**College Bound**
- Multi-components, 4-year program through high school

**Admission to selective colleges and universities**

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**College Bound Four-Year Timeline:**

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Legal Outreach seeks to change the higher educational trajectory for minority, low income, and first-generation students by implementing programs designed to fill the **achievement, outlook, support, college matching and leadership gaps** which prevent students from achieving their highest aspirations and professional goals.

### Achievement Gap
Helping students develop the skills needed to excel academically in high school, college, and in the professional world.

- Academic Advisory Program
- Study Skills Workshops
- Saturday Writing Program
- Constitutional Law Debate Program
- SAT Prep Program
- College Level Philosophy Course

### Outlook Gap
Raising students' awareness of professional opportunities and expanding their vision of the future.

- Summer Law Institute
- Professional Training Program
- Summer Internship Program
- Professional Exposure Program

### Support Gap
Providing students with guidance and helping them develop the soft skills needed to face challenging situations with grace and perseverance.

- Life Skills Workshops
- Advisory Program
- Mentoring Program

### College Matching Gap
Matching students to the correct set of colleges based upon their academic performances, needs, and aspirations.

- College Application Workshops
- College Admission Program
- Financial Aid Workshops
- Transition to College Workshops

### Leadership Gap
Providing students with opportunities to collectively strategize and mobilize to address recurring problems within their communities.

- Civic Engagement & Social Justice Leadership Program

### 2021-22 School Year

- **123** students completed the 2022 Summer Law Institute
- **205** students completed LO’s 2021-22 College Bound Program
- **59** seniors completed LO’s 4-year College Bound Program

**SLI Law Schools:**
Cardozo School of Law
Columbia Law School
CUNY Law School
Fordham University School of Law
NYU School of Law
St. John's Law School

**SLI Law School Matriculation Rates:**
- **Freshman:** 48
- **Soph.:** 44
- **Junior:** 54
- **Senior:** 59

- 100% Graduated from High School and were admitted to college
- 80.4% Matriculated to Colleges rated Most, Highly or Very Competitive
27% Students come from single parent households
58% Students are 1st generation Americans
$35,683 Median Household Income

Class by Gender
- Female: 38
- Male: 20
- Non-Binary: 1

Class by Borough
- Queens: 26
- Brooklyn: 12
- Manhattan: 10
- Bronx: 9
- Staten Island: 2

Parent Education
- Some College: 8.47%
- Not in US: 10.17%
- One Parent Completed College: 11.86%
- Associate's Degree: 1.69%
- Both Completed College: 38.98%
- Neither Completed College: 27.12%

Class Ethnic Demographics
- Caucasian: 3.39%
- Asian: 18.64%
- South Asian: 22.03%
- Hispanic: 22.03%
- Black: 33.9%
- Non-Binary: 1.69%
80.4% of the seniors in the Class of 2022 have matriculated to Colleges and Universities ranked "Most Competitive" (46.43%), "Highly Competitive" (12.5%), or "Very Competitive" (21.43%) by Barron's College Profiles.

**Most Competitive**
- Barnard College, 1
- Boston College, 1
- Boston University, 1
- Bucknell University, 1
- Carnegie Mellon University, 2
- Columbia University, 1
- Duke University, 1
- Hampshire College, 1
- New York University, 3
- Princeton University, 1
- Smith College, 1
- SUNY Binghamton University, 3
- SUNY Stony Brook University, 4
- Swarthmore College, 1
- Wellesley College, 1
- Yale University, 3

**Highly Competitive**
- Bentley University, 1
- CUNY Baruch College, 4
- Skidmore College, 1
- Whitman College, 1

**Very Competitive**
- CUNY Hunter College, 3
- CUNY Queens College, 1
- Ithaca College, 1
- Rochester Institute of Technology, 1
- SUNY Albany
- SUNY Buffalo
- Syracuse University (2)
- Temple University

**Competitive & Other**
- Adelphi University, 1
- Pace University, 1
- St. John’s University, 1
- Bowie State University, 1
- CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice, 2
- CUNY Lehman College, 2
- Stonehill College, 1
- University of North Florida, 1
- University of the Sciences, Pharmacy, 1
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**Net Operating Assets for the Year**: $379,587.62

**PPP Government Loan Forgiven**: $253,122.00

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