

development news



(standing, from left) Robert Post '77, Frederick Beinecke, Michael Chung '17, William S. Beinecke, Anderson Christie '18, Tosin Agbabiaka '16, Lena Bae '17; (seated, from left) Abdirashid Aidid '16, Albertus Horsting '18, Yutian An '16

Beinecke Scholarship Luncheon

DEAN ROBERT POST '77 HOSTED William S. Beinecke and his son, Frederick "Rick" Beinecke, at a luncheon in October with the 2015–2016 William S. Beinecke Scholarship recipients. The students expressed their gratitude for the scholarship support and shared their personal stories, their involvement at YLS, and their career aspirations. They were fascinated to learn about the deep connection between the Beinecke family and Yale University. Mr. Beinecke's scholarship fund at the Law School was established in 1964, and supports approximately 10 students each year.

Founders Society

THE YALE LAW SCHOOL FOUNDERS Society, established in 2001, honors an extraordinary group of alumni and friends who have made the Law School a beneficiary of a bequest, trust, or other planned gift. Membership in the Founders Society is open to anyone who has made such a future commitment, regardless of the donor's age or amount of the gift.

We wish to extend our thanks to the newest members of the Founders Society:

Jonathan D. Blake '64
Ronald J. Bland '60
Allan S. Falk '72
Henry G. Will '65

For information on planned giving, contact Nancy Turner, Associate Director of Philanthropic Engagement, Planned Giving at 203 436-9633 or nancy.turner@yale.edu.

A Special Message of Thanks

YALE LAW SCHOOL STUDENTS are immensely grateful for the unwavering generosity of the generations of graduates who have come before them. Below are the thoughts and thanks of one of our third-year students.

"I'm writing to thank you for your generous donation and for giving me the gift of a YLS education. I'm sure you receive many letters like this, and they may all start to blend together. But I promise you, for those of us who benefit from your generosity there is nothing routine about the extraordinary opportunity you've given us. Thank you.

"I'd like to tell you a bit about how I'm spending the time you've given me. The most valuable part of my time at YLS has been participating in the Mortgage Foreclosure Litigation Clinic. Under the guidance of our wonderful professors J.L. Pottenger Jr. '75 and Jeff Gentes, students in the clinic represent homeowners facing foreclosure in Connecticut. We fight to keep people in their homes and sometimes, when banks and servicers have acted particularly egregiously, we file counterclaims and seek monetary damages. Just this week we secured a settlement of several thousands of dollars for a woman who was wrongly foreclosed on back in 2010. The money will go towards sending her two kids to college.

"Think about it. You've not only given me—and many, many others—an unparalleled education. You've also helped keep working mothers in their homes. Helped send the children of those mothers to college. And helped with the countless other vital services that YLS' unparalleled clinic program provides.

"So I'd like to say thank you on behalf of the many people who know how much your generosity has touched our lives. And thank you on behalf of the many more who never will."

Reunion Giving

EACH FALL, ALUMNI CELEBRATING reunion gather and reflect on their days at Yale Law School—the knowledge gained, the relationships formed, and how their experience has come to influence their lives in the intervening years since graduation. And many honor their special reunion year by making a gift to the Law School. Their generosity has a remarkable impact. It accounts for a significant portion of the total dollars contributed to the Law School Fund each year and provides critical resources for academic programs, financial aid, the clinics, the library, and student organizations.

Thanks to the dedication of our volunteers, the 2014–2015 reunion class giving results were extraordinary. Collectively, reunion year classes raised \$9.8 million dollars and garnered the participation of 57 percent of alumni. Here are a few achievements:

- Led by Reunion Co-chairs **James Brochin '90**, **Lovely Dhillon '90**, **Richard Lucas '90**, and **Lourdes Rivera '90**, the Class of 1990 contributed \$2,561,100, setting an all-time Yale Law School record for the amount raised by a 25th Reunion Class. This was achieved with 57 percent participation. Reunion Co-chair Rich Lucas '90 said, “We had a fantastic fundraising committee led by energetic Co-chairs who successfully reached out to our classmates, producing a record result. We had many classmates who were generous, and a few classmates who were very generous. The 25th Reunion is a special one; we had a great turnout in New Haven and enjoyed a wonderful time together.” (see page 40 for photograph)
- The 50th Reunion Class of 1965 more than doubled its past reunion giving, raising \$2,152,130. A one-to-one match challenge by an anonymous classmate stimulated the fundraising efforts and helped the class reach 80 percent participation. Reflecting on their success, Reunion Co-chair **Michael Varet '65** remarked, “I think our fantastic result arose from the excitement everyone felt for our 50th reunion. Fifty years is a big deal and people felt that. We also had a committee with committed chairs and a number of dedicated members who simply would not give up. Finally, we had a lot of generous classmates. The amount we raised was impressive but our participation rate really says something extraordinary about the dedication of our class to YLS.”
- The Class of 1985 reached \$1 million for the first time in their history. Under the leadership of Co-chairs **Stephen Cutler '85**, **Peter Ezersky '85**, **Linda Goldstein '85**, **Gary Silberberg '85**, and **Brian Sterling '85**, and the results of a successful class challenge, they raised \$1,000,221 with 57 percent participation in honor of their 30th Reunion.
- The dedication of Reunion Co-chairs **Ira Grudberg '60** and **David A. Jones, Sr. '60**, coupled with a generous two-to-one match by David, helped the Class of 1960 achieve 73 percent participation and raise \$1,389,051 in celebration of their 55th Reunion.
- The Class of 1955 achieved 100 percent participation for their 60th Reunion and raised \$860,048, thanks to the efforts of Reunion Chair **Barry Bryan '55**. This marks the third consecutive reunion year they achieved this extraordinary feat.

