October Member Spotlight

Noe Merfeld

**Undergraduate Institution:** University of Washington

**Hometown:** Seattle, WA

**Law School:** Seattle University School of Law

**Why is NBLSA important to you?**

Joining Seattle’s BLSA chapter was necessary to me in order to gain and contribute to a support system of Black law students. I became a NBLSA member because my personal goals aligned with the mission of NBLSA.

**What is one of your favorite NBLSA attended events?**

My favorite event that my chapter hosts is Black Graduation. This event honors the achievements of our 3L students who are graduating, and also gives BLSA members the opportunity to network with BLSA alumni who come back to welcome a new generation of Black attorneys into the Seattle legal community. Last year, I planned Black Graduation as the BLSA Event Coordinator, and was inducted as the 2018-2019 BLSA Chapter President. This year at Black Graduation, I look forward to celebrating the achievements of my 3L mentors and inducting the 2019-2020 BLSA Executive Board.
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Patrick Jackson

**Law School:** Loyola University New Orleans College of Law

**Background:** Patrick currently serves as the Community Service and Fundraising Chair for his school's BLSA chapter. As a committee leader Patrick has advocated creating a direct impact on the members of our local community by using the legal network as a platform for aid. He has contributed to the Southwest Region by engaging in various service activities for the underprivileged percentage of African Americans living in poverty within the New Orleans Area. Patrick currently serves as an Ambassador for Kicks 4 the City, a non-profit focused on providing shoes to the undeserved community. Patrick has demonstrated Black excellence in its purest form, and in doing so he has aided in the furtherance of the mission of BLSA.