

# **CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT**

**Alexandra Serre**  
**Candidate for President**



Hey guys! My name is Alexandra Serre, but many of you know me as Ally. I am excited to announce that I am running for SBA **President** on the same ticket as George Harris, who happens to be my good friend and also running for the Vice President position.

I'm originally from California and went to UCLA. After graduating, I taught English in low-income high schools in Italy and then decided to make the move to NYU. During my time at NYU Law, I have been very active. My first year here, I was my Section Representative and got involved with Lexis (yes, I dole out the delicious free candy and coffee once a week).

Wanting to continue my involvement in SBA, this past year I served as SBA's Treasurer. As Treasurer, I had the responsibility of distributing the initial funds to student organizations as well as reviewing funding requests so that groups can put on great events! I am also head of the finance committee, putting me in charge not only of reviewing the finance requests but also reviewing the inputs of the members of my committee while making my final recommendations. Since I have already been on SBA for two years, I have had the opportunity to see it function under different leadership. This experience allowed me to see what tactics have historically worked and what hasn't, while also giving me the opportunity to work with different administrators.

I met George on SBA and was able to work closely with him in my Finance Committee, and we just work extremely well together. With a ticket involving two class years, George and I plan on attending to both short term and long term goals to make sure that NYU Law is a great experience for everyone. Next year we want:

- **Student Voices to be Heard**
  - Ever feel like you are voicing your opinion but you are not actually being heard? So do we, and we intend on increasing student input on important university initiatives and making sure that we are being *heard*.
- **Students to Have Access to ALL Resources Available**
  - We want to make sure that students actually know about all of the resources open to them (such as: academic, professional, and mental health services), whether it is at NYU law or NYU in general.
- **There to be a Greater Rapport between SBA and the Student Body**
  - We want to ensure that everyone knows what SBA does and boost student engagement with the SBA through outreach and co-sponsoring/co-hosting events with other student groups.
- **To Increase Diversity of Events on Campus**
  - We want to create more ways for students to relax and meet each other through ensuring more family events (or events you can bring your significant other outside of law school to), community service outings, and group trips.

George and I are very friendly and available, so if you have any questions or comments please either email us or come up to us in person!



**Evan Shepherd**  
**Candidate for President**





NYU Law—Whaddupppppp!!!

My name is **Evan Shepherd** and I am running for **SBA President**, on the same ticket as **Sam Coxe**—we are confident we would make an incredible team representing your interests throughout the next year. And make it FUN!

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# **CANDIDATES FOR VICE PRESIDENT**

**Samantha Coxe**  
**Candidate for Vice President**



## NYU Law—What's Good?!?!



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**George Harris**  
**Candidate for Vice President**



Hello NYU Law! My name is George Harris, and I'm running to be your next SBA Vice-President. Along with Ally Serre, my friend and favorite Presidential Candidate, I want to make sure that every NYU Law student has access to all the support they need, and that their voices are heard by the Law School administration.

First, a little about me. I'm from Gainesville, FL, and I grew up in Atlanta, GA. I went to college at Yale, where I served as an Intramural Secretary, Class Representative, and Freshman Counselor before graduating in 2011. After that, I worked at Yale for a year, spent time working on the 2012 Obama Campaign in South Florida, and then worked at a healthcare consulting company in DC until starting here in the fall.

At NYU, I'm an active member of BALSAs and an SBA First-Year Representative for Section 4. In addition, I serve on SBA's Finance Committee, reviewing student group applications for funding to help pay for all of the wonderful events that make this campus so great. (That's how I met Ally!)

Over the course of the last year, I've had a chance to develop a great working relationship with Ally through the Finance Committee, and to hear from my section and others at the school about the things SBA and NYU can improve on. Next year, we want to:

- **Ensure Student Voices are Heard**
  - Deepen student input on key university initiatives like affordability, diversity (among students and faculty) and other areas of interest to the law school.
- **Expand Access to Resources for Students**
  - Catalog and organize the available resources to students, including academic, professional, and mental health services at the law school and NYU at large.
- **Build a Greater Rapport between the SBA and the Student Body**
  - Boost student engagement with the SBA, through personal interaction and public events co-hosted or co-sponsored with other student groups.
- **Increase Diversity of Campus Events**
  - Providing innovative spaces for students to relax and meet one another, including family events, community service outings, and group trips to other parts of New York.

As a 2L, I'll be especially committed to each of these goals because I'll be here the next year to see how it all shakes out! In addition, I think it will be easier for us to speak from a broad base of student support with multiple years represented at the head of SBA.

If you have any questions or comments, don't hesitate to come up and say hello! Thanks for reading, and I hope I can count on your vote.

# **CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY**

**Dana Wellesly-Stein**  
**Candidate for Secretary**



**DANA WELLESLY-STEIN**  
*Candidate for SBA Secretary*

My name is Dana Wellesly-Stein, I am the current SBA Secretary, and I am running again for the position of Secretary for the 2016-2017 SBA. I very much enjoy being involved with the SBA, keeping minutes at our meetings, and generally working to make sure that the SBA is organized and running smoothly. I welcome any and all suggestions, both for my role and for the SBA as a whole. I would greatly appreciate your vote so that I can continue working as the SBA Secretary!



# **CANDIDATES FOR SOCIAL CHAIRS**

**Neesha Chhina**  
**Candidate for Social Chair**





## Neesha Chhina & Marissa Prieto - Candidates for Social Chair

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**Nicolas Duque-Franco**  
**Candidate for Social Chair**





## Nicolas “Nico” Duque-Franco Candidate for Social Chair

The Social Chairs are here to provide *you* with fun and to help *you* take breaks from the hectic lives we lead as students.

That requires Social Chairs to think about the needs of all NYU Law students and create fun events that will exceed their expectations. As Social Chair, I promise to keep the party rolling and to create new events that help us escape the NYU area more often. I want social events to help us meet students at other NYU schools and at other law schools, to see different parts of the city, and to offer experiences that aren't exclusively focused on parties (though I too love Bar Review).

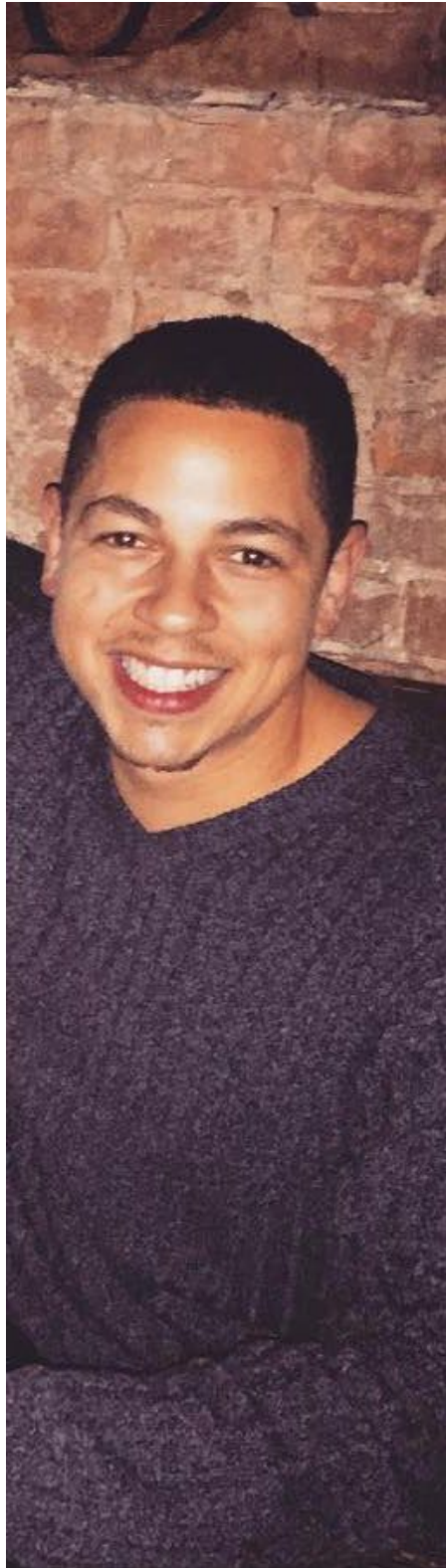
Vote for me and you can count on electing a Social Chair who will do just that in the following ways:

1. **Keep the Party Rolling:** New York is expensive and being a law student is demanding. SBA-funded Bar Review provides an opportunity to get away from those pressures regardless of your budget and I am committed to keeping that tradition going. Vote for me and you can count on a Social Chair who will plan the most fun Bar Reviews you have yet to see.
2. **Make NYC Accessible:** Social Chairs need to plan events that really take advantage of the city. NYU Night at the Symphony, NYU Law Sees Central Park, Bringing It to Brooklyn: An NYU Brewery Tour could all be fun events that go beyond our traditional Bar Reviews. Vote for me and you can count on a Social Chair that will work to make NYC accessible to you.
3. **Building Partnerships in Fun:** Our current Social Chairs have built bridges with other NYU programs and NYC law schools through Bar Review. I think these are great initiatives and am committed to continuing that growth by finding more partners and co-hosting more diverse events. Vote for me and you can count on a Social Chair that will form those partnerships.
4. **Promoting Student Groups:** NYU owes a lot of its vibrancy and spirit to our amazing student groups. The Social Chairs should engage student groups in the coming year and leverage Bar Review to promote causes and events important to those student groups. Vote for me and you can count on a Social Chair that will work to promote our student groups.

In case we haven't met, here is my quick background. I was born in Colombia and moved to U.S. with my mom at the age of six. Since then, I've been traveling for most of my life. Prior to law school, I studied English and Philosophy at UChicago, where I also held a similar position as Social Chair of a student group. After graduating, I worked for Deloitte Consulting, where I led our office's social programming. I speak Spanish natively and am working on my Portuguese. I make a mean ceviche and I really care about creating a fun atmosphere for the Law School next year.

I want to make next year the best possible year it can be for all us, and I hope you will grant me that privilege by electing me as one of your Social Chairs.

**Evan McCants-Goldman  
Candidate for Social Chair**



In the past 24 years I have learned many things. I have mastered the art of walking, I am proficient at talking, and some would even venture to say my writing is “intelligible”. While these qualifications may seem impressive and substantial, I am here to let you know that this barely scratches the surface of my capabilities. My short time on this planet has allowed me to seek many adventures, soak in a wide array of cultures, and experience some of humanity’s greatest pastimes. Among these pastimes, socialization has stood out as something that really drives my passion. I have socialized all over: here and there, in a house, with a mouse, in a box, with a fox – you get the point. Socialization is like a second language to me, and fortunately – due in-part to that aforementioned proficiency in speaking, I am the best candidate to be your Social Chair.

I’m sure the skeptics out there are still unconvinced. “But what about hands-on experience? Have you ever even planned an event? Organized large groups of people? Did you even really ‘socialize’ with a mouse?” These questions are to be expected, and to each of them I can answer in the affirmative. As an undergraduate student at Vanderbilt University, I tenaciously planned rager-after-rager for my pseudo-fraternity, and because of this dedication I was able to witness the pure elation displayed on the faces of young men and women when the beat dropped *just* right. But that is not all. As a member of the Executive Board for the Multicultural Leadership Council I planned and executed large-scale events which bridged the gap between various cultural sub-communities on campus. This experience has taught me what it takes to bring the party to the people – and to bring people to the party.

Those of you have attended one of the “shabangs” hosted in my swanky Bushwick apartment can attest to this claim: my friends trust me when it comes to having a good time. As Social Chair I will make sure this is not merely my party – I will keep an open mind, open ears, and an open heart to ensure that every event is OUR party. I am creative and fun-loving, yet I am assertive enough to pushback as the administration (“the Man”) tries to paternalistically tell us how to live our lives and how to use our SBA funding. In my time as Section 5 1L Rep I was entrusted by the current wonderful social chairs to take over the drink tickets – a duty I did not take lightly. The experience I have with SBA means that I will be able to take the wonderful base we currently have and – like Emeril Lagasse (BAM!) – add my own bit of flavor to it. You should vote for me. Not because you think I am the best at walking, or a more-than-proficient talker, but because you know that when it’s 10 PM on Thursday and your thirst seems unquenchable, I’m the man you want guiding you to the nearest watering hole. Thank you, and VOTE FOR EVAN (ME!).

**Marissa Prieto**  
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# **CANDIDATES FOR STUDENT SENATOR**

**Na'eem Crawford-Muhammad  
Candidate for Student Senator**





My fellow students of the Law School:

This past year, I had the opportunity to serve a second term as a class representative to the Student Bar Association. I valued the experience, and am asking for your vote again this year to be your next Student Senator.

The Student Senator's primary responsibility is to work with elected student leaders from across the university to ensure that student voices are heard when important, system-wide decisions are made. With a new university president taking the helm this year, it is important that the Law School build new relationships with the incoming administration. And, based on my professional and NYU Law experience, I think I'm the right person to manage the student-side of that relationship.

Over the last twelve months, I worked with students from across all three class years, as well as LL.Ms, to relaunch [The Commentator](#), our school's fifty-year-old student newspaper. This achievement underscores my unique ability to bring people together and build something lasting for the entire law school community.

In the 2016-2017 academic year, with your support, I pledge to work with students from across the university to ensure that law students' needs are taken into account when university-wide policies are decided. While our school has always been somewhat independent of the entire university, modern trends show that law students increasingly desire interdisciplinary studies and relationships with students from across a range of disciplines.

As your Senator, I will bring the same dedication, openness, and measurable success to the role that I brought this past year. When you **cast your online ballot on Wednesday, March 30 and Thursday, March 31**, please think about the type of law school experience you would like to have and how we might work together to make that a reality. I know that you and I together will continue to make a winning team.

Your friend and fellow student,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Naeem Crawford-Muhammad', written in a cursive style.

Naeem Crawford-Muhammad

# **CANDIDATES FOR 3L REPRESENTATIVES**

**Staci Cox**  
**Candidate for 3L Representative**



My name is Staci Cox, and I am running for 3L Representative on the Student Bar Association Board. I would love the opportunity to serve you for the third and final year. From the study groups to the turn ups and everything in between, I've really enjoyed strengthening friendships and building new ones these past two years. The Class of 2017 is surely going to be one to remember. I would be honored to help us all make our final law school memories and be your voice on the SBA.

It has been wonderful serving as your 2L representative. From working through the Coases framework, adding your voice to the Diversity Working Group proposals, promoting the end of the adjunct cap, supporting academic advising and more, it has been my pleasure to represent such an amazing group of future change makers.

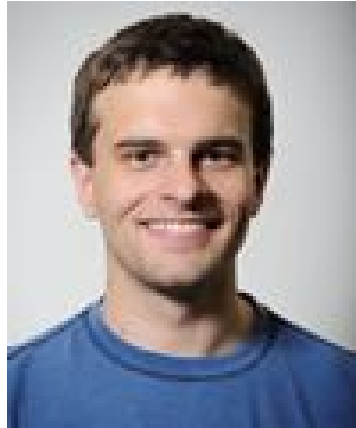
It has always been my goal to ensure the law school supports you throughout your legal education. I will continue to fight for you and bring your perspective to the administration.

I still can't believe we're more than halfway done with our law school journey. As we embark on this final stretch, let us remember what we have done to carry us this far. Let us continue to have confidence in ourselves, empower one another and strengthen our purpose.

I can't wait to show our future 1Ls and 2Ls what 3L is all about. See you on the other side!

Staci

**Karston Erickson**  
**Candidate for 3L Representative**



Hey NYU Law,

I'll keep this short, because you have a lot of these to read.

My name is Karston Erickson. Currently, I'm one of your 2L Representatives and I'm running for 3L Representative. This year on SBA, I've been a part of the Student Organizations Committee, helped organize the SBA Coffee and Munchkins Event, and strategized on the upcoming reformation of Coases. I've also been to almost every SBA meeting (this last one may not seem like much, but they're at 8 PM on Mondays, so I'm proud of it).

I enjoy being on SBA and wish to continue representing you, my classmates. I would appreciate your support, and your votes. If elected, I promise to always be available to hear students' thoughts, comments, and complaints regarding the school, and how we can make it better.

Best,

Karston

**Sarah Hsu**  
**Candidate for 3L Representative**



## SARAH HSU



Fellow 2Ls, soon-to-be 3Ls:

My name is Sarah Hsu, and I am running to be your **3L Representative** for the 2016-2017 academic year. If we haven't had the opportunity to meet yet, it's nice to meet you! If we have had the opportunity to meet...hi again!

As your 3L Representative, I would do everything possible to represent you. We are officially halfway done with our journey in law school, and I can say that I've never had a more meaningful experience (5 pound textbooks, cold-calling, Bluebooking and all). I would love to give back to a law school experience that has given me best friends, amazing colleagues, memorable nights of shenanigans, and equally migraine-filled 9 a.m. mornings. So much of what I love about our NYU Law family and our class in particular is our diversity, and I would work to represent all of your voices.

This past year, I have been active in our law school community and involved in many different corners of our law school. As the Co-Chair of the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA), with the help and teamwork of my fantastic Board, I organized and oversaw a number of social mixers, professional panels and networking events, and public interest coffee chats and lectures. As the Professional Chair of the Women of Color Collective (WoCC), I organized a number of panels and a career dinner. On Friday mornings and Tuesday evenings, you can catch me cite-checking away in the D'Ag basement for *Annual Survey of American Law* and Westlaw-ing (to my heart's content?) in the clinic office.

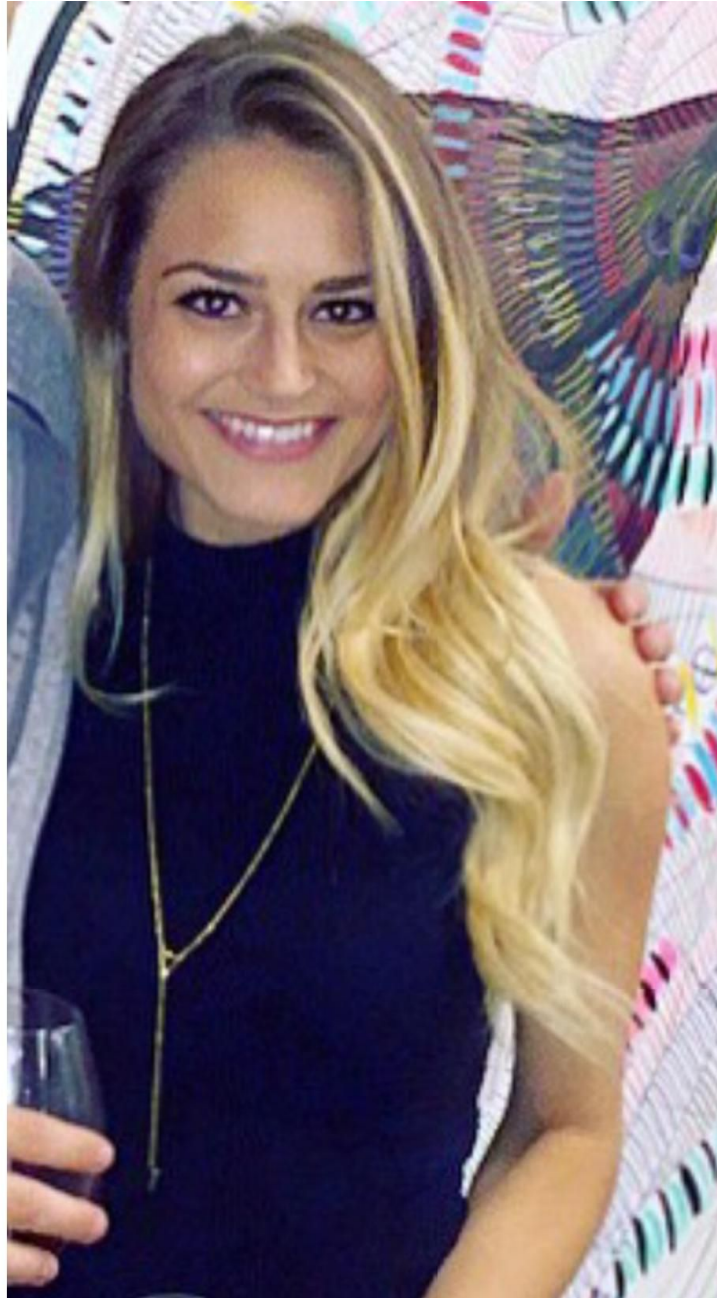
Not only have these experiences given me the opportunity to meet so many of you, but they also taught me the ins and outs of successfully utilizing the administration's resources to achieve our mission and goals; taking the initiative to plan school-wide events; and most importantly, representing and advocating for the needs of our members and students in the NYU Law community. In these roles, I have had the opportunity to meet with the administration, the SBA, and a variety of student organizations about changes we want to see and ideas we'd like to implement. I have had the opportunity to get to know and collaborate with a wide cross-section of our student body. And I have loved every minute of it.

If elected, I hope to continue representing you and being your go-to person for all your dreams, wishes, hopes, anything! I am committed to bringing your ideas to the table, utilizing existing networks and resources to make things happen, and instilling a sense of community in our class and in our school. As your 3L Representative, I will bring my passion, curiosity, experience, and excitement to this role. Thank you!!!



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**Agnes Aniol**  
**Candidate for 2L Representative**



**PERSONAL STATEMENT**

It is with the upmost humility and honor that I am running for 2L Representative in the 2016 election cycle. Thank you all for taking the time to participate in the elections and read these candidate personal statements.

To begin, I am optimistic that my qualifications and previous experiences will allow me to be an active and influential member of the SBA. While attending the University of Texas, I was a member of student government in the Communications Council, and was the leader of the Student Issues and Advisory Board. Moreover, I served as President of Student Leaders Pursuing Law, the preeminent pre-law organization on campus. Finally, I held multiple positions in my sorority, Alpha Phi, including Marshall, Historian, and New Member Educator. Throughout my undergraduate career, I found that being highly involved on campus gave my academic life purpose, passion, and a greater sense of community.

I am overjoyed at the opportunity to participate in the SBA, as it is truly the cornerstone of our student body. The vast influence of the organization stems from admissions to the convocation, and from the budget all the way to student personal life. Undoubtedly, being a class representative is a major responsibility, one that I would not take lightly. I would work diligently to improve the lives and overall satisfaction of students, faculty, staff, admitted students, and even our families. As the 2L representative I will listen to each and every complaint, comment, or suggestion, and do everything in my capacity to voice these concerns on behalf of the class and bring about change to the best of my ability.

As a 1L, I am currently involved in Law Women in the Student Outreach Committee. I have enjoyed being able to call admitted students, conduct campus tours, and assist in preparing the various events that the organization hosts. On the off chance I am not buried in my law textbooks, I enjoy reading scientific articles concerning alternative power sources and the biological transformations due to climate change, so I have found involvement in the Environmental Law Society to be especially rewarding. It is important to me that you all as voters not only understand who I am as a student, but also as a person. I would consider myself a massive "foodie," especially when it comes to unique and novel desserts. I spend my free time searching for new underground music, attending festivals and concerts, and petting other people's dogs in Washington Square Park.

I am truly grateful for this opportunity, and sincere in my aspirations and pledge to be your faithful 2L Class representative. Thank you.

**Andrew Gerst**  
**Candidate for 2L Representative**



## **Personal Statement – Andrew Gerst for 2L Representative**

Dear NYU Law:

As an incumbent SBA 1L Representative, I am running for re-election to be a 2L Representative because I want to continue advocating for ways to make our time here the best possible experience. I remain dedicated to listening mindfully to student concerns, putting forth changes, and working together with other student representatives, faculty, and administrators to make our visions a reality. I am still particularly interested in making sure students from a low-income background and students of color feel fairly represented and heard.

Below are some of the accomplishments I feel I have helped achieve working with others this year as a 1L SBA Representative:

- Helped increase access to public interest events by coordinating with the Public Interest Law Center for 1L Representative weekly emails to sections
- Launched petition with over 350 signatures to support “Baby Blue” open-source legal citation system
- Met with Dean Belk, 1L faculty, and CoLR to promote Orientation and Lawyering changes to better advance social justice in the 1L curriculum
- Encouraged SBA to include agenda minutes in weekly emails to student body
- Helped approve more than 20 incentive funding requests for \$14,121, and 8 new student groups with \$2,880 in funding.

We are privileged to attend one of the greatest law schools in the world. I would be honored to help continue to make NYU Law an amazing place as a 2L Representative.

Thank you and have a wonderful day.