

Final Report: Know Your Rights Training for Police Interaction

Summary:

This school year, the Boston College Black Law Students Association (BLSA) intends to put on two events with the ABA Grant money. For our first event, we hosted a Know Your Rights training for law students of color and allies on November 13th, 2019. We had Sophia Hall, a BC Law Alum, from Lawyers for Civil Rights give the presentation. In addition to Ms. Hall, she brought along her paralegal to add some insight as well.

To begin the event, BLSA played a New York Times interview with black men and women, and their experiences with police. It showed how they've dealt with police interaction, and the emotionally jarring effects that it has on the black community. It was an incredibly moving video, and many students could relate to the interviewee's sentiments. Afterward, Ms. Hall began her presentation. She started by introducing students to research statistics of police interaction with the black community, and how they can often end with violence.

Next, she walked students through how to legally interact with police during a pedestrian stop. She walked everyone through the different levels of police suspicion, and what they legally have the right to do based on their suspicions. She also welcomed the audience to ask any questions that could start a larger conversation about policing and crime in general.

At the end, many people asked their individual questions, which took about twenty minutes. Overall, Ms. Hall's legal experience was invaluable to this event. She's constantly suing on behalf of people's civil rights with police brutality cases. Additionally, she frequently represents cops in employment discrimination cases. As a result, she gave us a well-rounded and honest discussion about police brutality issues we face today.

The total event ran from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm.

Attendees:

- 20 Students
- 1 Professor

Feedback:

The attendees loved this event. Many students of African descent could relate to the horrors of police brutality and disrespectful interactions. Many attendees told us that it really helped them understand what they're able to do and say in order to protect themselves in police interactions. Allied students also responded very positively. They were interested to learn about the reality of this issue, and learn about their civil rights as well.

Costs:

Food was our only expense for this event. I have attached an itemized receipt of the total amount. We spent \$506.04. Ideally, we'd like to use half of the \$450 ABA grant to cover a portion of this expense. We did not receive any revenue for this event.

Budget Form:

Itemized List of Expenses	Cost
Full Eggplant Parmigiana	\$65.00
2 Full Chicken Parmigiana	\$190.00
Full House Salad	\$55.00
2 Full Garlic Bread Sticks	\$90.00
40 Utensils/Plates/Napkins	\$12.00
Subtotal	\$412.00
Tax	\$28.84
Tip	\$66.00
Total	\$506.04

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: *POLICE INTERACTION*



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4:00 PM - 6:00 PM



Dinner will be provided.