The Annual Fall Raffle was held on October 24, 2013. This year’s grand prizes were an $800 United Airline Voucher and an Amazon Kindle Fire. These items were accompanied by a number of other donated prizes, including bar preparation course vouchers, gift cards, and items donated by LexisNexis.

This student-run event raised over $2,800 for the Outreach Assistantship Fund, which provides financial assistance to students who volunteer in public interest legal positions over summers.

Oran Cart, 2L
“The PILS outreach assistantship allowed me the financial freedom to take a job at the Kane County public defender’s office and allowed me to gain valuable experience in a field that I am extremely passionate about. Without the gracious effort of the PILS organization, I would not have been able to afford this experience.”

Amanda Miller, 2L
“My work with Prairie State Legal Services involved everything from court observations to conducting intake interviews to drafting documents. The PILS Outreach Assistantship allowed me to work and network in the county I plan to practice in without having to worry about financial burdens.”

Helen Mellas, 2L
“For my PILS Outreach Assistantship I worked at the Kane County Public Defender’s Office. The most rewarding aspect of my experience was discovering an area of law that I would not have otherwise considered. Working at the Public Defender’s Office showed me how much good I could do as a PD helping those who cannot afford an attorney and receive a fair trial.”

Mike Pingaj, 3L
This past summer, I was a legal clerk at the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office in the 4th District Felony Trial Division in Maywood, Illinois. I had the opportunity to utilize my 711 license to prosecute three full-length, felony bench trials entirely on my own. It was an amazing experience that wouldn’t have been possible without the PILS stipend to pay for all of my living expenses over the summer.
**Letter from the President**

The Public Interest Law Society is excited by the momentum that we have started this year! Not only have we sent volunteers into the community to help with different service projects, but we have raised over $3,000 towards our Outreach Assistantship fund! The majority of this came from our fall fundraiser, the PILS Raffle, which was held on October 24. By holding events such as the raffle and the upcoming auction, the Public Interest Law Society strives to provide financial assistance to students who volunteer in unpaid public interest positions during the summer through Outreach Assistantships.

Our key fundraiser, the **19th Annual PILS Auction**, will take place on **Friday, April 4, 2014**. The Auction will be held in the Thurgood Marshall Gallery in conjunction with the Francis X. Riley Lecture on Professionalism. The Auction raises practically all the funds used to provide financial assistance to our public interest students. These Outreach Assistantships are made possible by generous donations from alumni, students, and businesses in the surrounding communities. I invite and encourage you to donate to this great cause and help provide NIU College of Law students the opportunity to pursue their goal of working in the public interest. Your support will make it possible for individuals in the community to benefit from the enthusiastic and dedicated students of NIU College of Law.

Please visit [http://www.niu.edu/law/calendar/events/PILS_auction.shtml](http://www.niu.edu/law/calendar/events/PILS_auction.shtml) to find out more about making a donation! We hope to see you April 4th!

*Amanda Miller*
*President, Public Interest Law Society*

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**Pizza Sales Add Additional Funding to OA Program**

PILS held five pizza sales this fall to help raise additional funds for the Outreach Assistantship program. The pizzas were donated by BarBri, Kaplan Bar Review, Themis, and Wolters Kluwer with all proceeds going to PILS to fund assistantships for students who volunteer in the public interest. The PILS Exec Board has fun selling the pizza and the students and professors enjoy eating it!

Emily Fitch, Class of 2014 Outreach Assistantship Recipient at the Farmworker and Landscaper Advocacy Project