



**Nannes 3L Challenge Impact Stories
2015**





Asia Law Society

“In the past we have used funding from the Nannes 3L Challenge toward bringing speakers in from a wide range of countries in Asia, such as Japan and China, to give talks about the legal landscapes in these countries and what it is like to practice in that country. This year, we are planning on using the funds towards speaking events for two University of Tokyo law professors who will come speak about their experience teaching law in Japan, as well as a speaker who will discuss the political aftermath of the March 2011 tsunami and earthquake.” - Julie Siegel

Asian Pacific American Law Students Association

“The Nannes challenge has consistently been one of the biggest sources of APALSA's funding. That's thanks to both the graduating 3Ls who continue to want to support the Law School's Asian and Pacific Islander affinity group, and to Mr. Nannes, who helps us to accomplish so much with the funding we receive.

This year, like in years past, we will continue to use the Nannes funding to bring Asian American speakers to campus, provide our members with other Asian-American themed programming and networking events, and help to fund our 1L Public Interest Summer Scholarships. Thank you for your continued support!”

-Evan Lum

Campbell Competition Board

"We plan to use the funding from the Nannes 3L Challenge this year to provide programming to Campbell Competitors about appellate advocacy and careers in appellate litigation. Specifically, we are bringing in a highly regarded appellate litigator to speak to the competitors. He will offer tips to competitors about arguing before the Supreme Court and improving their brief writing and oral arguments." –Laura Connelly



Christian Legal Society

“The Nannes 3L Challenge funding has benefited our group every year, at least every year that I've been a part of it. It is immensely helpful for us to become more ambitious to serve the law school community, at large, and strengthen the Christian fellowship, as well.

We hope to continue to support those students who want to participate in a religion and law moot court competition, and become more proactive about engaging with the law school on intellectually and theologically stimulating discussions and/or speaker events. We hope that all of these will help us fulfill our goal of becoming an image of Christ on campus.”

--Ki Hoon Kim

Criminal Law Society

“Thank you very much for our Nannes funding this year. This funding has helped us in past years not only to fund our regular events such as lunch panels and organization meetings, but also to bring in speakers and screen first-time documentaries (such as "Pull of Gravity," a film on re-entry from prison, which we screened last year). This year, we are planning on hosting a panel on Underfunding of Public Defense, for which we would like to bring in speakers from out of town, and the Nannes funding will be a huge help. We are also planning on having a networking event with criminal law professors, as well as police and Coast Guard ride-alongs for Michigan Law students, and this funding will help us facilitate those events also.” – Anwasha Banerjee





Entertainment, Media, and Arts Law Students Association

“Nannes 3L Challenge money helped EMALSA bring two MLaw alums back to Ann Arbor this fall: Spencer Gusick (Facebook) and Mike Maletic (Apple). This event focused on in-house legal employment, and it was a very well-attended and well-received event. We plan to use this year and next's Nannes funding to bring more alums in private entertainment and media practice back to Michigan Law to share their advice with current students.”

– Christopher Kinnon



Entrepreneurial Law Association

“In previous years, Nannes funding has tremendously benefited our organization by providing the necessary funds for speaker luncheons and tours of local entrepreneurial ventures. This year, we will use our Nannes allocation to continue to provide educational, social, and professional networking opportunities for law students interested in the start-up and venture capital industries.” –Corina McIntyre

Family Law Project

“Family Law Project on campus raises awareness about family law issues by putting on lunch events and film screenings. We also provide volunteers for Family Law Project in Ann Arbor, part of the Legal Services of South Central Michigan. We received no money from LSSS this year, so money from the Nannes Challenge will help us train volunteers, provide support for Family Law Project in Ann Arbor, and put on a lunch event that we otherwise could not have done.” --Frances Hollander





Michigan Energy Law Association

“Last year, MEnergy received substantially less from the Nannes challenge, whereas this year, Nannes funds will account for about 40% of our total income. This will allow MEnergy to fund several smaller events or 1-2 larger events that simply wouldn't happen without this funding. In particular, this year MEnergy wants to include more events that are career-focused so that our members can gain exposure to the different types of career options in the field of energy law post-graduation as well as to have networking opportunities. For example, a big event we plan on having next semester, which the Nannes money will fund, is a private sector career panel for different areas of energy law.” --Melanie Rosin

Michigan Immigration and Labor Law Association

“In past years, we have used Nannes funding to help pay for a number of events that touch on current issues, and the response from students has been fantastic. These events included lunch talks on the issue of unaccompanied minors and a speaker from the ACLU’s National Immigrants’ Rights Project. We have also held more intimate 15-person salons with practitioners from organizations like Freedom house and the Council on American-Islamic Relations. Additionally, each year MILLA co-sponsors wonderful events held by student groups including the Organization of Public Interest Students and the Michigan Journal of Race & Law.

MILLA will continue to plan talks, salons, and co-sponsorships, which past students have said benefitted them greatly. Recently, we started a yearly naturalization clinic and several semesterly pro bono projects. Another popular event is the MILLA career event where 2L’s and 3L’s assist 1L’s to obtain meaningful summer employment in the areas of both immigration and labor. This year’s Nannes funding will be extremely helpful to ensure that we will have enough funding to host all of these wonderful events both this year and beyond.” --Sarah Scheinman



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Latino Law Students Association

“In past years, Nannes Challenge funding has enabled the Latino Law Students Association (LLSA) to organize events in which older members get together with younger members to provide advice on classes, job searches, extra-curricular activities, and much more. It has also allowed LLSA to design and purchase member t-shirts. Member t-shirts are an important aspect of the culture of LLSA. Although our group is small, t-shirts increase our visibility as an affinity group on campus and they are a source of pride for our members.

This year, the funding will enable us to plan our amazing lunch talks. These talks often involve a panel of alumni discussing their careers with our members and answering any questions they may have. In the past, these events have presented a valuable networking opportunity for our members. ” --Luis Gomez



Law Students for Reproductive Justice

“We were thrilled by our funding from the Nannes Challenge. We are planning on using the funding for lunch talk events, such as our lunch event on November 10th with Professor Bagley and Professor Herzog on the future of the Hobby Lobby decision.

Like several other organizations, we received a much smaller allotment of funds from LSSS this year, and we were very worried about how we were going to fund the events we have planned. One event that I think we wouldn't be able to hold without Nannes funding is a screening of the documentary *The Hunting Ground*, which examines the harassment and retaliation college students who have been assaulted face if they try to fight for justice. Last year, the Nannes Challenge helped us to fund a screening of the documentary *Vessel*, which followed a Dutch doctor and her efforts to navigate international law to perform abortions for women who live in countries where abortion is illegal.” --Marissa Perry

Human Rights Advocates

“In the past, Human Rights Advocates has put on at least one lunch event per month discussing a human rights issue and has been heavily involved in Human Rights Week, and money we have received from the Nannes Challenge has helped make that a possibility. We also try to co-sponsor other student organizations’ events that are related to human rights. We received far less money than we needed from LSSS this year, and the money from the Nannes Challenge will help us put on lunch events and otherwise support human rights advocacy on campus with far greater frequency than we otherwise could have.”

—Frances Hollander

Law School Student Senate

“The Nannes Challenge has helped LSSS to put on extra events for the law school student body. The type of event the money has gone to has varied over the years, but as an example, LSSS's wine and cheese event every semester facilitates outside-of-the-classroom student and professor mingling (our Michigan difference). The Nannes money has been used in order to make these exciting events happen.

This year, the LSSS executive board has put together committees to organize service days and an alumni speaker series. The first will engage law students to make an impact on the local Michigan communities. The second will provide law students an opportunity to hear from one of our great alumni, providing additional networking and motivational opportunities. The money from the Nannes challenge will be used to make these events happen.”

--Rhaina Bhatt

Michigan Journal of Gender & Law

“As LSSS funding available for student organizations becomes increasingly competitive, smaller journals (such as the Michigan Journal of Gender & Law) have come to rely heavily on the contributions of graduating 3Ls through the Nannes Challenge fundraising event. Even though MJGL has a direct impact nationally on the publication and accessibility of feminist legal scholarship, the immediate integration into daily Michigan Law community life is not as profound as other organizations, which has become the benchmark for LSSS funding allocations. It is only with the Nannes Challenge that MJGL is able to continue to operate in its capacity as one of the nation's leading feminist legal publications, and ensure the high quality of the journal's scholarship.

The Nannes funding will be used for ensuring that our monthly General Body Meetings continue to occur (each of which is essential for establishing proper communication between the MJGL executive editor board and our general members, setting journal publication timelines, amending our constitution, and discussing various aspects of our journal's goals and governance), allowing MJGL to serve as a co-sponsor to various events being coordinated by related Michigan Law organizations (Law Students for Reproductive Justice, ACLU, Women's Law Student Association, as well as others), and supporting various recruitment efforts during both our Fall and Winter semester application cycles.” -Carly Weiss

A group of diverse young people, likely students, are laughing and talking outdoors in front of a stone building. The scene is bright and sunny, with green foliage visible in the background. The people are dressed in casual attire, including plaid shirts, button-downs, and jackets. The overall atmosphere is one of joy and community.

Michigan Journal of Law Reform

“The Nannes 3L Challenge provides the Michigan Journal of Law Reform with invaluable opportunities for editorial training, community building, and academic dialogue regarding cutting-edge legal reform. With the assistance of Nannes funding, the Journal can bring its academic articles to life by facilitating discussions between student and professor authors and the Michigan Law student body. Moreover, Nannes funding empowers the Journal to provide more training and activities for our members - a benefit that allows a vibrant journal community to prosper at Michigan Law.” --Stephanie Balitzer

Michigan Journal of Race & Law

“Thanks for your assistance with Nannes. On behalf of Michigan Journal of Race & Law, I'll just say that our Nannes funding has allowed us to bring issues of diversity to the fore, not just for our members, but also for the community at large to engage with why racial considerations are important when we consider how our laws impact individuals and communities. Specifically, our Nannes funding allows us to host events that touch on racial issues from a theoretical standpoint (in our Critical Race Theory Reading Groups, open to the student body) as well as from a very concrete standpoint (for instance, this month we will host an event in our newly minted but very popular "Left Unspoken" series, inviting professors to speak about cross-racial communication with clinical clients). Nannes funding allows our organization to make racial justice and racial understanding a priority in the law school classroom and in the campus community.” -- Rebecca Salley

Law School Hockey Team

“The law school hockey team has received funding from the Nannes 3L challenge, and accordingly, I am writing you to to say how that money has traditionally been used and how we expect to use it. Traditionally the money has been used to offset the cost of the Justice Cup, a hockey tournament between law schools in Michigan (ice time is expensive). This is how we plan to use the money this year as well, although we would also like to reconnect the tournament with its original charity purpose. ” --Benjamin St. Pierre



Michigan Law Review

“Michigan Law Review remains grateful for Mr. Nannes's continued support. The funds the Law Review receives from the Nannes Challenge enable the journal to host a variety of training, mentorship, recruitment, and fellowship events throughout the year. This year, we have also planned a series of author talks with Michigan Law students and professors from across the country who are being published in Volume 115. We would not be able to host any of these events without support from the Nannes Challenge. .” --Sommer Engels

Michigan Law Veteran Society

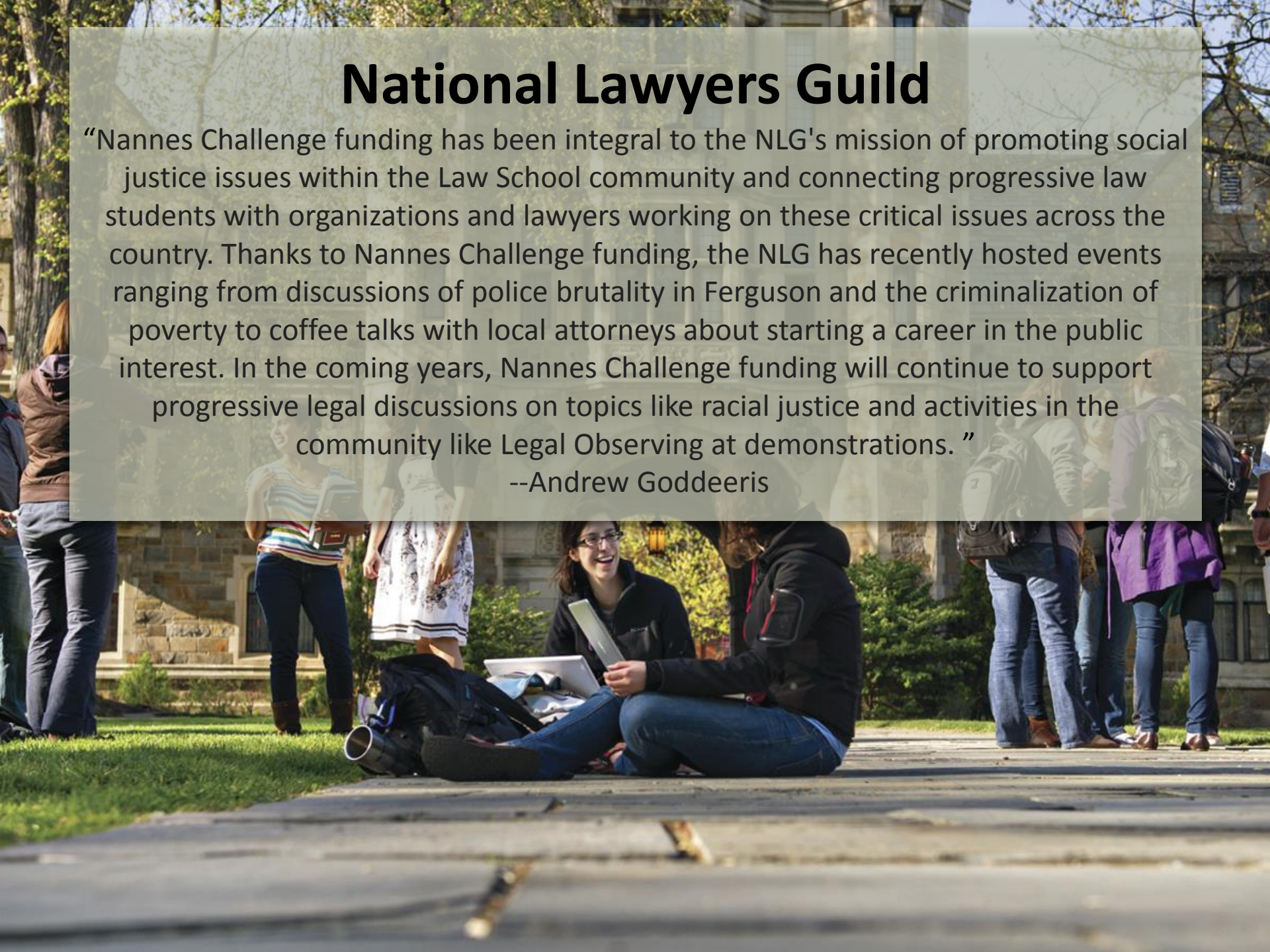
“We have not previously received this type of funding, as our organization is only in its second year of active participation. However, we plan to use the funding we have received this year to do a few things. First and foremost, we will utilize this funding to help put on our annual Veterans Day lunch event. Our speaker this year is Michigan Solicitor General Aaron Lindstrom. This event will be open to the law school and the greater Ann Arbor community, as the goal with our annual luncheon is to create a dialogue about veteran issues in an effort to not only assist veterans, but to also bridge the civil-military divide. The funding we have received from Nannes will enable to us to cover the costs of putting this event on and will therefore contribute to creating not only a more inclusive environment for veterans in the law school and Ann Arbor, but will also help provide the sparks of education regarding veteran issues that we hope may one day fuel the fire of future litigators, legislators and veteran advocates. We also plan on utilizing Nannes funding as we put on other events throughout the school year. These events, while similar in spirit to our Veterans Day luncheon, will be significantly smaller and less expensive.” –Joseph Gookin



National Lawyers Guild

“Nannes Challenge funding has been integral to the NLG's mission of promoting social justice issues within the Law School community and connecting progressive law students with organizations and lawyers working on these critical issues across the country. Thanks to Nannes Challenge funding, the NLG has recently hosted events ranging from discussions of police brutality in Ferguson and the criminalization of poverty to coffee talks with local attorneys about starting a career in the public interest. In the coming years, Nannes Challenge funding will continue to support progressive legal discussions on topics like racial justice and activities in the community like Legal Observing at demonstrations.”

--Andrew Goddeeris



Oral Advocacy Competition

"For the past five years, the 1L Oral Advocacy Competition has offered students the opportunity to hone their oral advocacy skills.

By providing this experience in a low-stress environment, the Competition encourages 1Ls to participate even if they have no prior debate, mock trial, or public speaking experience. As participants, 1Ls receive a closed-universe packet on a complex but accessible legal topic (last year it was student speech on the internet). The participants then have an opportunity to argue each side twice before 2L and 3L judges in the preliminary round. The students who advance through the quarter-finals, semi-finals, and finals receive feedback from professor and practitioner judges. Last year, more than half of the 1L class competed (150+ students) in the preliminary round, the largest number of participants ever. There were more than 110 2L and 3L judges. "

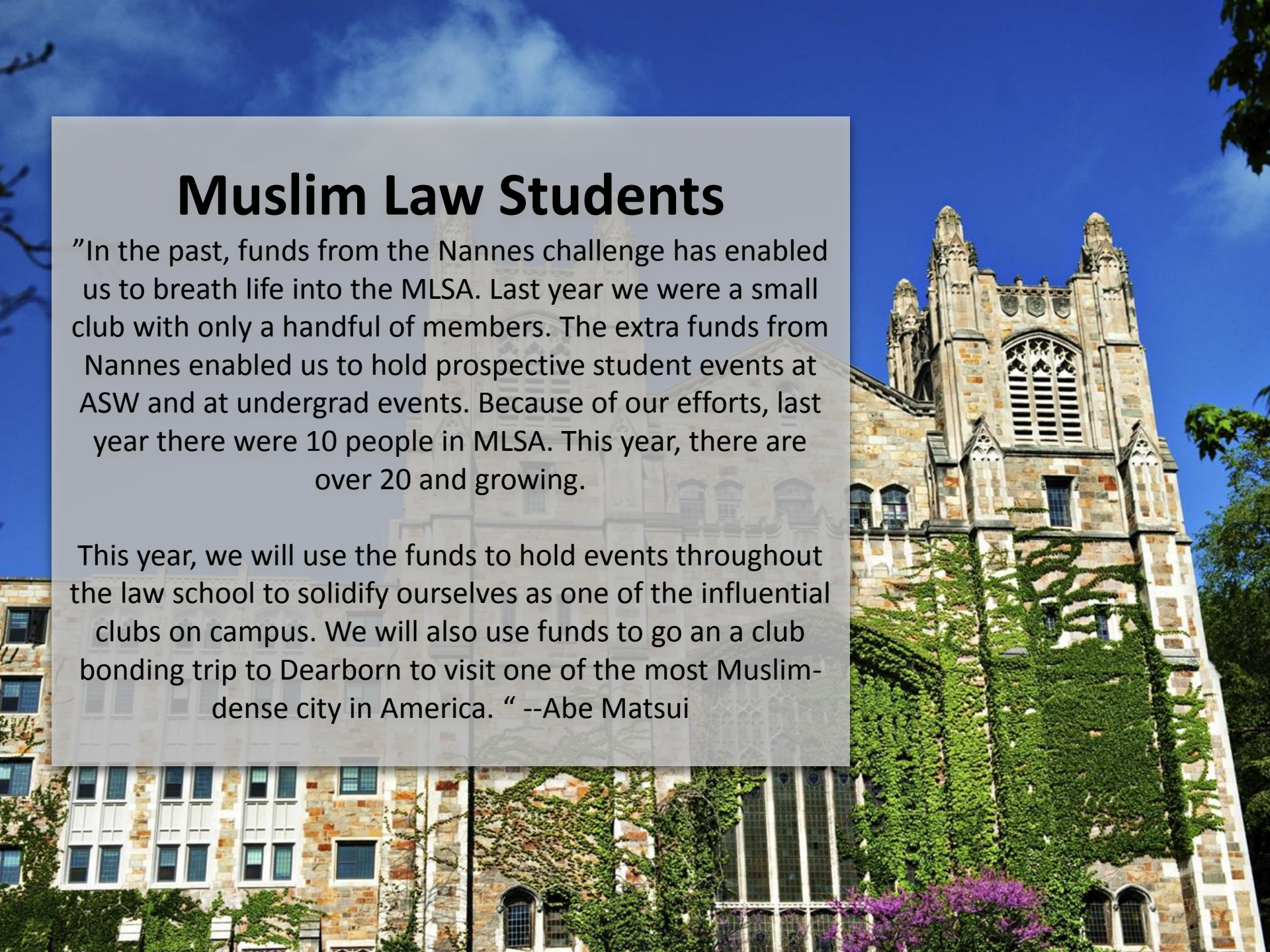
--Lauren Dayton



Muslim Law Students

“In the past, funds from the Nannes challenge has enabled us to breath life into the MLSA. Last year we were a small club with only a handful of members. The extra funds from Nannes enabled us to hold prospective student events at ASW and at undergrad events. Because of our efforts, last year there were 10 people in MLSA. This year, there are over 20 and growing.

This year, we will use the funds to hold events throughout the law school to solidify ourselves as one of the influential clubs on campus. We will also use funds to go an a club bonding trip to Dearborn to visit one of the most Muslim-dense city in America. “ --Abe Matsui





Sports Law Society

“The Sports Law Society plans to utilize the Nannes Challenge funding this upcoming school year by hosting a sports law symposium centering around the the changing face of the NCAA. We will use the funding to help bring in some of the top practitioners in the field of sports litigation, including Derek Sarafa, an attorney from Winston & Strawn, who has helped handle the unionization law suit filed by athletes from Northwestern University. The Nannes Challenge funding will be instrumental in our attempts to also secure other big names, such as Mike Tirico and Jay Bilas from ESPN, as well as Oliver Luck and compliance officers from the NCAA. We are incredibly grateful for the support of the Nannes Challenge alumni donors.” – Cody Reaves

Privacy and Technology Law Association

“The Nannes Challenge was critical to the student activities budget last year for the Privacy and Technology Law Association. Having one of the largest group memberships at the Law School and the student group that put on the second most events last year, every source of funding is critical. Nannes is particularly central to our budgeting because it both accounts for nearly half of our budget and is a rallying point for us to reconnect with alumni members and keep them up to date with Privacy and Tech Law events happening now at the law school. We have used Nannes funding across the board from bringing in keynote speakers, to funding moot court competitors, to co-sponsoring events with a broad range of other student organizations at the law school.

This year, Nannes is more important than ever and we received over a third more from the Nannes Challenge than the previous year. Some of the Nannes Funding will go to pay for this year’s headline speaker from the Center for Democracy and Technology who spoke about how the Snowden Disclosures raised awareness about the scale of government surveillance within the USA and abroad. We also hope to use the funding to implement an Autonomous Vehicles Legal and Regulatory Event to highlight the work that the law, business, and engineering schools at Michigan are doing in this sphere.”

--Christopher Balch

Student Funded Fellowships

“The Nannes Challenge helps make possible Student Funded Fellowships's support of Michigan Law students performing public interest work during the summer after their first year. In the past, our Nannes funding has either gone directly toward the grants SFF provides to public interest students to cover their living expenses or toward expenses for the annual SFF Auction, the entire proceeds of which are used to fund SFF grants. Last year, SFF was able to fund almost an entire grant through the Nannes Challenge, and, in years where our Nannes funding has been used to cover Auction expenses, the Nannes Challenge has made it possible for SFF to devote as many of our resources as possible to supporting public interest students through the grant program. This year, SFF plans to use our Nannes Challenge funding primarily to fund grants directly and to use a portion, if necessary, to cover Auction expenses.” --Erika Giroux



Poverty Law Society

“Last year, PLS received a combined \$650 from the Law School Student Senate and the Office of Student Life. Meanwhile, we received \$750 through the Nannes Challenge. This is not atypical: Nannes Challenge funding regularly makes up over half of our annual operating budget and, for this reason, we can't emphasize enough just how vital this funding is to PLS. Last year, Nannes Challenge funding allowed us to co-sponsor seven events with six different student orgs (including a LAW Break trip to Detroit) and host four of our own events featuring speakers, authors, and pro bono opportunities.

We've already planned a robust series of events, including a talk on financial reform efforts featuring Prof. Michael S. Barr that recently drew over 100 students, a screening of "Inequality for All" scheduled for this coming week, a Legal Aid-a-thon happening in November, a panel on education and social mobility scheduled for February, and a presentation from the Southern Poverty Law Center (or a similar org) on rural poverty issues scheduled to take place in March.

Nannes Challenge funding allows us to begin planning for these events months in advance (whether that involves beginning talks with caterers or speakers who may be traveling in from out of town).

The added financial stability that the Nannes Challenge funding supplies allows us to plan with confidence. Rather than focusing on fundraising and penny pinching, our exec board is free to plan and execute events. ”--Austin Perry

Organization of Public Interest Students

"OPIS is extremely grateful for Nannes Challenge funding, which has helped us to run some of our most important events for our members. Specifically, Nannes Challenge money goes toward our flagship event, 1L Job Night, and several other programs, including LRAP information lunches, mentorship events, and job panels with practitioners in various fields. We also used last year's Nannes funding to introduce a very successful new event, an appreciation dinner for 3Ls going into public interest careers to celebrate their hard work. OPIS is excited to use this year's Nannes Challenge funding to continue to provide information and support to the public interest community at Michigan."

--Katherine Canny

