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The YLD scholarship program was my first ever experience with the ABA and was a valuable resource. It connected me with other amazing young lawyers from around the country, introduced me to the YLD and ABA leadership, and motivated me to get involved as a member and leader not only within the YLD but in the ABA as a whole. I am now a co-Chair of the YLD’s Minorities in the Profession Committee, and recently received a Presidential appointment to serve on the ABA Commission on Disability Rights. I could never have stepped into these leadership roles and learned so much without the YLD scholarship program. — DEEPA GORAYA, YLD SCHOLAR CLASS 2013-2014

The YLD Scholars program was a great experience and it afforded me opportunities to become involved with the YLD that I would not have had without being a Scholar. Being a Scholar gave me direct access to some great mentors all over the country, and afforded me the opportunity to directly contribute to different communities all over the nation. Through the Scholars program, I made some amazing friends, contributed to projects and helped further the ABA’s commitment to diversity and inclusion in the profession at programs and conferences. I look forward to continuing my involvement with the YLD for many years to come! — AASTHA MADAAN, YLD SCHOLAR CLASS 2013-2014

I am thankful for the YLD Scholarship Program and the opportunity to be immediately involved with YLD leadership and activities. The YLD Scholarship Program has been an outstanding experience and has served as a catalyst for my greater involvement within the YLD and ABA while also furthering my professional development objectives. — COURTNEY FONG, YLD SCHOLAR CLASS 2014-2015

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- Expose
- Motivate
- Broaden
- Recognize
- Advocate
- Communicate
- Include
- Network
- Grow

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YLD SCHOLAR

49%
SCHOLARS WERE/ ARE IN OTHER
ABA ENTITIES

62%
SCHOLARS WERE
IN YLD
LEADERSHIP

33 OUTREACHES TO HIGH SCHOOLS & UNIVERSITIES BY SCHOLARS

2500
YOUNG PEOPLE ENGAGED