

LEO SPOTLIGHT

Bianca Hayles - *Former Student*

Bianca Hayles is a rising second-year law student (2L) at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University, where she has demonstrated a strong commitment to both her academic and professional growth. The daughter of Jamaican immigrants, she was raised in South Jamaica, Queens, New York. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from John Jay College of Criminal Justice (CUNY) and a Diversity and Inclusion Certificate from Cornell University.

With four years of legal experience, Bianca has contributed to distinguished firms including Stroock, Stroock & Lavan LLP and Appellate Advocates. She is currently serving as a Legal Associate at Salesforce, where she is gaining valuable experience in transactional matters, and she is also participating in LinkedIn's "Uncovering Opportunities: Careers as In-House Counsel" program.

For the upcoming academic year, Bianca has been elected Pace President of the Black Law Students Association and Co-President of the Public Interest Law Society, reflecting her dedication to leadership, service, and advancing diversity within the legal profession and beyond.



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Steven Caputo - *Former Student*

Steven Caputo has made a lasting impact on the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University through his leadership and excellence in advocacy. As one of five Executive Directors of the Advocacy Program, Steven focused on Mock Trial and represented Pace in multiple competitions, including the Summit Cup Mock Trial Competition (Fall 2024), the National Trial League (Fall 2024), and the AAJ Student Trial Advocacy Competition (Spring 2025).

In recognition of his dedication and skill, Steven was awarded the Francis A. Nicolai Scholarship by the Columbian Lawyers Association in December 2024. At the Advocacy Program's annual awards ceremony, he was further honored with the Professor Keith Sullivan Award for exemplary performance in advocacy competition and the Outstanding Team Performance Award for his contributions to the National Trial League, where his team won both rounds he competed in.

Beyond advocacy, Steven is an active member of the Italian Law Student Organization and the Christian Law Student Association, reflecting his commitment to both community and professional development.



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Alexis Murphy - *Former Student*

Alexis Murphy recently completed her second year at the University of the District of Columbia School of Law, where she has distinguished herself as a leader, advocate, and active member of the legal community. During the 2024–2025 academic year, she served as Parliamentarian for the Black Law Students Association (BLSA) and has been elected Vice President for the 2025–2026 term.

Her leadership has extended beyond formal roles—this year, Alexis organized a yoga class for BLSA members and moderated a Judicial Panel on March 24, 2025. She also competed in the National Trial Competition in January and gained hands-on experience as a student attorney in the Criminal Defense and Racial Justice Clinic at her law school. Looking ahead, she has been selected to serve as a student attorney in the Housing Litigation and Advocacy Clinic for Fall 2025.

Alexis also further expanded her legal experience as an intern with Barker Patterson Nichols, LLP, a firm specializing in medical malpractice defense. Her growing record of service, advocacy, and leadership demonstrates her commitment to both her professional development and her community.



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