

2017 – 2018 NYU Student Bar Association Special Election Packet

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SBA Treasurer

Arden Ham

Student Senator

Yolanda Borquaye

Nicolas Duque-Franco

Aaron Haier

2L Representative (Class of 2019 only)

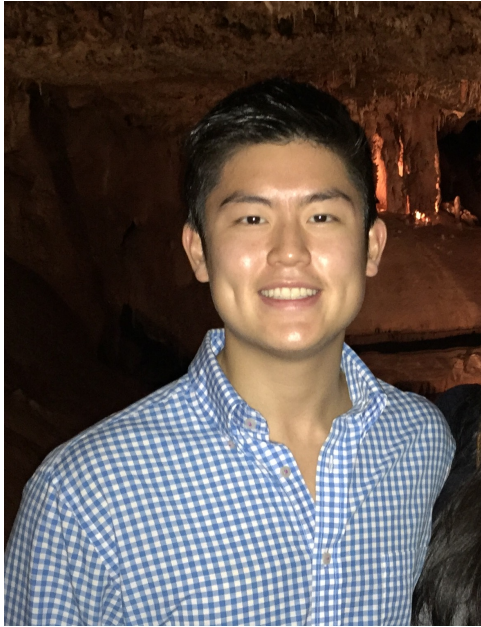
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Arden Ham, Treasurer Candidate



While I have met many of you throughout the year, for those I haven't yet had the opportunity to meet, my name is Arden Ham, and I am from Avon, Connecticut. I am diligent, methodical, detail-oriented, and a team player. If there are two things I love, it is interacting with people and coordinating events.

As treasurer, I will ensure that each student group receives the funding it needs. I understand that NYU is home to a plethora of student groups, and I want to help foster an environment where every cause is adequately supported by the Law School. I promise to listen to the thoughts and concerns of all students groups and their budgeting needs carefully, and make what I believe is the best decision to maximize the utility of SBA funds.

I have extensive experience budgeting and fundraising for events. In college, I was vice president of Best Buddies, a nonprofit mentorship program for people with intellectual disabilities. As vice president, I was responsible for budgeting the bimonthly outings for close to 50 mentor-mentee pairings. Furthermore, as philanthropy chair of my fraternity, I worked with various campus groups and local businesses to raise money for SeriousFun Children's Network, a large part of which involved balancing expenses against expected gains.

Finally, I am a team player. As a member of this year's Dean's Cup Committee, I recognize that despite the individual responsibilities each member of SBA may have, every event is a team effort. As treasurer, I am fully prepared to take on responsibilities that other SBA members may need help with.

I am thrilled by the prospects of serving you as SBA treasurer next year. Thank you for your consideration.

Warm regards,
Arden

Yolanda Borquaye, Student Sen. Candidate



Hello, everyone!

My name is Yolanda Borquaye, and I want to represent you as the Student Senator. For those who may not know, the Student Senators Council (SCC) is the overarching student government at NYU aimed at improving the student experience. As a 1L, I have plunged head first into the NYU experience – dancing and singing with Law Revue, serving on the Black and Allied Law Students Association Board, engaging in a many conversations with other student organizations and members of NYU. And from it all, I have learned that there are many unique perspectives and facets that make the Law School experience great.

As your Student Senator, I want to be our advocate, making sure that all that goes into making the Law School ours is encouraged and improved when needed. More so, I want to work with other students, organizations, faculty and administrators across NYU to create a university experience that is considerate of all of us and unique for each of us.

Nicolas Duque-Franco, Student Sen. Candidate



Hey NYU Law! My name is Nico and I'm running to be your next Student Senator. The Student Senator position represents the NYU Law community to the rest of NYU. They sit on the Student Senate and the University Senate, among other committees like the University Judicial Board, which work to improve the experience of all students at NYU. As your Student Senator, I would zealously advocate for NYU Law in these committees, and ensure that their actions incorporate our needs and perspectives. I hope to be a great Student Senator for two reasons: my passion for NYU Law and my understanding of the broader NYU community.

NYU Law has been my home away from home here in New York City. As LaLSA's Co-Chair, I've helped bring exciting events to campus, build community within NYU, and make the Law School more inclusive. As a 2L Representative on SBA, I helped find a better location for graduation, collaborated with IT to improve COURSES, and supported the improvements made to seating and printing in the libraries. In both roles, I've represented students and tried to improve the student experience at the Law School. Having completed 1L and (almost) 2L, I am familiar with the many challenges and opportunities that make up our shared experiences as law students. It's because of these experiences that I hope to represent our community as NYU Law's Student Senator.

Also, having worked with students from NYU's other graduate schools (e.g. Wagner, Stern, Steinhardt), I am familiar with the structures and processes of the organizations with which I would interact as your Student Senator. I have collaborated with student groups at NYU's other graduate programs to organize events, and know many of their student leaders through a graduate leadership program I joined this year. My network at these schools, and understanding of the broader NYU community, would be very helpful when representing the Law School as your Student Senator.

As your Student Senator, you can count on me to make sure that our voice is heard, and to bring more opportunities to campus to engage with the broader NYU community. Thank you everyone for reading this and for considering me. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out (nd618@nyu.edu).

Aaron Haier, Student Sen. Candidate



Hey NYU Law! My name is Aaron Haier, and I'm running to be your SBA Student Senator.

As an NYU alum twice over (CAS '13, GSAS '14), it is very important to me that the School of Law maintains an active role in the greater university community. I would be honored to help accomplish this by representing you all on the university's Student Senators Council (SSC). SSC is the overarching student government at NYU, which deliberates on university-wide policies and proposed changes in university practices and structure. Earlier this semester, I met with current senators to inquire about the various issues they were taking up and found a number of initiatives I would like to begin contributing to

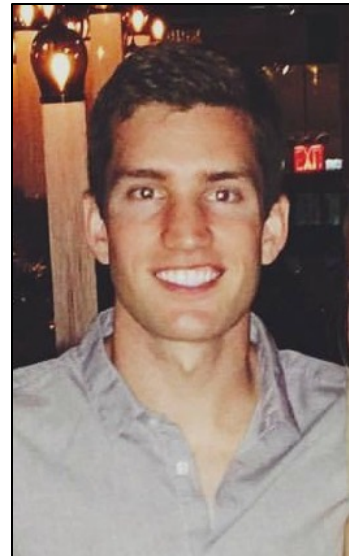
immediately, namely in the areas of ***affordability, diversity and inclusion, and environmental sustainability***. In addition, as your Student Senator, I plan to be an active member of a number of SSC committees that review policies and practices that have a direct effect on the School of Law. Some of these committees include Academic Affairs, All-University Events, Financial Affairs, Graduate Affairs, and Student Services. I will make sure to bring your ideas and your concerns directly to these committees for consideration.

In addition to making sure your voices are heard by the Student Senators Council, I also hope to use my position as Student Senator to strengthen the relationship between the School of Law and the other schools within the university, particularly the other professional schools, both academically and socially. We tend to take for granted the fact that that we have access to world-class faculty and cutting-edge research in fields that are directly relevant to our individual legal interests right here within the university, including business, medicine, social work, engineering, entertainment, the arts, etc. Taking full advantage of these connections can only serve to enrich our collective experience at NYU Law.

Please reach out and let me know how I can help you make NYU the university you want it to be. I appreciate your consideration, and I look forward to working with you!

Bobby Geren, 2L Representative Candidate

For those who I haven't yet had the chance to meet, my name is Bobby Geren and I am from Danville, CA. I am an outgoing and energetic team player and I sincerely hope to serve as one of your 2L Class Representatives. Before NYU Law, I attended Princeton University where I majored in Politics and was a member of the baseball team. After graduating in 2014, I worked at Davis Polk & Wardwell for two years as a legal assistant. While working at the firm, I developed a strong interest in corporate law and had the opportunity to assist attorneys with several pro bono matters involving civil rights and family law.



As one of your SBA 2L Class Representatives, I will prioritize a policy of direct and effective communication between our class and the SBA. In order to ensure that the concerns of all members of our class are heard by the administration, I promise to work diligently to listen to the suggestions of my classmates and take necessary action whenever it is appropriate.

If I am chosen as your representative, I will advocate for the things you want to see at our school. To start this process, I will focus on three areas that many students in our class have identified as key issues that can be improved at NYU Law:

- Affordability: The experience of attending law school can be stressful, especially when personal finances and loans are factored into the equation. If I am lucky enough to serve as one of your 2L Class Representatives, I will work with other members of the SBA to address affordability issues that are so important to every member of our class. I will aim to expand the Affordability Committee to make financial aid more accessible to all students, and will petition the administration to make its Loan Repayment Assistance Program more transparent.
- Pro Bono Opportunities: As law students, we don't claim to know everything about the law. Despite this, we are in a unique position to help people in need of legal services through participating in pro bono matters. Pro bono work is not only a requirement to be admitted to the bar in many states (including New York), but it is also a way to build our advocacy skills while providing essential legal services to the underprivileged. If elected, I will work to increase the availability of pro bono work for all students and implement a system in which existing opportunities are given greater visibility.
- Class of 2019 Events: We are undoubtedly the best class at NYU Law. For this reason, I think we should put more effort into organizing events to celebrate ourselves. With SBA subsidization, I hope to plan several class events next year designed to increase our sense of community and foster new relationships. Some initial ideas for these events include a cocktail party cruise on the Hudson and SoulCycle classes with Dean Morrison.

Daniel Kugler, 2L Representative Candidate

Are you voting Aaron E. Haier for Student Senator? (I am!)

Do you want change at this law school?

Student autonomy unrestrained from an irresponsible Administration?

Effective movements through collective action?

Pursuit for the public instead of the profit?

Professors who profess knowledge instead of bougie bygone ideas?

A fighter instead of a passive cog in the machine?

Are your top five: LBJ, FDR, PB&J, Teddy Roosevelt, Kevin Spacey, Anthony Weiner?

*** VOTE ***



Lauren Lundy, 2L Representative Candidate



Hi everyone!

My name is Lauren Lundy, and I'm running to be one of your SBA Representatives. I'm from Huntsville, Alabama, and graduated from Auburn University in 2016. During my time at Auburn, I served as Vice President of my sorority, as a member of the Recruitment Executive Board for Panhellenic, and as a Campus Fellow for an AmeriCorps tax prep program. These experiences gave me the chance to work with other students, with organizational leaders, and with various offices on campus such as Student Affairs and Greek Life.

I have sustained my desire to contribute to my campus community at NYU, most recently being selected as a committee chair in BALSAs and a board member for Student Lawyer Athletic Program. Over the next year, I hope to have the opportunity to meet and support even more of you as your 2L Representative.

As your Representative, I would like to focus on accessibility and communication between the student body and SBA. In my view, these two factors are at the heart of what a student governing organization should strive to achieve. I'd like to work with the executive board and class representatives to keep the student body informed about the concerns, events, and initiatives that SBA works on. My hope is that keeping students informed will encourage more dialogue between students and SBA about how the student experience can be enhanced for each of us.

Additionally, in recognizing that many of us will go on to be leaders in student organizations during 2L year, as your Representative I would like to be available to support the initiatives of these organizations to both SBA and the Administration in order to foster a diverse campus community.

I'd love to hear any suggestions or thoughts on what you'd like to see from your Class Rep, so please feel free to catch me on campus or shoot me an email!

Nick Warren, 2L Representative Candidate



Hi fellow 1Ls! My name is Nick Warren and I am running to be one of our SBA reps. A little about me: I'm from Tallahassee, Florida (gulf coast best coast), went to undergrad at Middlebury College in Vermont, and intend to go into voting rights and elections law after law school. (To that end, I'll be interning at the NYC Campaign Finance Board this summer.)

I was involved in both college governance issues and event planning in undergrad – working in residential life and student affairs, and getting involved in efforts relating to student-administration relations and student life – and think SBA would be a great way to carry that experience forward at NYU. In particular, I'm interested in pursuing more support for individual student projects, and in improving/streamlining the Law School's and University's communications. I'd love to hear your suggestions on any issues that are important to you, though, so feel free to reach out. Thank you!