Program Overview

Open Doors: Perspectives on Career Alternatives is made possible by a gift from the Class of 2006, for the purpose of educating students on the multiple career opportunities available to law graduates. This program series is designed to provide an atmosphere for students to engage in lively conversation and one-on-one discussion with speakers about opportunities in the relevant practice area. Over the past few years, the Open Doors Speaker Series supported presenters from the following organizations:

- Susan Campbell, Chief Counsel for Housing & Urban Development
- Meha Shah ’94 JD/LL.M, Attorney Advisor of the Office of Legal Advisor, US Department of State
- Helle Weeke ’99 LL.M, Principal Development Specialist at Development Alternatives, Inc.
- Jason St. Aubin, Assistant Public Defender for Mecklenburg County (Charlotte), NC
- Anita Earls, Executive Director, Southern Coalition for Social Justice
- Emily Friedman ’98, Attorney, Oprah’s Harpo Foundation and former Skadden Fellow
- Jason Ulner, US Embassy in Tel Aviv, Israel
- Rod Rastan, Legal Advisor in the Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Court
- Kristi Bowman ’01, Lewis Pitts, Ann Majestic ’82, Education Law Careers
- Janet Ward Black’ 85, principal and owner of Ward-Black Law (plaintiff’s firm) in NC

Request for Proposal

In recognition of the diverse interests of the student body and the limited funding for student organizations to host large-scale events, the Open Doors Committee invites all student organizations to submit proposals for the one remaining speaker event in the series for 2010. The parameters for this RFP are as follows:

1. Student organizations can submit proposals for up to two events. Each proposal must be submitted separately and will be considered separately by the committee.
2. Each proposal must include a profile of the speaker(s) and proposed career-related topics for the event.
3. Each proposal must contain a projected budget up to $1000.00 including speaker travel, lodging and lunch provided at the program.
4. The proposed speaker(s) should have a career history atypical of Duke Law School graduates.
5. The proposed topics for the event should be broad enough to attract students in addition to members of the organization.
Assumptions and Agreements

1. The Open Doors Committee will grant one proposal and select two alternate proposals.
2. The program will be scheduled for a date in the spring semester of 2010. (February, March, and early April are the slated months.)
3. Program dates will be chosen by the student organization in conjunction with Camesha McAllister to minimize conflict with other law school events, if possible. If there is no mutually convenient date for the speaker to come to Duke Law School, consideration will be given to an alternate proposal.
4. All logistical planning for the event, including travel and lodging arrangements for the speaker and lunch provided at the program, will be arranged by a designated representative of the student organization.
5. All expenses incurred for the event, including travel and lodging arrangements for the speaker and lunch provided at the program, will be paid directly from the Class of 2006 Open Doors fund by Kelly Briggs (briggs@law.duke.edu).
6. The chosen speaker(s) must agree to sign a Speaker Release Form granting Duke Law School permission to record and webcast the event.
7. The student organization will collaborate with the Open Doors Committee on publicizing this event.

Required Proposal Format
The proposal must contain the following:
1. The name of the student organization and a designated representative of the student organization.
2. The name, title and current employer of the proposed speaker, along with a profile of his/her career.
3. An itemized projected budget for the event.

Submission Deadline
Tuesday, December 22, 2009 at 12:00 Noon.

Submit Proposal To:
Camesha McAllister Jones, mcallister@law.duke.edu. Electronic documents preferred.

For Additional Information or Clarification, Contact:
Camesha McAllister Jones, mcallister@law.duke.edu /613-7211 or Alan Dickinson, Dickinson@law.duke.edu/ 613-7200.

Award Date
Friday, January 1, 2010.