

**HLS Student Government
2025-2026 Elections**

Candidate(s): Aliye Korucu & Patrick Healy

Position: Co-Presidents

Candidate Statement:

The HLS community is vibrant, resilient, and inspiring. From our first day on campus and since our first term in Student Government, we have loved seeing the dedication and passion students exhibit on a daily basis. As Co-Presidents we will support your ambitions and advocate for the resources you need to succeed.

We will center your Causes:

We believe that students are at the center of our school and that Student Government should represent their needs in school decisions. Our student body needs experienced advocates who understand what students care about and how to turn those priorities into policies.

Two of these priorities are free speech and financial insecurity. Student speech is the foundation of academia and social progress, and it has an especially strong history at HLS. We will ardently advocate for free speech on campus. We also know a major concern our campus experiences is in the form of financial insecurities. We are committed to initiatives that address immediate and long-term financial concerns through advocating for better financial aid and broadening the Community Cupboard initiative.

After two years of learning, living, and talking with you, we are motivated and positioned to advocate for your right to get the education you dreamt of (and paid for), and future students' ability to do the same.

We will build school Community:

We recognize that we are currently law students in a time where diversity is under attack, and many students who are part of targeted communities are particularly vulnerable. As part of our commitment to building community among students, we are passionate about supporting and advocating for affinity groups and their needs. Similarly, we know that much more can be done to make our campus and resources accessible for all students, and we will work with students and administration to identify these areas of improvement.

Many of the solutions will come from your collective experience and perspectives, which is why we will advocate for additional funding for student organizations. Crucial to our community are our S.J.D. and L.L.M. classmates, who provide unique perspectives and have unique needs, particularly with uncertainty around funding and immigration. We will proactively reach out to the incoming 1L class, support 2Ls as they take on campus leadership positions, and work with 3L and L.L.M. class marshals to plan inclusive graduation events.

We will continue our Commitment:

Over the past two years, we have helped carry out Student Government's most important services. We will continue events from this year such as headshots and programs like public interest bar prep matching. We plan to return traditions from two years ago such as buses to New Haven for The Game. We understand the practical realities of Student Government and are well prepared to provide the services students expect every year.

From day one of our presidency, we will hit the ground running. As elected members of Student Government since our 1L fall, we know how it operates. We also know that dynamics and needs at HLS are constantly changing. It is our goal to have continuous conversations with student groups and create opportunities for the student body to engage with us and the Student Council to discuss your concerns. Only together can we become a stronger student body, and we hope that you will support us in this journey!

About us:

Aliye: Hi y'all! I'm a proud Section 7er hailing from the state of Georgia! As a Muslim Turkish-American and former local government employee, I have a passion for community-building initiatives, with a special interest in bringing in voices that are often left out of the conversation. As a 1L and 2L Representative, I have had the honor to spearhead initiatives involving affinity group connections, accessibility advocacy, and the hiring freeze and job revocation situation earlier this year. Being part of the HLS community for the last two years has been the most incredible experience I have ever had, and I hope to pass on the positivity and light to next year's administration.

Pat: Former Buffalo Bills coach Marv Levy would ask: "Where else would you rather be than right here, right now?" There's nowhere I'd rather be than doing good work with good people. Since the first day of orientation when I clumsily tried to organize a section group chat, to allocating Student Government money to organizations this year, I've been all-in on improving the student experience alongside my classmates. Inspired by my sectionmates' gracious support as their 1L Representative and student organizations' contributions to campus as Director of Student Organizations, I hope to similarly serve the whole student body next year.