

# Leslie M. Gomez '95 Fosters Diverse Alumni Community as President of Yale Law School Association

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Leslie Gomez spoke with Yale Law School regarding the advantages associated with the Yale Law School Association. Leslie discussed her experience serving on the school's Executive Committee. When asked what has been her most meaningful experience volunteering with Yale Law School, Leslie said, "The most meaningful experience was participating in the inaugural Diversity Homecoming in April 2023. The event celebrated the Law School's alumni of color, welcoming them home to the law school to engage in frank and candid conversations about our lived experiences in the Law School, in the law, and in life. It was humbling and inspiring to be a part of a gathering of such strong, talented, compassionate, and committed alumni — and gratifying to see alumni returning to the law school for the first time in 25 or 30 years. I had the opportunity to participate in the planning by serving as a member of the Diversity Homecoming Ambassador Council — and I look forward to building on the energy from the Homecoming to continue to celebrate, honor, and welcome all of our alumni. Coming back to Yale as a volunteer has helped me to realize that my law school experience isn't static but expansive — that my connections to the law school are not limited to the three years I spent in New Haven but are constantly evolving and growing. Volunteering with the YLSA has allowed me to reconnect with many classmates, both those I called friends then and those I have developed friendships with through the YLSA and reunions. Volunteering has also provided the opportunity to meet current law students. Learning their narratives and sharing my own narrative with students, particularly the vulnerabilities and challenges I experienced along the way, has been meaningful in developing connections and modeling the importance of living authentically."

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