**SBA ELECTIONS 2010**

**Vacancy Platforms**

**2L Development and Alumni/ae Relations**

***Stephanie Viola***

My name is Stephanie, and I hope to represent the student body on the Development and Alumni/ae Relations Committee. I believe that I possess the skills and experience necessary to successfully serve as Committee representative. Over the last year, I have served as a 1L SBA representative and Graduate & Professional Student Association (GPSA) senator. In addition, since graduating from Tufts University in 2008, I have worked with the school’s alumni organization as a Tufts Alumni Admissions Program interviewer and Tufts Ambassador. I have worked with both current and potential Tufts students, as well as alumni/ae all over the country and world. Through these various positions, I have learned how to represent the student voice, specifically in matters relating to alumni/ae development. Alumni/ae connections are integral to our success in the networking and career realms, and I will work hard to provide the best situation for both students and alumni/ae. Thank you for taking the time to read my platform, and I hope that I have earned your vote, as it would be a pleasure to represent NUSL students on the Development and Alumni/ae Relations Committee.

***Rebecca Waisanen***

My name is Rebecca Waisanen and I am a member of LO#3. I'm hoping you will consider voting for me as your Student Representative to the Development and Alumni Relations Office. In a difficult employment environment, law school is an expensive investment in the future. Financial aid and scholarship funding is increasingly appreciated by everyone.

I am no stranger to fundraising; prior to law school, I worked for three years at the Harvard College Fund, working directly with alumni volunteers to raise funds for the college. A large focus of that position involved organizing events, and building relationships between alumni and the college. Fundraising is also something I am involved with in my spare time, both as a former member of the senior gift committee at my own college, and as the co-chair of my fifth reunion gift committee. I have been fortunate to have already met several of the people in the NUSL fundraising office through my role as the rep for the alumni board. I also volunteered to work at registration recently for the Women in the Law conference because the development office was short staffed.

I hope you will consider voting for me as your development rep. The Harvard fundraising operation is one of the most successful in the country, and I feel that I could apply much what I learned there to help Northeastern grow its financial aid program.

**2L Governing Council**

***Kaitlyn Dunn***

My name is Katie Dunn, and I am a member of the Class of 2012. I am currently running for a seat on the Governing Council, and I respectfully ask for your vote.

In the time I have been at NUSL, I have been proud and inspired by the way in which the members of our community strive to bridge their differences and work together to achieve a common objective. Toward that end, an active and dedicated student governing body is critical for ensuring that our school remains a place where we all feel welcome, respected, and challenged to become better citizens and one day lawyers. Having worked in the federal legislature for nearly three years before coming to NUSL, I understand the skills that it takes to govern successfully – leadership, effective communication, and most importantly, willingness to listen to and value all perspectives equally.

If you elect me to serve on the Governing Council, I will strive to see that all students are represented in the decisions that shape and define their experiences here at NUSL. I will work hard to inform and involve students in the important issues affecting our school, as well as the broader community. And I will collaborate with my colleagues on SBA – as well as faculty and staff – to develop new opportunities and resources that will help students grow both personally and professionally. I would be honored to assume this responsibility, and I hope that you will elect me to do so.

***Lauren Brown***

Hello. My name is Lauren Brown and I’m a rising 2L. While I have not previously been involved with SBA, I’ve participated in many leadership roles in undergrad. I have been Vice-President of Finance for my sorority, Vice-President of Finance and Communications for Panhellenic Council, the overall sorority governing body, as well as on the executive boards of Society of Women Engineers and Up Til Dawn. I would be able to bring my experience to the governing council. Furthermore, I am not afraid to stand up for what I believe in, even if the idea isn’t the popular one. On the governing council, I would do everything in my power to ensure that the student body’s voice is heard.

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**Commencement**

***Jennifer Davis***

***Benjamin Meshoulam***

***Sheila Giovannini***

**3L Curriculum**

***Dan Klein***

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As for my eligibility for the Alumni/ae development position, I have been discussing with Brandon Simpson what is involved in that position. It is not a difficult position, but there is a lot of potential for getting our Alumni more involved. I recognize the value that alumni can bring to Northeastern in the way of networking opportunities and advice. Therefore, I think I would be well equipped to take over when Brandon graduates.

Finally, as for my eligibility for the Governing Council position, if I am able to run for three positions, I would be interested in this position because I know that the Governing Council is in a precarious position at the moment with respect to its status as a functioning group. I know that the council must amend the student charter, and hopefully this will occur and the other members of the group and I can begin operating the governing council as a newly functional organization.

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***Naureen Charania***

In this past year I have learned a great deal about NUSL through my involvement with the SBAC, and we’ve accomplished a lot but there is still a lot more room for improvement. I'm the sort of person that sees a problem and wants to work on and to fix it. I would like to be a part to the governing council, because I want to help change this place for the better. I am willing to put in the time and hard work that is necessary to make this school everything we want it to be.

**3L Coop**

***Naureen Charania***

NUSL is well known for its co-op program, and many of us chose to come here because we want to be able to experience 4 different co-ops in distinct areas of law or settings, and we want to get hands on experience on what we have learned in class. The co-op program is essential for NUSL. It would be great if we could have a base beyond the New England area and I would make a push for creating relationships with organizations in other states so that we have more opportunities. If elected my main goal is to ensure that student’s co-op needs are heard and that everything that is possible is done to meet them.

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