The running theme, for this year is “Staying Connected”! My vision is for BLSA, alumni, and the community to stay engaged with one another in all activities and events whether it is a speaking engagement such as Retired Justice Reuben Anderson on campus; a community service event such as our reading and literacy program with Lafayette Elementary; or even a social event such as enjoying the Grove during Homecoming. The month of October is extremely monumental for the University and BLSA. On October 1st, the University commemorated 50 years of integration by honoring the bravery of James Meredith. BLSA contributed by celebrating over 45 years of the law school’s integration by hosting “A Talk with Retired Justice Reuben Anderson.” In addition, on October 26th, we will host an honor reception for U.S. Attorney Felicia Adams, the first female to be appointed to U.S. Attorney in Mississippi. During this time of celebration, the campus will be swarming with all greats especially from the legal community. So stay tuned and stay connected with BLSA and the university this school year!

Kimberly McCray, BLSA President 2012-2013

Community Service
Eleanor Roosevelt once said, “When you cease to make a contribution, you begin to die”.

The community service committee began Part I of its voter registration drive on September 17th in the University of Mississippi Student Union. Part II of the Voter registration drive took place on Sunday, September 30th at The T.O.M.B building in Oxford, MS. In collaboration with community leaders and churches, the committee registered over 80 individuals to vote by the October deadline.

Networking
“The networking committee plans to fulfill this year’s theme by honoring alumni, hosting monthly speaker series, and building an attorney/student mentorship program. Events have already “kicked off” for the Fall semester and we are looking forward to even more events in the Spring.”

Jessica McLaurin, Networking Committee Chair
The annual Talent Show was a great success! We truly had a talented group of people perform. Acts included piano selections, singing, a violinist and even stand-up comedy. Intermission acts included a band formed by law students and a dance group from Jackson, MS. Our first prize winner was Shane Harbin, a legally blind 19 year-old who played two beautiful piano selections. He received a $50 gift certificate to Neilson’s on the Square.

**Below:** "A Talk with Justice Reuben Anderson" President McCray presents a token of appreciation to Justice Reuben Anderson.

**Right:** 1Ls enjoy the company of rising 2Ls and 3Ls at the “1L Social”.

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**Fundraising**

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**BLSA Calendar of Events**

**Fall 2012**

**October**

11  Annual Talent Show – 7 p.m.
13  Homecoming Tailgate
15-19 Breast Cancer Awareness Bake Sale
26  Honor Reception for U.S. Attorney Felicia Adams
30  Boys and Girls Club “Spooktacular” Halloween Party

**November**

1  Legislature Panel – 2 p.m.

**December**

1-14  Final Exams

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**Alumnus of the Year...**

**Professor Lanesha Sims,** professor of Civil Procedure II and a Products Liability seminar this Fall, is a graduate of the law school. Professors Sims served as an executive articles editor of the Mississippi Law Journal and was a member of the Moot Court Board. Following graduation, she held two federal judicial clerkships: first with the Honorable Henry Lee Adams, Jr., United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, and then with the Honorable Carl E. Stewart, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. After her clerkships, Professor Sims served as an associate at Holland & Knight, LLC in Jacksonville, Fla., and Watkins & Eager, PLLC in Jackson, Miss. As a new faculty member, Professor Sims still donated time and mentorship to BLSA.