



About the Co-founders

Daphné Vanessa, Esq.

is a pro-bono loving attorney who previously ran her university's global service program.

As a Haitian-American born in Mississippi, who has lived in many countries, one thing has remained constant - Daphné's passion for service.

In Haiti, Daphné led multiple service efforts, including education initiatives and serving orphanages. In New York City, Daphné advocated for homeless rights with the United Nations. In Rome, Italy, Daphné served meals and played the piano for the homeless. After the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, Daphné returned to NYC from Europe to help lead a group of college classmates and administrators sending over 10,000 emergency relief supplies to Haiti.

These experiences and others led Daphné to witness the need for qualified volunteers to serve nonprofits in need.

Daphné secured education funding which exceeded the tuition value of her Bachelor's degrees, and Master's degree.

Daphné also completed her Juris Doctor, and is admitted to the Bar of New Mexico.

Shamil Rodriguez

was 23 when he served as the youngest board member elected to his local community college.

As a Puerto Rican who grew up in Trenton, New Jersey, Shamil comes from a family who knew that education was a necessary tool to rise into new levels of success.

Shamil's experience in college solidified his expertise in community organizing. Shamil's ability to leverage both online and offline tools led to swaths of people voting for candidates at all levels, including local, state, and federal congressional candidates.

Civic engagement continued beyond college, and into Shamil's professional career where he worked for leading members of Congress and a top state lobbying firm. His commitment to service continued as a member of the military.

To help achieve the American Dream, Shamil did take out student loans to obtain his Bachelor's. However, Shamil was able to have his Juris Doctor's tuition paid for through his military service.

The Co-Founders are partners in business and life. They founded StartNoo when they saw a gap where nonprofits needed qualified, skilled volunteers, and students and alumni needed to eliminate education debt and gain experience.

Daphné Vanessa and Shamil Rodriguez are Co-Founders of StartNoo.com, an online platform dedicated to tackling the over \$1.7 Trillion student loan debt crisis and encouraging community impact.

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