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St. Mary's University School of Law

Issue 1 – August 19, 2019

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Welcome from the Interim Dean Vincent R. Johnson

It is a distinct honor to welcome you to the new academic year as Interim Dean of the School of Law. When I joined the St. Mary's law faculty in 1982, I wanted to build a great law school. Today, I have the pleasure of looking back on nearly four decades of progress at St. Mary's. We are now closer than ever to being a great law school.

The teaching in San Antonio, and in our foreign programs in Beijing and Innsbruck, is excellent. Our course offerings are more relevant and challenging than ever before. Through clinics, public interest positions, and judicial internships, we offer a rich array of opportunities for developing the skills that lawyers need.

The books and articles written by our faculty, and their many media interviews, transmit knowledge of the law to distant places, and even to future generations. Our law journals are so widely cited by courts and scholars that they shape the very fabric of the law.

The St. Mary's University campus and law school facilities have never been better, nor has our educational technology. All parts of the student body—male, female, minority, majority, domestic, and foreign—contribute to and excel in every part of law school life. We are a richly diverse community.

There has been lots of good news lately. Our advocacy program is nationally ranked both by *US News and World Report* and by the American Bar Association. The *St. Mary's Law Journal* celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. A professorship is being endowed in honor of one of our legendary faculty members, Professor Aloysius Leopold. And, just this week, Professor Bill Piatt published a new book on *Slavery in the Southwest* (Carolina Academic Press 2019).

The future of St. Mary's University School of Law is in your hands. *Carpe diem!*

Work hard. Ask good questions. Develop a deep mastery of the law. Treat others fairly. Those habits will make you into a great lawyer, and your professional achievements will signal the excellence of St. Mary's University School of Law.

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National Team Ranking Celebration

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The celebration will feature guest speakers, music, food and more. All faculty, students and staff are invited to attend.

Find out more online about the [St. Mary's Law Advocacy Program](#) or *contact Ofilia Rodarte* at 210.436.3530 or orodarte@stmarytx.edu.

Class of 2022 1L Section Lunch

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Student Organizations

RSO Officers

Attention Registered Student Organizations (RSO) - If you are on the executive board of a law school RSO and you have not re-registered your organization, please go Rattler Tracks and do so as soon as possible. You may contact Dominic Castillo, SBA President for the roster of updated officers.

RSO Officers Mandatory Risk Management Meeting

The mandatory Risk Management meeting for all RSO officers will be held Tuesday, September 3, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room. Officers who are not in attendance at this meeting will be unable to participate in Docket Call.

Announcements

Student E-mail Accounts

Each student is assigned a Law School e-mail account and is required to check this account daily. Faculty and the Administration use e-mail to communicate with students and to send official notices. Students are deemed to have knowledge of all communications from the Faculty and Administration sent to their Law School e-mail address. Therefore, not checking the school email account is not an acceptable defense for not responding to information disseminated by email. Additionally, various professors may have more specific requirements with respect to e-mail, TWEN, Blackboard and Canvas classrooms.

CLSJ in the Law Commons

Have questions on Clinic, Externships, or Pro Bono? The Center for Legal & Social Justice (CLSJ) will be taking over the Law Commons **every Wednesday** from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Drop by, say hello, and get some information on what we do and how you can benefit from it. Remember - Externship placements and Pro Bono opportunities are available on CORE.

Office of Financial Assistance

The Office of Financial Assistance has moved to [St. Louis Hall, Suite 301](#).

Prepare for Success with Free ABA Membership

Join the [American Bar Association](#). [FREE ABA Student Membership](#) comes with resources like:

- Your choice of up to 5 free legal practice-specific Member Groups with access to national communities exclusive to ABA members
- Practical advice from ABA Career Center webinars and program, plus access to a national job board
- A subscription to the digital Student Lawyer quarterly magazine
- 30-day free trial to Quimbee Gold Plan for study aid, case briefs, flashcards and more
- 7-day free trial with West Academic includes a comprehensive digital collection of study aids, treatises, audio lectures, and newly added audio books from over 500 titles.

The American Bar Association is the voice of the legal community, offering career-building opportunities, advocating for the profession, and promoting the rule of law world-wide. ABA membership gives law students tools and resources to help them succeed in school and beyond. ABA members get access to benefits, perks, and discounts you can't get anywhere else. The best part? Membership is FREE.

Lockers Now Available

The Student Bar Association is now renting lockers in the Law Library. You can rent a locker by completing the "Locker Rental Agreement Form" on the Student Bar Association's Rattler Tracks page. If you have any questions, please contact the SBA Treasurer, Jennifer Mendez Lopez, at jmendezlopez@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Community Service Requirement

All JD students who matriculate Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. Students must complete at least ten (10) hours toward the 30 hour requirement before the end of their first year of law school and at least twenty (20) hours before the end of their second year of law school.

No more than fifteen (15) of the service hours may be general community service hours with a qualifying non-profit or public entity. At least fifteen (15) hours must be law school-approved hours.

For more information, please reference the [Student Handbook](#) on pages 8-9, and visit the [Community Service Requirement](#) section of the School of Law website. With questions, please contact Gregory Zlotnick at gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu.

Navigating Law School

If you are a first generation law student and would like to speak with Dean Haynes about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment with Dean Haynes [here](https://calendly.com/ahaynes5) calendly.com/ahaynes5.

Film and the Law

If you enjoy movies and would be interested in working with Dean Haynes to set up a "Film and the Law" series during the Fall semester, please contact Dean Haynes at ahaynes5@stmarytx.edu.

Health & Wellness

San Antonio First Tuesday Lawyer Wellness Group

The Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) has started **San Antonio First Tuesday Lawyer Wellness Group**. Law students are invited to join this group. This is a monthly educational wellness group for lawyers and law students to learn about a variety of mental health and wellness issues that lawyers often face and how to address them. Their next meeting is **Tuesday, September 3**, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Alamo Heights Methodist Church, Room EAST 221, 825 Basse Road, San Antonio, Texas 78209. A free 1-Hour CLE is available. Food will be served. Please RSVP to 1.800.343.8527. Parking is free. Future meeting dates are 10/01, 11/05 and 12/03.

Health & Wellness Opportunities

Enrich your mind, body and soul to enhance your academic performance. Live a healthier lifestyle and achieve a more balanced life. The Law School community is invited to take advantage of the health and wellness activities planned this semester. Mark your calendar for the next event.

- Yoga & Meditation Class – 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., bring your own mat. Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Practicing yoga improves balance, endurance, flexibility, and strength, while meditation helps keep the mind sharp, relieves stress and anxiety, and strengthen your immune system. Keep your body and mind healthy and happy! Classes will be held the first Tuesday of the month. **September 3**, October 1, November 5 and December 3.
- Chair Massages – 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., and 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. – Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Don't miss out on the benefits of a chair massage. It reduces stress, tension, and anxiety. It improves blood flow, will boost your immune system, alleviate pain and headaches, improves posture and so much more. Chair massages will be held on the third Wednesday of every month. **September 18**, October 16 and November 20.

New Wellness Lab Now Open

All students, faculty and staff are invited to the newly opened Wellness Lab located in the Center For Life Directions building, room 126. To schedule an appointment, call 210.431.2299 and when prompted enter 1154. You may also stop by the lab on Tuesday's, 12:00 – 4:30 p.m., Wednesday's, 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. or Thursday's, 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. It is a program on a computer in the lab that guides you through relaxation techniques, stress management and breathing exercise. This is another stress management tool available to students, faculty and staff.

University Sponsored Student Activities

Explore any or all events/activities sponsored by the University for all students across campus.

- Friday, August 23 – 8:00 p.m. - Movie in the Pool - Avengers: Endgame – Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center, Indoor Pool
- Saturday, August 24 - [Continuing the Heritage](#) biannual day of community service. [Registration is now open](#)
- Every Wednesday, Trivia Night, 8- 10 p.m. at The Pub

Take a Break and Exercise

One of the key aspects of being a successful law student is the ability to maintain a balance in all areas of life and a little exercise can go a long way. The AA & CC (Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center) is a great place to work out, do some open lap swimming, and find out about Intramural sports. Hours of operation are:

Monday - Thursday 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Friday 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Sunday 12:00 - 10:00 p.m.

If you would like to form a law school basketball or volleyball team please call 210.431.5046 to find out more information on availability and scheduling. For more information visit: <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/campus-life/play/campus-recreation>.

2019 Swim Lessons

Campus Recreation is offering Swim Lessons, weekly on Thursday, starting August 29 through October 24, 2019. The cost is \$99 for students. Swim lessons are available for toddler's, pre-school, youth, and adults. Private lessons are also available. For more information contact John Rodriguez, Aquatics Coordinator at jrodriguez171@stmarytx.edu or telephone 210.431.5051 or Nina Owens at 210.436.3997.

Recipe of the Week

Zesty Lime Shrimp and Avocado Salad
<https://www.skinnytaste.com>

2 Freestyle Points | 197 Calories
Prep Time: 20 mins
Cook Time: 0 mins
Total Time: 20 mins
Yield: 4 servings

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup chopped red onion
- 2 limes, juice of
- 1 tsp olive oil
- 1/4 tsp kosher salt, black pepper to taste
- 1 lb jumbo cooked, peeled shrimp, chopped*
- 1 medium tomato, diced
- 1 medium Hass avocado, diced (about 5 oz)
- 1 jalapeno, seeds removed, diced fine
- 1 tbsp chopped cilantro

Instructions

1. In a small bowl combine red onion, lime juice, olive oil, salt and pepper. Let them marinate at least 5 minutes to mellow the flavor of the onion.
2. In a large bowl combine chopped shrimp, avocado, tomato, jalapeño.
3. Combine all the ingredients together, add cilantro and gently toss. Adjust salt and pepper to taste.

Serving: 1cup, Calories: 197kcal, Carbohydrates: 7g, Protein: 25g, Fat: 8g, Saturated Fat: 1.5g, Polyunsaturated Fat: 0g, Monounsaturated Fat: 0g, Trans Fat: 0g, Cholesterol: 221mg, Sodium: 330mg, Potassium: 0mg, Fiber: 3g, Sugar: 0g, Vitamin A: 0%, Vitamin C: 0%, Calcium: 0%, Iron: 0%

Notices

University Policies and Procedures on Non-Discrimination

St. Mary's University is committed to providing a safe, equitable, and fair environment where students can pursue academic excellence. Policies and procedures have been developed to foster and sustain such an environment and apply to all courses offered at the university. Students need to be aware of these policies and procedures, which can be found in *Gateway* (<https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/>). Please become familiar with these important policies and procedures, which include:

- Nondiscrimination, Sexual and Other Forms of Harassment <https://www.stmarytx.edu/about/title-ix/>
- Students with Disability <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/disability-rights/>
- Human Subjects Research <https://www.stmarytx.edu/compliance/research-compliance/>

Need a Break?

Tired of sitting and reading? Do you need a break? Need some fresh air? Well we have a solution: GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY. Now available at the law library circulation desk you can check out a football (nerf or regular), soccer ball, volleyball, kickball or basket toss with more options on the way. You will need your student ID to check out equipment.

Noise Levels in the Law Classrooms Building

Please remember that classes are in session during most hours, day and evening in the Law Classrooms building. Please be mindful, courteous and quiet when exiting classes and help keep noise levels in the hallways to a minimum.

Inviting Dignitaries to Campus

All law school student organizations are reminded to submit a request for approval prior to inviting a dignitary to the School of Law. **The form must be completed prior to contacting and inviting a dignitary to campus. Requests should be made 45 days prior to the scheduled event.** A Visiting Dignitary includes, diplomats, local public figures including but not limited to, the Archbishop of San Antonio, judges, and other elected officials. Forms can be found online on Gateway at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/university-communications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>

Tobacco Use Policy On Campus

Smoking and smokeless tobacco products will be allowed only within designated locations on the St. Mary's University campus. Visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/administration-finance/tobacco-use-on-campus/> to learn more.

Do Not Remove Classroom Chairs

Please note that chairs should not be removed from their existing row or from any of the classrooms. This causes problems with class delays and professors seating charts for attendance purposes. If a chair must be removed, please ensure you return it to its original location.

Academic Support

Law School Resources

The Student Counseling Center
Center for Life Directions Building

ileana Velazquez, M.A., LPC
(210) 431-4225

(Next to the RABA Building)
(210) 436-3135
Emergency (after-hours and weekends):
(210) 825-3622

RABA 208
ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Ministry
(210) 436-3063
RABA 105
gwalle@stmarytx.edu

Office of Student Accessibility Services (SAS)
Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139
(210) 436-3135
accessibility@stmarytx.edu

Student Health Center
Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor
(210) 436-3506—office line
(210) 436-3656—fax line
healthcenter@stmarytx.edu

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center
Campus Recreation AACC 2145
210-436-3997
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation>

National Suicide Prevention Line
1-800-273-8255

Veterans Crisis Line
1-800-273-8255 and press 1

TEXAS LAWYERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TLAP)

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program
Chris Ritter
1-800-343-8527
www.tlaphelps.org

Texas Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers (LCL) Meetings
CALL IN:
Fridays at Noon: 800-393-0640, enter code 676745
Third Thursday at Noon: 800-393-0640, enter code 676745

If you need assistance in accessing any resources or referrals to other resources, please contact ileana Velazquez at (210) 431-4225 or by email at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu.

Ministry

Liturgy and Worship Schedule

University Ministry invites the St. Mary's University community to weekly Liturgy and worship. Weekday mass is offered for all members and friends of the St. Mary's University community. The schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 12:15 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Sunday 11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, and Sunday evening, 9:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel. For more information, contact University Ministry at 210.431.2053 or msmith6@stmarytx.edu.

Writing Competitions and Scholarships

If a link is not provided for detailed information to any of the writing competitions or scholarships described below, please email Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu. Indicates a new scholarship opportunity added this week.

The Pinkerton Law Firm.

<https://www.law.uh.edu/financialaid/Pinkerton%20Law%20Review%20Letter.pdf>. Write articles for the Pinkerton Law Review. \$2,500 top writer awards (five). \$10,000 writer of the year award (one).

The National Law Review is now accepting submissions. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

Gerber & Holder Scholarship Essay Competition. <https://www.gerberholderlaw.com/scholarships>. \$1,000. Deadline to apply is October 11, 2019.

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Fake News at St. Mary's By Vincent R. Johnson, Interim Dean

The best law schools in the United States are those accredited by the American Bar Association. St. Mary's has been a proud member of that group for more than 70 years, since Truman was president.

However, the facts do not always stop idle chatter around campus. I learned that someone said I was asked to become Interim Dean because St. Mary's was going to lose ABA accreditation. That is not true. There are no facts to support the chatter. Deanships change hands every few years because that is the natural rhythm of the tug-of-war between continuity and change.

We are in good standing with the American Bar Association and are not even scheduled for a routine site visit by the ABA until 2022-23. That is so far down the road that you will already have graduated and been admitted to the bar.

Beware of fake news. If you hear that Francis is resigning the papacy to become campus minister at the law school, or that Gorsuch is leaving the Supreme Court to open a law office in El Paso, or that Sister Grace has been named to the Federal Reserve Board, give that some thought.

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Recipe of the Week

Chicken Zucchini Stir Fry

<https://www.skinnytaste.com/chicken-zucchini-stir-fry/>

3 Freestyle Points | 242 Calories

PREP TIME: 15 mins

COOK TIME: 5 mins

TOTAL TIME: 20 mins

YIELD:4

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup low sodium soy sauce or use gf soy sauce*
- 1 cup chicken broth*
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 2 tablespoons mirin
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 2 teaspoons sesame oil
- 1 tablespoon canola oil divided
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1 tablespoon minced ginger
- 1 pound chicken breast, sliced very thinly
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Instructions

1. In a large bowl add the soy sauce, chicken broth, cornstarch, mirin, sugar, and sesame oil and whisk until everything is completely dissolved.
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3. Repeat with the second half of the chicken and an additional teaspoon of oil. Remove the chicken to the plate.
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- Students with Disability <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/disability-rights/>
- Human Subjects Research <https://www.stmarytx.edu/compliance/research-compliance/>

Need a Break?

Tired of sitting and reading? Do you need a break? Need some fresh air? Well we have a solution: GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY. Now available at the law library circulation desk you can check out a football (nerf or regular), soccer ball, volleyball, kickball or basket toss with more options on the way. You will need your student ID to check out equipment.

Noise Levels in the Law Classrooms Building

Please remember that classes are in session during most hours, day and evening in the Law Classrooms building. Please be mindful, courteous and quiet when exiting classes and help keep noise levels in the hallways to a minimum.

Inviting Dignitaries to Campus

All law school student organizations are reminded to submit a request for approval prior to inviting a dignitary to the School of Law. **The form must be completed prior to contacting and inviting a dignitary to campus. Requests should be made 45 days prior to the scheduled event.** A Visiting Dignitary includes, diplomats, local public figures including but not limited to, the Archbishop of San Antonio, judges, and other elected officials. Forms can be found online on Gateway at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/university-communications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>

Tobacco Use Policy On Campus

Smoking and smokeless tobacco products will be allowed only within designated locations on the St. Mary's University campus. Visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/administration-finance/tobacco-use-on-campus/> to learn more.

Do Not Remove Classroom Chairs

Please note that chairs should not be removed from their existing row or from any of the classrooms. This causes problems with class delays and professors seating charts for attendance purposes. If a chair must be removed, please ensure you return it to its original location.

Academic Support

Law School Resources

The Student Counseling Center
Center for Life Directions Building
(Next to the RABA Building)
(210) 436-3135
Emergency (after-hours and
weekends):
(210) 825-3622

ileana Velazquez, M.A., LPC
(210) 431-4225
RABA 208
ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Ministry
(210) 436-3063
RABA 105
gwalle@stmarytx.edu

Office of Student Accessibility Services (SAS)
Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139
(210) 431-5080
accessibility@stmarytx.edu

Student Health Center
Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor
(210) 436-3506—office line
(210) 436-3656—fax line
healthcenter@stmarytx.edu

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center
Campus Recreation AACC 2145
210-436-3997
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation>

National Suicide Prevention Line
1-800-273-8255

Veterans Crisis Line
1-800-273-8255 and press 1

TEXAS LAWYERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TLAP)

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program
Chris Ritter
1-800-343-8527
www.tlaphelps.org

Texas Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers (LCL) Meetings
CALL IN:
Fridays at Noon: 800-393-0640, enter code 676745
Third Thursday at Noon: 800-393-0640, enter code 676745

If you need assistance in accessing any resources or referrals to other resources, please contact ileana Velazquez at (210) 431-4225 or by email at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu.

Ministry

Bible Class with Professor Addicott

Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." The Bible class is non-denominational and are held in Room 102B, the small conference room at the Warrior Defense Project in the Raba Building, at 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, and 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. The classes are 45 minutes long and cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching. Bring your Bible, pen and notebook. For more information, contact Katie Salinas at ksalinas2@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Memorial Mass for the El Paso and Dayton Communities

University Ministry invites the campus community to pray for healing and comfort for all those affected in the recent tragedies at El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio. These cities are home to many students, families and friends of St. Mary's University. Join us for special prayer in memory of the victims. Wednesday, August 28, 12:15 p.m., Reinbolt Hall, Assumption Chapel. A student prayer vigil will be held Thursday, August 29, 8:30 p.m. in Guadalupe Chapel. For more information please contact University Ministry at 210.436.3213.

Opening School Liturgy

University Ministry invites the St. Mary's community to pray for wisdom and understanding at the Mass of the Holy Spirit, Thursday, August 29, 11:10 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., Holy Rosary Church. An important tradition at St. Mary's University is the opening liturgy to bless the whole community at the beginning of a new Academic Year. Recognized student organizations, athletic teams and student ministries are all represented at the entrance procession. A reaffirmation of our Marianist values and commitments as a campus community closes the first all-campus liturgical celebration of the school year.

Liturgy and Worship Schedule

University Ministry invites the St. Mary's University community to weekly Liturgy and worship. Weekday mass is offered for all members and friends of the St. Mary's University community. The schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 12:15 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Sunday 11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, and Sunday evening, 9:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel. For more information, contact University Ministry at 210.431.2053 or msmith6@stmarytx.edu.

Writing Competitions and Scholarships

If a link is not provided for detailed information to any of the writing competitions or scholarships described below, please email Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu. Indicates a new scholarship opportunity added this week.

The Pinkerton Law Firm.

<https://www.law.uh.edu/financialaid/Pinkerton%20Law%20Review%20Letter.pdf>. Write articles for the Pinkerton Law Review. \$2,500 top writer awards (five). \$10,000 writer of the year award (one).

The National Law Review is now accepting submissions. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

Gerber & Holder Scholarship Essay Competition. <https://www.gerberholderlaw.com/scholarships>. \$1,000. Deadline to apply is October 11, 2019.

Carstens & Cahoon, LLP. <https://www.cclaw.com/diversity-initiative-scholarship/>. \$1,000. Deadline to apply is October 31, 2019.

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Please [click here](#) to submit events and news items for inclusion in the Witan.

OCS News You Can Use

ABA IP Section Law Student Reporters Program

Want to attend an Intellectual Property Conference for free? Apply to be a Law Student Reporter at the ABA's IP West Conference. The conference will be held on October 1 – 3, 2019, here in San Antonio. Selected students attend the conference for free, including all ticketed events and meals. For more information on IP West, visit their [website](#) . The deadline to [apply](#) is September 7.

Job Search 101 Series

Job Search 101 Workshops kick off this week with the Resume Workshop on Tuesday, September 3, at noon, followed next week by the Cover Letter Workshop on Tuesday, September 10. Come work with OCS and your fellow students to create effective resumes and cover letters. The workshops will be held on Tuesdays at 12 p.m. in LL217.

1st Tuesday – Resumes
2nd Tuesday – Cover Letters

Post-Graduate Honors and Fellowships

The following post-graduate honors and fellowship opportunities have approaching deadlines. Check CORE for more information.

Attorney General Honors Program

U.S. Department of Justice
Deadline – September 8, 2019

Attorney Honors Program, Office of the Solicitor

U.S. Department of Interior
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IRS Honors Attorney Program, Office of the Chief Counsel

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Save the Date for these Upcoming Events

- September 26 – San Antonio Bar Association SuperBar
- October 3 – Exploring Practice Areas, 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
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Events

Law Success 1L Workshop Series: Case Briefing

In these workshops, professors from Law Success will work through the case briefing process step-by-step using a case chosen by one of the other professors in each section, so students should attend the session designated for their section. If you have questions about this workshop, contact Prof. Stephen Perez at sperez52@stmarytx.edu.

Section D

Thursday, September 5, 2019

7:20 – 8:30 p.m.

RABA - Law Faculty 202

Section A

Friday, September 6, 2019

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Law Classroom 104

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4. Voting will take place September 11 at 8:00 a.m. and will end on September 12 at 12:00 p.m. All 1L students will receive a link to the poll on RattlerTracks via email.
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Docket Call

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Hip-Hop Fitness Class

Dance, get healthy and have fun with Hip-Hop Fitness classes offered through the Campus Recreation Department. Classes are held Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center, Movement Studio. For more information please visit <https://ems-app.stmarytx.edu/MasterCalendar/EventDetails.aspx?EventDetailId=76343>.

Zumba Fitness Class

Exercise in disguise with Zumba. Classes meet every Thursday, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. beginning September 5th in the Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center, Movement Studio. For more information please visit <https://ems-app.stmarytx.edu/MasterCalendar/EventDetails.aspx?EventDetailId=76332>.

Recipe of the Week

Southwest Chicken Salad

<https://fitfoodiefinds.com/southwest-chicken-salad/>

By: Lee Funke

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Yields: 4 Servings

Ingredients:

1 lb cooked, shredded chicken breast

1 cup sweet corn

1 cup can black beans, drained and rinsed

½ cup red onion, finely diced

¼ cup fresh cilantro, chopped

1 medium red pepper, diced

½ cup nonfat Greek yogurt

2 tablespoons lime juice
½ teaspoon ground cumin
½ teaspoon chili powder
¼ teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons vinegar-based hot sauce

Instructions:

1. Place shredded chicken, sweet corn, black beans, red onion, fresh cilantro, and red pepper into a large bowl. Mix and set aside.
2. Create the sauce by mixing together Greek yogurt, lime juice, cumin, chili powder, salt, and hot sauce.
3. Add sauce to the shredded chicken mixture and mix until combined.

Nutrition:

Serving Size ¼ | Calories 254 \ Sugar 12| Fat 2 | Carbs 16| Fiber 2 | Protein 28

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Have a Quick Question?

We've got answers! Feel free to drop by OCS between 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. if you have a quick question or need quick advice. You can also send us your career-related questions to lawcareerstrategy@stmarytx.edu.

Job Search 101 Series

Job Search 101 Workshops continue this week for all students with the Cover Letter Workshop on Tuesday, September 10, at noon, followed next week by the Interviewing Workshop on Tuesday, September 17. Come work with OCS and your fellow students to create effective cover letters. All Job Search 101 Workshops will be held on Tuesdays at 12 p.m. in LL217.

Docket Call is Coming

Check out the wide variety of student groups and bar associations that can help you reach your career goals at Docket Call this **Thursday, September 12**, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Law Commons.

Popcorn Tuesday

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Family Day

All first year students and their loved ones are invited to *Family Day*, **Saturday, September 14, 2019**, 9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. in the Law Classrooms building, rooms 101-102-103. To *RSVP* or for more information, please email lawfamilyday@stmarytx.edu.

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Student Organizations

Student Bar Association – 1L Senator Elections

1L Student Bar Association (SBA) Senator Elections will be held **Wednesday, September 11** through **Thursday, September 12**, 2019. There are two Senator positions available per Section (eight positions total), along with one Honor Court Justice position for the entire 1L class.

Students interested in a position in the Senate should follow the below process:

6. Fill out and return a Petition to Eddie Villarreal by Friday, September 6 at 5:00 p.m. Petitions will be available outside the SBA office (in the Law Library Commons) on top of the mailbox beginning Monday, September 2.
7. Email evillarreal17@mail.stmarytx.edu to schedule a meeting to turn in the Petition and have a brief candidate acknowledgment meeting.
8. Campaigning begins Monday, September 9 at 6:00 a.m. Do not campaign before then or you will risk being disqualified.
9. Voting will take place September 11 at 8:00 a.m. and will end on September 12 at 12:00 p.m. All 1L students will receive a link to the poll on RattlerTracks via email.
10. Election results will be announced at Docket Call on September 12.

Docket Call

The Student Bar Association invites you to join them at Docket Call on **Thursday, September 12**, 2019, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. in the Law Commons. Stop in to learn more about how you can join one or more of the many student organizations on campus. Food and drinks will be provided.

RSO Officers

Attention Registered Student Organizations (RSO) - If you are on the executive board of a law school RSO and you have not re-registered your organization, please go to Rattler Tracks and do so as soon as possible. You may contact Dominic Castillo, SBA President for the roster of updated officers.

Announcements

Student E-mail Accounts

Each student is assigned a Law School e-mail account and is required to check this account daily. Faculty and the Administration use e-mail to communicate with students and to send official notices. Students are deemed to have knowledge of all communications from the Faculty and Administration sent to their Law School e-mail address. Therefore, not checking the school email account is not an acceptable defense for not responding to information disseminated by email. Additionally, various professors may have more specific requirements with respect to e-mail, TWEN, Blackboard and Canvas classrooms.

CLSJ in the Law Commons

Have questions on Clinic, Externships, or Pro Bono? The Center for Legal & Social Justice (CLSJ) will be taking over the Law Commons **every Wednesday** from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Drop by, say hello, and get some information on what we do and how you can benefit from it. Remember - Externship placements and Pro Bono opportunities are available on CORE.

Office of Financial Assistance

The Office of Financial Assistance has moved to [St. Louis Hall, Suite 301](#).

Prepare for Success with Free ABA Membership

Join the [American Bar Association](#). [FREE ABA Student Membership](#) comes with resources like:

- Your choice of up to 5 free legal practice-specific Member Groups with access to national communities exclusive to ABA members
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Lockers Now Available

The Student Bar Association is now renting lockers in the Law Library. You can rent a locker by completing the "Locker Rental Agreement Form" on the Student Bar Association's Rattler Tracks page. If you have any questions, please contact the SBA Treasurer, Jennifer Mendez Lopez, at jmendezlopez@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Community Service Requirement

All JD students who matriculate Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. Students must complete at least ten (10) hours toward the 30 hour requirement before the end of their first year of law school and at least twenty (20) hours before the end of their second year of law school.

No more than fifteen (15) of the service hours may be general community service hours with a qualifying non-profit or public entity. At least fifteen (15) hours must be law school-approved hours.

For more information, please reference the [Community Service Requirement](#) section of the School of Law website. With questions, please contact Gregory Zlotnick at gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu.

Navigating Law School

If you are a first generation law student and would like to speak with Dean Haynes about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment with Dean Haynes at calendly.com/ahaynes5.

Film and the Law

If you enjoy movies and would be interested in working with Dean Haynes to set up a "Film and the Law" series during the Fall semester, please contact Dean Haynes at ahaynes5@stmarytx.edu.

Health & Wellness

San Antonio First Tuesday Lawyer Wellness Group

The Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) has started **San Antonio First Tuesday Lawyer Wellness Group**. Law students are invited to join this group. This is a monthly educational wellness group for lawyers and law students to learn about a variety of mental health and wellness issues that lawyers often face and how to address them. Their next meeting is **Tuesday, October 1**, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Alamo Heights Methodist Church, Room EAST 221, 825 Basse Road, San Antonio, Texas 78209. A free 1-Hour CLE is available. Food will be served. Please RSVP to 1.800.343.8527. Parking is free. Future meeting dates are 11/05 and 12/03.

Health & Wellness Opportunities

Enrich your mind, body and soul to enhance your academic performance. Live a healthier lifestyle and achieve a more balanced life. The Law School community is invited to take advantage of the health and wellness activities planned this semester. Mark your calendar for the next event.

- Chair Massages – 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., and 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. – Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Don't miss out on the benefits of a chair massage. It reduces stress, tension, and anxiety. It improves blood flow, will boost your immune system, alleviate pain and headaches, improves posture and so much more. Chair massages will be held on the third Wednesday of every month. **September 18**, October 16 and November 20.
- Yoga & Meditation Class – 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., bring your own mat. Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Practicing yoga improves balance, endurance, flexibility, and strength, while meditation helps keep the mind sharp, relieves stress and anxiety, and strengthen your immune system. Keep your body and mind healthy and happy! Classes will be held the first Tuesday of the month. **October 1**, November 5 and December 3.

University Sponsored Student Activities

Explore any or all events/activities sponsored by the University for all students across campus.

- Every Wednesday, Trivia Night, 8- 10 p.m. at The Pub

Take a Break and Exercise

One of the key aspects of being a successful law student is the ability to maintain a balance in all areas of life and a little exercise can go a long way. The AA & CC (Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center) is a great place to work out, do some open lap swimming, and find out about Intramural sports. Hours of operation are:

Monday - Thursday 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Friday 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 - 10:00 p.m.

If you would like to form a law school basketball or volleyball team, please call 210.431.5046 to find out more information on availability and scheduling. For more information visit:

<https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/campus-life/play/campus-recreation>.

Kickboxing Fitness Class

Join campus recreation for a Kickboxing Fitness Class this semester. Held each Tuesday in the Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center, Movement Studio, 6:15 – 7:15 pm. For more information please visit <https://ems-app.stmarytx.edu/MasterCalendar/EventDetails.aspx?EventDetailId=76318>.

Hip-Hop Fitness Class

Dance, get healthy and have fun with Hip-Hop Fitness classes offered through the Campus Recreation Department. Classes are held Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center, Movement Studio. For more information please visit <https://ems-app.stmarytx.edu/MasterCalendar/EventDetails.aspx?EventDetailId=76343>.

Zumba Fitness Class

Exercise in disguise with Zumba. Classes meet every Thursday, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. beginning September 5th in the Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center, Movement Studio. For more information please visit <https://ems-app.stmarytx.edu/MasterCalendar/EventDetails.aspx?EventDetailId=76332>.

Recipe of the Week

Honey Ginger Chicken Stir Fry

<https://fitfoodiefinds.com/meal-prep-honey-ginger-chicken-stir-fry/>

By: Linley Richter

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cook Time: 15 minutes

Yields: 4 Servings

Ingredients:

Chicken Stir Fry

- 16 oz. boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into chunks
- 1.5 tablespoons avocado oil (any kind of oil will work)
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 8 cups broccoli florets
- 1/2 cup shredded carrots

Sauce

- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/4 cup low-sodium soy sauce (or tamari)
- 1 tablespoon grated fresh ginger
- 1 teaspoon sriracha

- 1 tablespoon hoisin sauce (optional)
- 2 tablespoons water
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch

Instructions:

1. Heat avocado oil in a large saute pan over medium/high heat. When oil is fragrant add chicken breast to pan and cook for 2-3 minutes.
2. Prepare sauce by whisking together all ingredients until most of the cornstarch has dissolved. Set aside.
3. Next, add the rest of your stir fry ingredients to the pan (except for carrots) and saute for few minutes before adding sauce. Bring sauce to a boil and then reduce to low, add carrots, and let simmer for 6-8 minutes.
4. Remove from heat and serve over white rice, brown rice, or quinoa. Rice not included in nutrition information.

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Recipe of the Week

Whole Wheat Sun Dried Tomato Basil Pasta

<https://fitfoodiefinds.com>

By: Lee Hersh

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 20 minutes

Yields: 4 servings

Adding a protein, tofu or chicken breast, will yield 6 servings.

Ingredients

For the sauce

- 1/2 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- 1/3 cup olive oil*
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- 3 tablespoons almond milk
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper

For the pasta

- 8 oz. whole wheat linguine
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- 1/2 yellow onion, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup fresh basil, chopped
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- fresh parmesan, to taste (optional)

Instructions

1. Cook linguine pasta according to the instructions on the box. Set aside.

2. Next, place all ingredients for the sauce in a blender (I used a single serve blender). Blend well and set aside. If it seems a little bit thick, add a splash more almond milk or olive oil.
3. In a large sauce pan, heat a 1/2 tablespoon of olive oil over medium/high heat and then add sliced onion. Sauté for a few minutes or until translucent.
4. Add pasta and sauce into the saucepan and mix well. Then, add in fresh basil and chopped sun dried tomatoes. Mix again.
5. Top with balsamic vinegar, fresh black pepper, and parmesan cheese (optional). Enjoy.

Notes

**Sun dried tomatoes are soaked in olive oil. Make sure that you remove the sun dried tomatoes from the olive oil before adding to blender to puree the sauce.

*Option to use the olive oil from the sun dried tomato jar in place of other olive oil.

Nutrition

Serving Size: ¼ | Calories: 398 | Sugar: 7 | Sodium: 204 | Fat: 22 | Carbohydrates: 48 | Fiber: 8 | Protein: 10

Notices

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- Students with Disability <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/disability-rights/>
- Human Subjects Research <https://www.stmarytx.edu/compliance/research-compliance/>

Need a Break?

Tired of sitting and reading? Do you need a break? Need some fresh air? Well we have a solution: GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY. Now available at the law library circulation desk you can check out a football (nerf or regular), soccer ball, volleyball, kickball or basket toss with more options on the way. You will need your student ID to check out equipment.

Noise Levels in the Law Classrooms Building

Please remember that classes are in session during most hours, day and evening in the Law Classrooms building. Please be mindful, courteous and quiet when exiting classes and help keep noise levels in the hallways to a minimum.

Inviting Dignitaries to Campus

All law school student organizations are reminded to submit a request for approval prior to inviting a dignitary to the School of Law. **The form must be completed prior to contacting and inviting a dignitary to campus. Requests should be made 45 days prior to the scheduled event.** A Visiting Dignitary includes, diplomats, local public figures including but not limited to, the Archbishop of San Antonio,

judges, and other elected officials. Forms can be found online on Gateway at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/university-communications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>

Tobacco Use Policy On Campus

Smoking and smokeless tobacco products will be allowed only within designated locations on the St. Mary's University campus. Visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/administration-finance/tobacco-use-on-campus/> to learn more.

Do Not Remove Classroom Chairs

Please note that chairs should not be removed from their existing row or from any of the classrooms. This causes problems with class delays and professors seating charts for attendance purposes. If a chair must be removed, please ensure you return it to its original location.

Academic Support

Law School Resources

The Student Counseling Center
Center for Life Directions Building
(Next to the RABA Building)
(210) 436-3135
Emergency (after-hours and weekends):
(210) 825-3622

ileana Velazquez, M.A., LPC
(210) 431-4225
RABA 208
ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Ministry
(210) 436-3063
RABA 105
gwalle@stmarytx.edu

Office of Student Accessibility Services (SAS)
Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139
(210) 431-5080
accessibility@stmarytx.edu

Student Health Center
Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor
(210) 436-3506—office line
(210) 436-3656—fax line
healthcenter@stmarytx.edu

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center
Campus Recreation AACC 2145
210-436-3997
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation>

National Suicide Prevention Line
1-800-273-8255

Veterans Crisis Line
1-800-273-8255 and press 1

TEXAS LAWYERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TLAP)

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program
Chris Ritter
1-800-343-8527
www.tlaphelps.org

Texas Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers (LCL) Meetings
CALL IN:
Fridays at Noon: 800-393-0640, enter code 676745

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If you need assistance in accessing any resources or referrals to other resources, please contact ileana Velazquez at (210) 431-4225 or by email at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu.

Ministry

Bible Class with Professor Addicott

Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." The Bible class is non-denominational and are held in Room 102B, the small conference room at the Warrior Defense Project in the Raba Building, at 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, and 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. The classes are 45 minutes long and cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching. Bring your Bible, pen and notebook. For more information, contact Katie Salinas at csalinas2@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Liturgy and Worship Schedule

University Ministry invites the St. Mary's University community to weekly Liturgy and worship. Weekday mass is offered for all members and friends of the St. Mary's University community. The schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 12:15 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Sunday 11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, and Sunday evening, 9:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel. For more information, contact University Ministry at 210.431.2053 or msmith6@stmarytx.edu.

Writing Competitions and Scholarships

If a link is not provided for detailed information to any of the writing competitions or scholarships described below, please email Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu. Indicates a new scholarship opportunity added this week.

The Pinkerton Law Firm.

<https://www.law.uh.edu/financialaid/Pinkerton%20Law%20Review%20Letter.pdf>. Write articles for the Pinkerton Law Review. \$2,500 top writer awards (five). \$10,000 writer of the year award (one).

The National Law Review is now accepting submissions. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

Gerber & Holder Scholarship Essay Competition. <https://www.gerberholderlaw.com/scholarships>. \$1,000. Deadline to apply is October 11, 2019.

Carstens & Cahoon, LLP. <https://www.cclaw.com/diversity-initiative-scholarship/>. \$1,000. Deadline to apply is October 31, 2019.

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Submitting an Event for Publication in the Witan?

Please [click here](#) to submit events and news items for inclusion in the Witan.

OCS News You Can Use

What Do You Say to an Attorney or Judge You've Never Met Before?

We've got you covered. With SuperBar this week and Exploring Practice Areas next week, it's a good time to sharpen your relationship-building skills. Come to our Job Search 101 Workshop tomorrow, **September 24**, on Relationship-Building. SuperBar and all OCS events are not just for 1Ls, so all law students are encouraged to attend this workshop. Come work with OCS and your fellow students to prep for these events! The workshop is at noon in Room LL217.

SuperBar is This Week!

If you registered for SuperBar, it's this **Thursday, September 26**. This event is the largest networking mixer for the San Antonio legal community. It's a great chance for you to meet many local attorneys and judges.

For details, go to [SABASuperBar2019](#). See you there!

The Importance of a Thank You Note

You just had an interview and it went great, what next? Send a thank you note! This simple gesture could be the deciding factor on whether you get the job. Check out the Resource Library in CORE for help on writing thank you notes or come on in. We also have St. Mary's Law stationery for you to use.

Evening Students: An Evening with OCS and Pro Bono

This **Wednesday, September 25**, join OCS and the Pro Bono Program at 8:00 p.m. in the lobby of the Law Classroom Building for good eats and even better conversation about the myriad ways to get experience, help others, and build your resume.

3Ls: Clerk for the Texas Supreme Court!

If you are interested in a post-grad judicial clerkship, now is the time to get your application together for a position with the Texas Supreme Court. See the Court's website for details.

Post-Graduate Honors and Fellowships

The following post-graduate honors and fellowship opportunities have approaching deadlines. Check CORE for more information.

IRS Honors Attorney Program, Office of the Chief Counsel

U.S. Internal Revenue Service, Department of Treasury

Deadline – September 30, 2019

Legal Division Honors Program

U.S. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Deadline – October 12

Save the Date for these Upcoming Events

- October 3 – Exploring Practice Areas, 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- October 10 – Exploring Alternative Careers, 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- October 23 – Exploring Public Service Careers, 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
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Events

TRLA Psychiatric Advance Directive Workshop Training September 24 or September 26

Texas RioGrande Legal Aid seeks law student volunteers for its upcoming Psychiatric Advance Directives (PAD) workshop on October 15 at the San Antonio Clubhouse.

A PAD is a legal document declaring what treatment individuals do and do not want. The document is intended to enable self-determined treatment for patients who lose decisional capacity. This training is mandatory in order to attend the PAD workshop, tentatively scheduled for October 15. There are two options for training: **September 24 at Noon**, and **September 26** at 5:00 p.m. Only one training is required. Please contact Greg Zlotnick (gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu) with any questions.

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Recipe of the Week

Easy Orange Chicken Casserole

<https://fitfoodiefinds.com/skinny-orange-chicken-casserole/>

This orange chicken casserole is a healthy spin on your favorite take-out classic! Just a few simple ingredients and a casserole dish you can have a dinner packed with veggies, protein, and whole grains, in just 60 minutes.

- Prep Time: 10 mins
- Cook Time: 60 mins
- Total Time: 1 hour 10 minutes

Author: Lee Hersh

Yield: 6 1x

Ingredients:

For the Casserole

- 15 oz. chicken breast (~2 large)
- 1.5 cups germinated brown rice
- 1/2 yellow onion, diced
- 4 cups broccoli, chunked

For the Sauce

- 1.5 cups orange juice
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1/4 cups tamari (or soy sauce)
- 1/4 cup honey
- 2 tablespoons rice vinegar

- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground ginger
- 2 tablespoon sriracha
- 1 teaspoon orange zest

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 375°F and spray your casserole dish with coconut oil cooking spray (be generous).
2. Next, prep veggies by dicing the yellow onion and chopping broccoli into chunks. Sprinkle veggies in to casserole dish.
3. Prep chicken breast by cutting it into small pieces and then placing on top of the vegetables.
4. Add germinated brown rice into the casserole dish and set aside.
5. In a medium size bowl, mix together all ingredients for the sauce.
6. Add sauce mixture to the casserole dish and use a large spoon to mix all ingredients together, making sure everything is (mostly) covered.
7. Cover with tin foil and bake for 30 minutes.
8. Then, remove and stir. It will still be a little soupy, but don't worry this is how it's supposed to be. Place back in oven for 30 minutes, covered.
9. When casserole is done, take out and let sit for 10 minutes before serving.

Note:

If you are using normal or short grain brown rice, please cook everything BUT the chicken and broccoli for 30 minutes, covered. Then, add the chicken and broccoli and continue to cook as directed. If the rice is still crunchy when you take it out, cook for an additional 15-30 minutes. Don't forget to let it sit on your stove top for 15 minutes, as well.

Nutrition

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Writing Competitions and Scholarships

If a link is not provided for detailed information to any of the writing competitions or scholarships described below, please email Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu. Indicates a new scholarship opportunity added this week.

The Pinkerton Law Firm.
<https://www.law.uh.edu/financialaid/Pinkerton%20Law%20Review%20Letter.pdf>. Write articles for the Pinkerton Law Review. \$2,500 top writer awards (five). \$10,000 writer of the year award (one).

The National Law Review is now accepting submissions. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

Gerber & Holder Scholarship Essay Competition. <https://www.gerberholderlaw.com/scholarships>. \$1,000. Deadline to apply is October 11, 2019.

Carstens & Cahoon, LLP. <https://www.cclaw.com/diversity-initiative-scholarship/>. \$1,000. Deadline to apply is October 31, 2019.

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Submitting an Event for Publication in the Witan?

Please [click here](#) to submit events and news items for inclusion in the Witan.

OCS News You Can Use

Calling ALL Students

Join us this **Thursday, October 3**, for Exploring Practice Areas. This event is a great opportunity for ALL students to learn about various areas of legal practice and meet local attorneys. This informal event will give you a better understanding of the work involved in different law practices. It's also great relationship-building. Don't stress about what to wear. Come through the event as your schedule allows, dressed as you are for class.

Quick Question?

In addition to dropping by OCS, you can shoot us an email. Send your questions to lawcareerstrategy@stmarytx.edu and we'll get back to you within 24 hours.

Post-Graduate Honors and Fellowships

The following post-graduate honors and fellowship opportunities have approaching deadlines. Check CORE for more information.

Legal Division Honors Program

U.S. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
Deadline: October 12

Government Honors Program

U.S. Department of Labor
Deadline: October 15

Save the Date for these Upcoming Events

- October 10 – Exploring Alternative Careers, 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- October 23 – Exploring Public Service Careers, 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- October 29 – Environmental Law Event, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
- October 30 – Uniquely Qualified: Diversity & Inclusion in the Workplace, 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- October 31 – Halloween Open House, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Events

Declaration of Intent to Study Law Deadline

The deadline for first-semester law students to file their Declaration of Intent to Study Law is **Tuesday, October 1, 2019**. Failure to do so will result in a late fees as set by the Board of Law Examiners.

3L December 2019 Hooding Ceremony

Attention 3Ls graduating in December — **Tuesday, October 1** is the deadline to apply for the hooding ceremony. All inquiries regarding the hooding ceremony should go to lawcommencement@stmarytx.edu.

Webinar and Scholarship Opportunity

Don't miss out on scholarship opportunities AND learn about how you can increase and protect your credit score while in law school. St. Mary's has partnered with AccessLex for a free and confidential webinar just for St. Mary students. The webinar is **Wednesday, October 2**, at 5:30 pm CT and is entitled, The Importance of Credit to Law School Students. Simply click the following link to register under the Event Status link on the left-hand side of the page:

<https://accesslexevents.webex.com/accesslexevents/onstage/g.php?MTID=eadfa4b1799f78e2183abe6f6c98c8977>

By attending the webinar, you will also learn about MAX and the various scholarship opportunities available through the MAX program. And by attending the webinar, you will earn an entry for their various 2019-2020 MAX scholarships worth between \$5,000 and up to \$40,000! Don't miss out and register now.

5K for the Neighborhood

Tie up your laces for this year's StMU 5K for the Neighborhood to be held Sunday, **October 6, 2019** St. Mary's University, Alkek Plaza. Registration is 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., Catholic Mass (optional) is at 7:45 a.m. in the Pecan Grove. The timed 5K Run and Walk will begin at 9:00 a.m. Food, fun and music to follow. \$10 registration for students, \$20 all others. To register or for more information please go to <https://www.stmarytx.edu/about/events/5k-for-the-neighborhood/>.

Introduction to Holy Scripture with Professor Flint

Join Professor Richard Flint **Thursday, October 10**, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. for an introduction to Holy Scripture. The event will be held in the Law Administration Atrium. Lunch will be provided. All faiths welcome. For more information please contact Christopher Rodriguez at crodriguez126@mail.stmarytx.edu.

1L Workshop Series Mastering the Law School Essay Exam

Join the Law Success Instructors as they present practical tips for mastering essay exams, including issue spotting, structure, and time management. The workshop series will be held as follows:

Thursday, October 17	7:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Friday, October 18	12:20 – 1:20 p.m.

Both sessions will be in Law Classroom 105. For questions or more information, contact Stephen Perez at sperez52@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Announcements

Clinic Applications Open

The Clinical Program is now accepting applications for Spring 2020! The required online application may be found on the Clinical Program page of the Law School website and at <https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/clinical-courses-application-spring-2020/>. Learn more about Clinic by speaking with current Clinic students and faculty tabling on **Wednesday, October 9 and October 16, 12:00-1:00 p.m.**, in the Law Courtyard (or Law Classroom Building, if rain). **Apply early** – spaces are limited with rolling admission. All applicants must attend a required pre-registration session before they can be accepted (session dates provided upon application).

Free Online Study Aids through the Law Library

The Law Library provides students with free access to the **West Academic** digital collection of study aids - including audio and video - to help you succeed in all your courses! Access is available for Nutshells, Hornbooks, Concepts & Insights, Exam Pro, and many other study aids and treatises to help you ace your finals! To take advantage, visit [West Academic Study Aids \(https://subscription.westacademic.com/\)](https://subscription.westacademic.com/) to set up your account today, and don't forget to download the app so you can study anywhere!

Health & Wellness

San Antonio First Tuesday Lawyer Wellness Group Free 1-Hour CLE at this Month's Meeting

The Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) has started **San Antonio First Tuesday Lawyer Wellness Group**. Law students are invited to join this group. This is a monthly educational wellness group for lawyers and law students to learn about a variety of mental health and wellness issues that lawyers often face and how to address them. Their next meeting is **Tuesday, October 1, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.**, Alamo Heights Methodist Church, Room EAST 221, 825 Basse Road, San Antonio, Texas 78209. **A free 1-Hour CLE is available.** Food will be served. Please RSVP to 1.800.343.8527. Parking is free. Future meeting dates are 11/05 and 12/03.

2019 Mental Health Awareness Week

Join the Student Bar Association (SBA) and the American Bar Law Student Division the week of October 7 for Mental Health Awareness Week activities. Come on out to boost your mental well-being and happiness.

Monday, October 7 – 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. Breakfast in the Commons, Fr. Jim and Fr. Rich will join us for a blessing.

Monday, October 7 – 12:00 p.m. Alumni Room. “*Practical Advice for Healthy Living*” with Hugo Salazar, M.D., StMU Physician. Lunch will be provided.

Tuesday, October 8 – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Blood Drive, Alumni Room, Counts as one (1) Pro Bono Hour

Tuesday, October 8 – 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Law School Courtyard, Delta Pet Partners of San Antonio.

Tuesday, October 8 – 12:00 p.m., Atrium. “*Caring for Yourself by Caring for Others.*” Join 2 and 3Ls for a roundtable discussion on how giving back to your community can add balance to your life in law school. Lunch will be provided.

Wednesday, October 9 – 12:00 p.m., Alumni Room. “*What Every Law Student Should Know About Lawyers*” with Chris Ritter, TLAP & TYLA. Lunch will be provided.

Wednesday, October 9 – 1:30 – 3:30 pm and 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., Alumni Room – Chair Massages

Thursday, October 10 – 12:00 p.m., Atrium. “*Financial Planning for Law Students*” with Amy Tien-Gordon, Regional Manager AccessLex. Lunch will be provided.

Thursday, October 10 – 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. Paletas in the Law School Courtyard

These events are sponsored by the SBA and the Office of Law Student Affairs. For more information, contact ileana Velazquez at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu.

Don't Forget more Health & Wellness Opportunities this Month

Enrich your mind, body and soul to enhance your academic performance. Live a healthier lifestyle and achieve a more balanced life. The Law School community is invited to take advantage of the health and wellness activities planned this semester. Mark your calendar for the next event.

- **Yoga & Meditation Class** – 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., bring your own mat. Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Practicing yoga improves balance, endurance, flexibility, and strength, while meditation helps keep the mind sharp, relieves stress and anxiety, and strengthen your immune system. Keep your body and mind healthy and happy! Classes will be held the first Tuesday of the month. **October 1**, November 5 and December 3.
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University Sponsored Student Activities

Explore any or all events/activities sponsored by the University for all students across campus.

- Every Wednesday, Trivia Night, 8- 10 p.m. at The Pub

Take a Break and Exercise

One of the key aspects of being a successful law student is the ability to maintain a balance in all areas of life and a little exercise can go a long way. The AA & CC (Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center) is a great place to work out, do some open lap swimming, and find out about Intramural sports. Hours of operation are:

Monday - Thursday 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Friday 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 - 10:00 p.m.

If you would like to form a law school basketball or volleyball team, please call 210.431.5046 to find out more information on availability and scheduling. For more information visit:

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Kickboxing Fitness Class

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Lazy Girl Turkey Chili

<https://fitfoodiefinds.com/lazy-girl-turkey-salsa-chili/>

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 4 hours

Total Time: 4 hours 15 minutes

Author: Lee Funke

Yield: 6 servings 1x

Ingredients

- 1 lb. lean ground turkey
- 2 tablespoons olive oil*
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1 15-oz. can black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 15-oz. can kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 15-oz. can white northern beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 28-oz. can diced tomatoes
- 1 12-oz. jar salsa (mild, medium, or spicy), about 1.25 cups
- 3 tablespoons chili seasoning
- 1/2 cup chicken broth or water

Instructions

Slow Cooker

1. Place all ingredients into a slow cooker and mix.
2. Cook on high for 3-4 hours or on low for 6-8 hours stirring periodically.

Stove-Top

1. Place olive oil and minced garlic into a large stockpot and heat over medium/high heat.
2. Then, add in ground turkey and sauté until fully cooked.
3. Add in the rest of the ingredients and bring to a boil.
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*** Olive oil: if you are using the slow cooker, omit from recipe.**

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CLSJ in the Law Commons

Have questions on Clinic, Externships, or Pro Bono? The Center for Legal & Social Justice (CLSJ) will be taking over the Law Commons **every Wednesday** from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Drop by, say hello, and get some information on what we do and how you can benefit from it. Remember - Externship placements and Pro Bono opportunities are available on CORE.

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For more information, please reference the [Community Service Requirement](#) section of the School of Law website. With questions, please contact Gregory Zlotnick at gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu.

Navigating Law School

If you are a first generation law student and would like to speak with Dean Haynes about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment with Dean Haynes at calendly.com/ahaynes5.

Film and the Law

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Follow Up with Your Connections

Hopefully you met some attorneys who gave you good advice about practicing law at the Exploring Practice Areas event last week. Make sure you keep in touch with them. Send them a note thanking them for their advice, or connect with them on LinkedIn. Come into our office or check the Resource Library in CORE if you need help with follow-up emails.

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Study in China Informational Meeting

The law school's study abroad in China program will be held May 24 – June 28, 2020 in Beijing. All students are invited to an information meeting **Wednesday, October 30**, 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. in

Law Classroom 101. The program offers 6-credit hours in four courses, plus an opportunity to intern with a Chinese law firm (no Chinese language required). Please join Professor Hu for this informational meeting if you are interested to learn more about this program. Lunch will be provided to the first 20 arriving students. Can't make the meeting but want to learn about the program? Email Professor Hu at rhu@stmarytx.edu.

Announcements

Fall Break

No classes will be held **Monday, October 14** due to mid-semester Fall break. Monday classes will meet Tuesday, October 15 instead of Tuesday classes. Tuesday classes are cancelled.

Clinic Applications Open

The Clinical Program is now accepting applications for Spring 2020! The required online application may be found on the Clinical Program page of the Law School website and at <https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/clinical-courses-application-spring-2020/>. Learn more about Clinic by speaking with current Clinic students and faculty tabling on **Wednesday, October 9 and October 16, 12:00-1:00 p.m.**, in the Law Courtyard (or Law Classroom Building, if rain). **Apply early** – spaces are limited with rolling admission. All applicants must attend a required pre-registration session before they can be accepted (session dates provided upon application).

Free Access to Thousands of E-books on LexisNexis

LexisNexis treatises, study aids, desk books, and more are now accessible to law students through the law library's subscription. **St. Mary's University Digital Library** provides access to more than a thousand volumes of legal eBooks you can access anytime, anywhere. Visit <http://skell.law.overdrive.com> and enter your school email address. You can browse the available materials in the digital collection and access both the Questions and Answers series and Understanding series to help you study.

Health & Wellness

Flu Shot

The Student Health Center is offering flu shots this week **Thursday, October 10**. Don't wait to get your flu shot. The vaccine is covered and free of charge for students on the insurance plan. Cost is \$20 for all other students and can be billed to your student account. The Student Health Center is located in Charles Francis Hall. Please bring your StMU ID card.

San Antonio First Tuesday Lawyer Wellness Group

The Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) has started **San Antonio First Tuesday Lawyer Wellness Group**. Law students are invited to join this group. This is a monthly educational wellness group for lawyers and law students to learn about a variety of mental health and wellness issues that lawyers often face and how to address them. Their next meeting is **Tuesday, November 5, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.**, Alamo Heights Methodist Church, Room EAST 221, 825 Basse Road, San Antonio, Texas 78209. Food will be served. Please RSVP to 1.800.343.8527. Parking is free. December's meeting is 12/03.

2019 Mental Health Awareness Week

Join the Student Bar Association (SBA) and the American Bar Law Student Division the week of October 7 for Mental Health Awareness Week activities. Come on out to boost your mental well-being and happiness.

Monday, October 7 – 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. Breakfast in the Commons, Fr. Jim and Fr. Rich will join us for a blessing.

Monday, October 7 – 12:00 p.m. Alumni Room. “*Practical Advice for Healthy Living*” with Hugo Salazar, M.D., StMU Physician. Lunch will be provided.

Tuesday, October 8 – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Blood Drive, Alumni Room, Counts as one (1) Pro Bono Hour

Tuesday, October 8 – 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Law School Courtyard, Delta Pet Partners of San Antonio.

Tuesday, October 8 – 12:00 p.m., Atrium. “*Caring for Yourself by Caring for Others.*” Join 2 and 3Ls for a roundtable discussion on how giving back to your community can add balance to your life in law school. Lunch will be provided.

Wednesday, October 9 – 12:00 p.m., Alumni Room. “*What Every Law Student Should Know About Lawyers*” with Chris Ritter, TLAP & TYLA. Lunch will be provided.

Wednesday, October 9 – 1:30 – 3:30 pm and 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., Alumni Room – Chair Massages

Thursday, October 10 – 12:00 p.m., Atrium. “*Financial Planning for Law Students*” with Amy Tien-Gordon, Regional Manager AccessLex. Lunch will be provided.

Thursday, October 10 – 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. Paletas in the Law School Courtyard

These events are sponsored by the SBA and the Office of Law Student Affairs. For more information, contact ileana Velazquez at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu.

Don't Forget more Health & Wellness Opportunities this Month

Enrich your mind, body and soul to enhance your academic performance. Live a healthier lifestyle and achieve a more balanced life. The Law School community is invited to take advantage of the health and wellness activities planned this semester. Mark your calendar for the next event.

- Chair Massages – 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., and 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. – Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Don't miss out on the benefits of a chair massage. It reduces stress, tension, and anxiety. It improves blood flow, will boost your immune system, alleviate pain and headaches, improves posture and so much more. Chair massages will be held on the third Wednesday of every month. **October 16** and November 20.
- **Yoga & Meditation Class** – 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., bring your own mat. Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Practicing yoga improves balance, endurance, flexibility, and strength, while meditation helps keep the mind sharp, relieves stress and anxiety, and strengthen your immune system. Keep your body and mind healthy and happy! Classes will be held the first Tuesday of the month. **November 5** and December 3 are the next classes.

University Sponsored Student Activities

Explore any or all events/activities sponsored by the University for all students across campus.

- Every Wednesday, Trivia Night, 8- 10 p.m. at The Pub

Take a Break and Exercise

One of the key aspects of being a successful law student is the ability to maintain a balance in all areas of life and a little exercise can go a long way. The AA & CC (Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center) is a great place to work out, do some open lap swimming, and find out about Intramural sports. Hours of operation are:

Monday - Thursday 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Friday 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 - 10:00 p.m.

If you would like to form a law school basketball or volleyball team please call 210.431.5046 to find out more information on availability and scheduling. For more information visit:

<https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/campus-life/play/campus-recreation>.

Kickboxing Fitness Class

Join campus recreation for a Kickboxing Fitness Class this semester. Held each Tuesday in the Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center, Movement Studio, 6:15 – 7:15 pm. For more information please visit <https://ems-app.stmarytx.edu/MasterCalendar/EventDetails.aspx?EventDetailId=76318>.

Hip-Hop Fitness Class

Dance, get healthy and have fun with Hip-Hop Fitness classes offered through the Campus Recreation Department. Classes are held Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center, Movement Studio. For more information please visit <https://ems-app.stmarytx.edu/MasterCalendar/EventDetails.aspx?EventDetailId=76343>.

Zumba Fitness Class

Exercise in disguise with Zumba. Classes meet every Thursday, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center, Movement Studio. For more information please visit <https://ems-app.stmarytx.edu/MasterCalendar/EventDetails.aspx?EventDetailId=76332>.

Recipe of the Week

Healthy Chicken Parmesan Quinoa Casserole

<https://fitfoodiefinds.com>

Our protein and veggie-packed healthy chicken parmesan quinoa casserole is a winner for all. It's made with homemade parmesan chicken, marinara, mushrooms, and quinoa for an epic, kid-friendly chicken parmesan casserole.

- Prep Time: 20 minutes
- Cook Time: 60 minutes
- Total Time: 1 hour 20 minutes

Author: Lee Hersh

Ingredients

- 1 cup quinoa, rinsed
- 1 medium green pepper, diced
- 1.5 cup mushrooms, diced
- 1/2 yellow onion, finely diced (~1/2 cup)
- 3 cups marinara sauce (any kind of spaghetti sauce will work!)

- 1 cup low-sodium chicken broth (option to sub: vegetable broth or water)
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1 large egg
- 2 tablespoons flour (white whole wheat, but white or gluten-free will work, too)
- 1 cup shredded parmesan cheese
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 16 oz. boneless skinless chicken breast
- salt and pepper, to taste

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 375°F and spray a 14-inch x 10-inch (OR 9-inch x 12-inch) ceramic casserole dish* with coconut oil cooking spray.
2. Prep veggies by dicing a whole green pepper and 1.5 cups of mushrooms. Finely dice 1/2 a yellow onion.
3. Place 1 cup of uncooked quinoa on the bottom of your casserole dish and then layer on veggies.
4. Add 3 cups of marinara sauce, 1 cup of chicken broth, and a tablespoon of minced garlic to the casserole dish and mix everything together. Set aside.
5. In a medium-size bowl, mix together flour, shredded parmesan, and garlic powder. Then, crack an egg into a small bowl and whisk.
6. Prep chicken breast by dipping into the egg and then into the parmesan mixture making sure everything is generously coated. Place chicken breast on top of quinoa mixture
7. Finally, sprinkle on the leftover parmesan mixture and even more cheese if you desire. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.
8. Cover baking dish with tinfoil and then bake at 375°F 40 minutes. Then, uncover the baking dish and bake for an additional 20 minutes or until quinoa is fully cooked.

Notes

- If you are making this recipe, a ceramic casserole dish is going to be your best bet. Ceramic dishes heat your food much hotter than a classic cake pan, so do note this with bake time.
- Vegetarian option: we tested this bad boy with eggplant and it was great! If you're a vegetarian...you are in luck! Just slice your eggplant hot dog way and follow the directions just like the chicken. You will still need to bake for the full 60 minutes because that's how long the quinoa will take to fluff.

Nutrition

- Serving Size: 1/6 | Calories: 353 | Sugar: 9 | Fat: 9 | Carbohydrates: 32 | Fiber: 3 | Protein: 31

Notices

Student E-mail Accounts

Each student is assigned a Law School e-mail account and is required to check this account daily. Faculty and the Administration use e-mail to communicate with students and to send official notices. Students are deemed to have knowledge of all communications from the Faculty and Administration sent to their Law School e-mail address. Therefore, not checking the school email account is not an acceptable defense for not responding to information disseminated by email. Additionally, various professors may have more specific requirements with respect to e-mail, TWEN, Blackboard and Canvas classrooms.

CLSJ in the Law Commons

Have questions on Clinic, Externships, or Pro Bono? The Center for Legal & Social Justice (CLSJ) will be taking over the Law Commons **every Wednesday** from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Drop by, say hello,

and get some information on what we do and how you can benefit from it. Remember - Externship placements and Pro Bono opportunities are available on CORE.

Claim Your Free ABA Membership

As a law student, you need to focus on your studies while keeping an eye on your future. With so much to prepare, let the American Bar Association help. [Join the ABA today](#) for free and enjoy access to a multitude of resources to help you succeed.

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- ABA Career Center access which gives you monthly articles, live and on-demand webinars, podcasts and a job board for law students
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Lockers Now Available

The Student Bar Association is now renting lockers in the Law Library. You can rent a locker by completing the "Locker Rental Agreement Form" on the Student Bar Association's Rattler Tracks page. If you have any questions, please contact the SBA Treasurer, Jennifer Mendez Lopez, at jmendezlopez@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Community Service Requirement

All JD students who matriculate Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. Students must complete at least ten (10) hours toward the 30 hour requirement before the end of their first year of law school and at least twenty (20) hours before the end of their second year of law school.

No more than fifteen (15) of the service hours may be general community service hours with a qualifying non-profit or public entity. At least fifteen (15) hours must be law school-approved hours.

For more information, please reference the [Community Service Requirement](#) section of the School of Law website. With questions, please contact Gregory Zlotnick at gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu.

Navigating Law School

If you are a first generation law student and would like to speak with Dean Haynes about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment with Dean Haynes at calendly.com/ahaynes5.

Film and the Law

If you enjoy movies and would be interested in working with Dean Haynes to set up a "Film and the Law" series during the Fall semester, please contact Dean Haynes at ahaynes5@stmarytx.edu.

University Policies and Procedures on Non-Discrimination

St. Mary's University is committed to providing a safe, equitable, and fair environment where students can pursue academic excellence. Policies and procedures have been developed to foster and sustain such an environment and apply to all courses offered at the university. Students need to be aware of these policies and procedures, which can be found in *Gateway* (<https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/>). Please become familiar with these important policies and procedures, which include:

- Nondiscrimination, Sexual and Other Forms of Harassment <https://www.stmarytx.edu/about/title-ix/>
- Students with Disability <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/disability-rights/>
- Human Subjects Research <https://www.stmarytx.edu/compliance/research-compliance/>

Need a Break?

Tired of sitting and reading? Do you need a break? Need some fresh air? Well we have a solution: GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY. Now available at the law library circulation desk you can check out a football (nerf or regular), soccer ball, volleyball, kickball or basket toss with more options on the way. You will need your student ID to check out equipment.

Noise Levels in the Law Classrooms Building

Please remember that classes are in session during most hours, day and evening in the Law Classrooms building. Please be mindful, courteous and quiet when exiting classes and help keep noise levels in the hallways to a minimum.

Inviting Dignitaries to Campus

All law school student organizations are reminded to submit a request for approval prior to inviting a dignitary to the School of Law. **The form must be completed prior to contacting and inviting a dignitary to campus. Requests should be made 45 days prior to the scheduled event.** A Visiting Dignitary includes, diplomats, local public figures including but not limited to, the Archbishop of San Antonio, judges, and other elected officials. Forms can be found online on Gateway at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/university-communications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>.

Tobacco Use Policy On Campus

Smoking and smokeless tobacco products will be allowed only within designated locations on the St. Mary's University campus. Visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/administration-finance/tobacco-use-on-campus/> to learn more.

Do Not Remove Classroom Chairs

Please note that chairs should not be removed from their existing row or from any of the classrooms. This causes problems with class delays and professors seating charts for attendance purposes. If a chair must be removed, please ensure you return it to its original location.

Academic Support

Law School Resources

The Student Counseling Center
Center for Life Directions Building
(Next to the RABA Building)
(210) 436-3135
Emergency (after-hours and
weekends):
(210) 825-3622

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(210) 431-4225
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Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Ministry
(210) 436-3063
RABA 105
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Office of Student Accessibility Services (SAS)
Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139
(210) 431-5080
accessibility@stmarytx.edu

Student Health Center
Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor
(210) 436-3506—office line
(210) 436-3656—fax line
healthcenter@stmarytx.edu

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center
Campus Recreation AACC 2145
210-436-3997
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation>

National Suicide Prevention Line
1-800-273-8255

Veterans Crisis Line
1-800-273-8255 and press 1

Food Bank at Holy Rosary

Running short on finances? Need a little help with groceries? Holy Rosary Church along with St. Vincent de Paul Society is open to students on Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The church is located at 155 Camino Santa Maria. Please have your St. Mary's ID ready. For more information contact ileana Velazquez at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu.

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Chris Ritter
1-800-343-8527
www.tlaphelps.org

Texas Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers (LCL) Meetings
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Fridays at Noon: 800-393-0640, enter code 676745
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Congratulations

The National Team Season Sees Early Success

The National Team kicked off their season with Natsumi Covey, Lance Kimbro, Emily Reed, Nicole Cooper, Kelsey Liu and Laura Shamsie competing at the Leroy Hassell National Law Moot Court Competition in Virginia Beach, VA. The team of Natsumi, Nicole and Lance advanced to the quarter final round. This past weekend, Morigan Land, Kara McHorse, Tiffany Pennington and Megan St. Germain competed at the Mockingbird Challenge in Montgomery, Alabama. The team just missed the quarter finals by a single ballot after facing four teams all ranked top ten in the country. The team of Alexis Del Rio, James Dyches, John Green and Amber Simmons competed in the Battle of Experts in Philadelphia. This team was the only team in the competition to not lose a single ballot in the preliminary rounds advancing to the semi-finals as the number one seed. The semi-final finish is the highest finish for the Trial Team since 2016. Congratulations to all and good luck as the season continues.

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Fight for Justice

Did you come to law school with the dream of helping everyday citizens fight for justice? Come learn how next Wednesday, October 23, from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. at our Exploring Public Service Careers event. You are welcome to drop in as your schedule allows, dressed as you are for class. See you there!

Interested in Consumer Protection?

1Ls and 2Ls are encouraged to apply for the Janet D. Steiger Fellowship to work with the Office of the Attorney General of Texas, Consumer Protection Division next summer. This fellowship provides you the opportunity to gain meaningful experience by helping the OAG with its mission to protect consumers in an array of issues AND get paid to do it. For more information, visit the Job Listings on CORE. The deadline to apply is Friday, October 25.

Have You LinkedIn?

Making and building relationships is the best way to get a job. After you meet legal professionals, utilize LinkedIn to keep in touch. Now is a great time to create a LinkedIn profile if you haven't already done so. If you have one, make sure your information is up-to-date.

Post-Graduate Honors Programs and Fellowships

The following post-graduate honors programs and fellowship opportunities have approaching deadlines. Check CORE for more information.

Office of the Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division

Janet D. Steiger Fellowship Project

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Fellowship Program

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Announcements

Clinic Applications Open

The Clinical Program is now accepting applications for Spring 2020! The required online application may be found on the Clinical Program page of the Law School website and at <https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/clinical-courses-application-spring-2020/>. Learn more about Clinic by speaking with current Clinic students and faculty tabling on **Wednesday, October 16, 12:00-1:00 p.m.**, in the Law Courtyard (or Law Classroom Building, if rain). **Apply early** – spaces are limited with rolling admission. All applicants must attend a required pre-registration session before they can be accepted (session dates provided upon application).

Scholarship Opportunity Bexar County Women's Bar Association

Sister Grace is accepting applicants for the Bexar County Women's Bar Association Single Parent Scholarship. This scholarship is given to any single parent St. Mary's Law Student who demonstrates community service and/or involvement in the St. Mary's School of Law Women's Law Association.

Applicants need to provide a description of their current experience as a single parent in law school. Applications should not exceed one (1) page in length.

The recipient will be announced Friday, October 25 at the Bexar County Women's Bar Association's annual Autumn Affair. All applications are due **Friday, October 18** by 5:00 p.m. to Sister Grace Walle at gwalle@stmarytx.edu.

Free Access to Thousands of E-books on LexisNexis

LexisNexis treatises, study aids, desk books, and more are now accessible to law students through the law library's subscription. **St. Mary's University Digital Library** provides access to more than a thousand volumes of legal eBooks you can access anytime, anywhere. Visit <http://skell.law.overdrive.com> and enter your school email address. You can browse the available materials in the digital collection and access both the Questions and Answers series and Understanding series to help you study.

Health & Wellness

San Antonio First Tuesday Lawyer Wellness Group

The Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) has started **San Antonio First Tuesday Lawyer Wellness Group**. Law students are invited to join this group. This is a monthly educational wellness group for lawyers and law students to learn about a variety of mental health and wellness issues that lawyers often face and how to address them. Their next meeting is **Tuesday, November 5**, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Alamo Heights Methodist Church, Room EAST 221, 825 Basse Road, San Antonio, Texas 78209. Food will be served. Please RSVP to 1.800.343.8527. Parking is free. December's meeting is 12/03.

Chair Massages, Yoga and Meditation this Month

Enrich your mind, body and soul to enhance your academic performance. Live a healthier lifestyle and achieve a more balanced life. The Law School community is invited to take advantage of the health and wellness activities planned this semester. Mark your calendar for the next event.

- Chair Massages – 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., and 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. – Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Don't miss out on the benefits of a chair massage. It reduces stress, tension, and anxiety. It improves blood flow, will boost your immune system, alleviate pain and headaches, improves posture and so much more. Chair massages will be held on the third Wednesday of every month. **October 16** and November 20.
- Yoga & Meditation Class – 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., bring your own mat. Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Practicing yoga improves balance, endurance, flexibility, and strength, while meditation helps keep the mind sharp, relieves stress and anxiety, and strengthen your immune system. Keep your body and mind healthy and happy! Classes will be held the first Tuesday of the month. **November 5** and December 3 are the next classes.

University Sponsored Student Activities

Explore any or all events/activities sponsored by the University for all students across campus.

- Every Wednesday, Trivia Night, 8- 10 p.m. at The Pub

Take a Break and Exercise

One of the key aspects of being a successful law student is the ability to maintain a balance in all areas of life and a little exercise can go a long way. The AA & CC (Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center) is a great place to work out, do some open lap swimming, and find out about Intramural sports. Hours of operation are:

Monday - Thursday 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Friday 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 - 10:00 p.m.

If you would like to form a law school basketball or volleyball team please call 210.431.5046 to find out more information on availability and scheduling. For more information visit:

<https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/campus-life/play/campus-recreation>.

Kickboxing Fitness Class

Join campus recreation for a Kickboxing Fitness Class this semester. Held each Tuesday in the Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center, Movement Studio, 6:15 – 7:15 pm. For more information please visit <https://ems-app.stmarytx.edu/MasterCalendar/EventDetails.aspx?EventDetailId=76318>.

Hip-Hop Fitness Class

Dance, get healthy and have fun with Hip-Hop Fitness classes offered through the Campus Recreation Department. Classes are held Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center, Movement Studio. For more information please visit <https://ems-app.stmarytx.edu/MasterCalendar/EventDetails.aspx?EventDetailId=76343>.

Zumba Fitness Class

Exercise in disguise with Zumba. Classes meet every Thursday, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center, Movement Studio. For more information please visit <https://ems-app.stmarytx.edu/MasterCalendar/EventDetails.aspx?EventDetailId=76332>.

Recipe of the Week

Burrito Bowl

<https://www.forksoverknives.com/recipes/burrito-bowl/#gs.acdd69>

By Heather McDougall

Serves 2-4

Ingredients:

Baked tortilla chips

2-4 cups cooked grains

2-4 cups cooked beans

2-4 cups chopped romaine lettuce or steamed kale

2-4 chopped tomatoes

1-2 chopped green onions

1-2 cups corn kernels

1 avocado, chopped

Fresh salsa

Instructions:

1. Break a handful of the chips into pieces in the bottom of each serving bowl.

2. Spoon some of the cooked grains over the chips, followed by some of the beans, then layer on the rest of the toppings: lettuce or kale, tomatoes, onions, corn, and avocado. Top with the salsa. (Use more or less of all these ingredients, as desired.)

Notes:

Chips: Read labels carefully to find baked chips without added fat, or make your own chips from soft corn tortillas: Cut them into wedges, spritz with water, and bake at 300 degrees until crisp.

Grains: If you have leftover grains and beans in your refrigerator, this can be a really fast meal. Choose from any of your favorites: rice, quinoa, buckwheat, etc. If you don't want to cook them from scratch, you can use instant whole grains, which cook in only a few minutes, or you can microwave frozen grains.

Beans: You can slow-cook your own beans, cook them in a pressure cooker in a fraction of the time, or use canned beans (which come in many varieties, make less heat in your kitchen in the summer, and reduce your time over the stove).

Corn: Use frozen organic corn kernels, thawed under cold running water until tender and then drained well.

*Ready in time is based on using pre-cooked beans, grains, and chips; otherwise longer.

Notices

Student E-mail Accounts

Each student is assigned a Law School e-mail account and is required to check this account daily. Faculty and the Administration use e-mail to communicate with students and to send official notices. Students are deemed to have knowledge of all communications from the Faculty and Administration sent to their Law School e-mail address. Therefore, not checking the school email account is not an acceptable defense for not responding to information disseminated by email. Additionally, various professors may have more specific requirements with respect to e-mail, TWEN, Blackboard and Canvas classrooms.

CLSJ in the Law Commons

Have questions on Clinic, Externships, or Pro Bono? The Center for Legal & Social Justice (CLSJ) will be taking over the Law Commons **every Wednesday** from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Drop by, say hello, and get some information on what we do and how you can benefit from it. Remember - Externship placements and Pro Bono opportunities are available on CORE.

Claim Your Free ABA Membership

As a law student, you need to focus on your studies while keeping an eye on your future. With so much to prepare, let the American Bar Association help. [Join the ABA today](#) for free and enjoy access to a multitude of resources to help you succeed.

- Complimentary membership in up to five Member Groups like the Law Student Division, Civil Rights & Social Justice, Family Law and other law practice areas
- 30-day Quimbee Gold Plan free trial with access to its entire library of case briefs, video lessons, multiple-choice quizzes, and outlines
- ABA Career Center access which gives you monthly articles, live and on-demand webinars, podcasts and a job board for law students
- ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ROLI) participation which promotes justice, economic opportunity and human dignity through the rule of law
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Lockers Now Available

The Student Bar Association is now renting lockers in the Law Library. You can rent a locker by completing the "Locker Rental Agreement Form" on the Student Bar Association's Rattler Tracks page. If you have any questions, please contact the SBA Treasurer, Jennifer Mendez Lopez, at jmendezlopez@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Community Service Requirement

All JD students who matriculate Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. Students must complete at least ten (10) hours toward the 30 hour requirement before the end of their first year of law school and at least twenty (20) hours before the end of their second year of law school.

No more than fifteen (15) of the service hours may be general community service hours with a qualifying non-profit or public entity. At least fifteen (15) hours must be law school-approved hours.

For more information, please reference the [Community Service Requirement](#) section of the School of Law website. With questions, please contact Gregory Zlotnick at gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu.

Navigating Law School

If you are a first generation law student and would like to speak with Dean Haynes about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment with Dean Haynes at calendly.com/ahaynes5.

Film and the Law

If you enjoy movies and would be interested in working with Dean Haynes to set up a "Film and the Law" series during the Fall semester, please contact Dean Haynes at ahaynes5@stmarytx.edu.

University Policies and Procedures on Non-Discrimination

St. Mary's University is committed to providing a safe, equitable, and fair environment where students can pursue academic excellence. Policies and procedures have been developed to foster and sustain such an environment and apply to all courses offered at the university. Students need to be aware of these policies and procedures, which can be found in *Gateway* (<https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/>). Please become familiar with these important policies and procedures, which include:

- Nondiscrimination, Sexual and Other Forms of Harassment <https://www.stmarytx.edu/about/title-ix/>
- Students with Disability <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/disability-rights/>
- Human Subjects Research <https://www.stmarytx.edu/compliance/research-compliance/>

Need a Break?

Tired of sitting and reading? Do you need a break? Need some fresh air? Well we have a solution: GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY. Now available at the law library circulation desk you can check out a football (nerf

or regular), soccer ball, volleyball, kickball or basket toss with more options on the way. You will need your student ID to check out equipment.

Noise Levels in the Law Classrooms Building

Please remember that classes are in session during most hours, day and evening in the Law Classrooms building. Please be mindful, courteous and quiet when exiting classes and help keep noise levels in the hallways to a minimum.

Inviting Dignitaries to Campus

All law school student organizations are reminded to submit a request for approval prior to inviting a dignitary to the School of Law. **The form must be completed prior to contacting and inviting a dignitary to campus. Requests should be made 45 days prior to the scheduled event.** A Visiting Dignitary includes, diplomats, local public figures including but not limited to, the Archbishop of San Antonio, judges, and other elected officials. Forms can be found online on Gateway at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/university-communications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>.

Tobacco Use Policy On Campus

Smoking and smokeless tobacco products will be allowed only within designated locations on the St. Mary's University campus. Visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/administration-finance/tobacco-use-on-campus/> to learn more.

Do Not Remove Classroom Chairs

Please note that chairs should not be removed from their existing row or from any of the classrooms. This causes problems with class delays and professors seating charts for attendance purposes. If a chair must be removed, please ensure you return it to its original location.

Academic Support

Law School Resources

The Student Counseling Center
Center for Life Directions Building
(Next to the RABA Building)
(210) 436-3135
Emergency (after-hours and weekends):
(210) 825-3622

ileana Velazquez, M.A., LPC
(210) 431-4225
RABA 208
ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Ministry
(210) 436-3063
RABA 105
gwalle@stmarytx.edu

Office of Student Accessibility Services (SAS)
Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139
(210) 431-5080
accessibility@stmarytx.edu

Student Health Center
Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor
(210) 436-3506—office line
(210) 436-3656—fax line
healthcenter@stmarytx.edu

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center
Campus Recreation AACC 2145
210-436-3997
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation>

National Suicide Prevention Line
1-800-273-8255

Veterans Crisis Line
1-800-273-8255 and press 1

Food Bank at Holy Rosary

Running short on finances? Need a little help with groceries? Holy Rosary Church along with St. Vincent de Paul Society is open to students on Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The church is located at 155 Camino Santa Maria. Please have your St. Mary's ID ready. For more information contact ileana Velazquez at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu.

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program
Chris Ritter
1-800-343-8527
www.tlaphelps.org

Texas Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers (LCL) Meetings
CALL IN:
Fridays at Noon: 800-393-0640, enter code 676745
Third Thursday at Noon: 800-393-0640, enter code 676745

If you need assistance in accessing any resources or referrals to other resources, please contact ileana Velazquez at (210) 431-4225 or by email at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu.

Ministry

Confirmation and RCIA Faith Program

Confirmation Program

Began: September 11, 2019
Ends: February 16, 2020 (Intercollegiate Confirmation Mass)

English Classes: Thursday's 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. & Thursday's 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Location: AACC Classroom 2155

Spanish Classes: Wednesday's 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.
Location: University Ministry, Julieta's Office

RCIA Program

Began: October 2, 2019
Ends: April 11, 2019 (Easter Vigil Mass)

English Classes: Wednesday's 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Location: AACC Classroom 2155

For more information on the Confirmation and/or the RCIA Faith Program, please contact Julieta Sanchez at jsanchez95@stmarytx.edu or 210.436.3304.

Bible Class with Professor Addicott

Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." The Bible class is non-denominational and are held in Room 102B, the small conference room at the Warrior Defense Project in the Raba Building, at 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, and 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. The classes are 45 minutes long and cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching. Bring your Bible, pen and notebook. For more information, contact Katie Salinas at csalinas2@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Liturgy and Worship Schedule

University Ministry invites the St. Mary's University community to weekly Liturgy and worship. Weekday mass is offered for all members and friends of the St. Mary's University community. The schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 12:15 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Sunday 11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, and Sunday evening, 9:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel. For more information, contact University Ministry at 210.431.2053 or msmith6@stmarytx.edu.


Writing Competitions and Scholarships

If a link is not provided for detailed information to any of the writing competitions or scholarships described below, please email Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu. Indicates a new scholarship opportunity added this week.

The Pinkerton Law Firm.

<https://www.law.uh.edu/financialaid/Pinkerton%20Law%20Review%20Letter.pdf>. Write articles for the Pinkerton Law Review. \$2,500 top writer awards (five). \$10,000 writer of the year award (one).

The National Law Review is now accepting submissions. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

Texas Young Lawyers Association. \$5,000, \$3,000, \$1,500.  [diversity_scholarship.pdf](#) 57.20 KB . PDF_Deadline to apply is October 18, 2019.*

Texas Young Lawyers Association. \$1,000.  [legal_professionalism_scholarship.pdf](#) 387.61 KB . PDF_Deadline to apply is October 25, 2019.*

Carstens & Cahoon, LLP. <https://www.cclaw.com/diversity-initiative-scholarship/>. \$1,000. Deadline to apply is October 31, 2019.

Entertainment Law Initiative. <https://grammy.com/eli>. \$10,000. Two \$2,500. Deadline to apply is January 2, 2020.*

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Submitting an Event for Publication in the Witan?

Please [click here](#) to submit events and news items for inclusion in the Witan.

Congratulations

St. Mary's Moot Court Team Captures Second CRAL National Championship, Best Brief and Best Advocate Honors

This weekend, the St. Mary's Moot Court Team traveled to Atlanta, Georgia to compete in the 13th Annual Civil Rights and Liberties (CRAL) National Moot Court Competition at Emory University School of Law. Two teams participated on behalf of St. Mary's Moot Court: a **3L team** comprised of **Natsumi Covey and Emily Reed**, and a **2L team** that included **Rachel Garza, Kelsi Owens and Aderius Ross**. The St. Mary's team of **Covey and Reed** bested 27 other teams from powerhouse advocacy law schools across the country, including Baylor Law School, South Texas College of Law, George Mason, Georgia State, Stetson, University of California Hastings, and University of Georgia to capture the **CRAL National Championship**. Along the way, **Natsumi Covey** received an **extremely rare perfect oral advocacy score** in the 3rd competition round, while **Emily Reed** was recognized as having the **Best Brief** at the competition. **Emily Reed** was also awarded **Best Advocate in the Final Round**. In the words of Eleventh Circuit Justice Beverly R. Martin, who served as Chief Justice of the mock US Supreme Court panel in the Final Round, **Emily Reed** provided a **"textbook example of how oral argument should be conducted."** This is St. Mary's **second time** to win this prestigious national competition, and the **fourth time** St. Mary's students have been recognized as having the **best brief** at the tournament. With this win, St. Mary's Moot Court Teams have amassed **25 state, regional and national championships** since 2000. Please congratulate both teams for their hard work and advocacy success in bringing this recognition to St. Mary's.

Lone Star Classic

Thank you to all of the professors, instructors, staff and student volunteers who made this year's Lone Star Classic a great experience for all of the competing schools. We had three judges and a student bailiff in every round which makes the Classic one of the most sought after tournaments in the Country. Justice Paul Green judged the final round with Law School Alums Austin Anderson, Eric Botello and Blake Stribling and retired attorney Mr. Glen R. Peterson. Congratulations to the Finalist Campbell University and this year's Champion, the University of South Carolina School of Law. Lastly, a special note of appreciation to the Board of Advocates, Chair Marina Lewis and the Tournament Committee – Associate Tournament Director Morrigan Land, Casey Kellum, Contessa Gay Kara McHorse, Elizabeth Duggan, Tristan Robinson and Andrew Spadoni who spent hundreds of hours planning and running the tournament. You made all of us very proud.

OCS News You Can Use

Come Learn About Careers in Public Service

ALL law students are invited to come meet attorneys working in public interest and public sector jobs this Wednesday, October 23, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at our Exploring Public Service Careers event. You are welcome to drop in as your schedule allows, dressed as you are for class. See you there!

Capitalize on What Makes You Unique

Every student has a personal history that makes her stand out, which is great! Use your differences to highlight your unique characteristics in your job search and beyond. Come meet local professionals who have used their life experiences to drive their practice. Uniquely Qualified will be on Wednesday, October 30, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

FREE Bar Association Memberships for Students

- Austin Bar Association
- The Larry E. Kelly Bankruptcy Inn of Court
- American Bar Association
- Bexar County Women's Bar Association, if you are a member of the Women's Law Association

Post-Graduate Honors Programs and Fellowships

The following post-graduate honors programs and fellowship opportunities have approaching deadlines. Check CORE for more information.

Office of the Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division

Janet D. Steiger Fellowship Project

Deadline: October 25

The American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)

Fellowship Program

Deadline: November 8

Save the Date for these Upcoming Events

- October 29 – Environmental and Water Law Program, 2:00 – 3 p.m.
- October 30 – Uniquely Qualified: Diversity & Inclusion in the Workplace, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
- October 31 – OCS Halloween Open House, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- November 1 – Suit Up Station Launch, 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Events

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The Most Splendid Public Event
Of the Law School Year**

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Red Mass is the solemn votive Mass of the Holy Spirit that marks the beginning of the judicial year. Judges, lawyers and officials attend Red Mass to invoke God's blessings and guidance on the administration of justice. A legal and judicial tradition since the reign of King Edward III in the early 14th century, Red Mass marks the opening of the court term. The first Red Mass in the United States was celebrated in 1928. San Antonio revived the tradition 67 years ago. Red Mass tradition is coordinated annually by the St. Mary's University School of Law, Catholic Lawyers Guild of San Antonio, and representatives from San Antonio legal organizations, judiciary and state legislature.

For additional information, please contact Sister Grace Walle, St. Mary's University School of Law campus minister, at gwalle@stmarytx.edu.

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Mini Boo Bash

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Moneyball: Catholic Social Teachings The Dignity of Work: Should Student Athletes be Paid

Join Professor David Grenardo and Athletics Director Robert Coleman as they discuss the Social, Ethical, and Legal angles to the issue of paying college athletes. The event will be held **Wednesday, October 30**, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Law Administration building, Atrium. Lunch will be served. All law, graduate, and undergraduate students are invited. For more information please contact Sister Grace at gwalle@stmarytx.edu.

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Alternative Spring Break Informational Lunch Meetings

All students are invited to come learn how to enhance your resume, get practical experience, and earn pro-bono hours during the Alternative Spring Break Informational lunch meetings. The dates/times are as follow:

Monday, October 28 – 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, October 29 – 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, October 29 – 5:00 p.m.

Stop in to learn more about Alternative Spring Break, including applications and voucher information. This year's Alternative Spring Break placement cities include San Antonio, Austin, Dallas, Corpus Christi, Rio Grande Valley, El Paso, Laredo, Houston and Washington D.C. All informational lunch meetings will be held in the Raba building, first floor Foyer. For more information please contact Sister Grace at gwall@stmarytx.edu.

Announcements

MPRE Accommodation Deadline

Students who will be taking the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE) next Spring or thereafter, and are seeking accommodation, should carefully read the notice from MPRE. The deadline to apply for accommodations has moved up to **December 16**, for the March MPRE. The notice may be found here [mpre_test_accomm.pdf](#) 126.22 KB .PDF.

Clinic Applications Open

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FAFSA Reminder

Law students planning on applying for financial aid for the 2020-2021 academic year, or students planning on applying for financial aid for summer 2020 will need to renew their FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Students can now complete the 2020-2021 FAFSA and are encouraged to complete it early, in order to ensure that the required information is received by the Office of Financial Assistance by the **March 1st deadline**. You may complete the FAFSA at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> and make certain to include **St. Mary's school code 003623**. Please note that the 2020-2021 FAFSA will require 2018 tax year information. Should you have any questions, please contact the Office of Financial Assistance at (210) 436-3141.

Free Access to Thousands of E-books on LexisNexis

LexisNexis treatises, study aids, desk books, and more are now accessible to law students through the law library's subscription. **St. Mary's University Digital Library** provides access to more than a thousand volumes of legal eBooks you can access anytime, anywhere. Visit <http://skell.law.overdrive.com> and enter your school email address. You can browse the available materials in the digital collection and access both the Questions and Answers series and Understanding series to help you study.

Health & Wellness

Get your Flu Shot

St. Mary's University Student Health Center Flu Drive will be held **Tuesday, October 22**, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Student Health Center in Charles Francis Hall. This is only available to St. Mary's Students. Students should bring their Rattler ID. The vaccine is covered and free of charge for students on the St. Mary's University student health insurance plan. Cost is \$20.00 for all other students and the fee will be billed to the student's business account.

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Recipe of the Week

Autumn Butternut Squash Soup

<https://www.forksoverknives.com/recipes/autumn-butternut-squash-soup/#gs.adaowz>

By Darshana Thacker

Makes 8 cups

Ingredients:

2 cups small cauliflower florets (½-inch florets)

1 medium yellow onion, cut into ¼-inch dice

1 medium yellow or orange bell pepper, peeled and roughly chopped

1 medium red bell pepper, peeled and roughly chopped

1 tablespoon minced fresh garlic

1 teaspoon caraway seeds

1 bay leaf

5 cups 1-inch butternut squash cubes (about 1½ pounds peeled or 2½ pounds unpeeled)

2 cups unsweetened almond milk

3 tablespoons red wine vinegar

¼ teaspoon sea salt

⅓ teaspoon black pepper

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Instructions:

1. Steam the cauliflower in a steamer insert set over boiling water, covered, for 5 minutes, until tender when pierced with a fork. Remove from heat and transfer to a bowl to cool.
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3. Add the bay leaf, butternut squash, and 2 cups of water. Cook on medium heat until the squash is tender, about 15 minutes.
4. Add the almond milk, vinegar, salt, and pepper. Remove the bay leaf and puree the soup with a hand blender.
5. Stir in the cauliflower. Garnish with parsley and serve hot.

Notices

Student E-mail Accounts

Each student is assigned a Law School e-mail account and is required to check this account daily. Faculty and the Administration use e-mail to communicate with students and to send official notices. Students are deemed to have knowledge of all communications from the Faculty and Administration sent to their Law School e-mail address. Therefore, not checking the school email account is not an acceptable defense for not responding to information disseminated by email. Additionally, various professors may have more specific requirements with respect to e-mail, TWEN, Blackboard and Canvas classrooms.

CLSJ in the Law Commons

Have questions on Clinic, Externships, or Pro Bono? The Center for Legal & Social Justice (CLSJ) will be taking over the Law Commons **every Wednesday** from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Drop by, say hello, and get some information on what we do and how you can benefit from it. Remember - Externship placements and Pro Bono opportunities are available on CORE.

Claim Your Free ABA Membership

As a law student, you need to focus on your studies while keeping an eye on your future. With so much to prepare, let the American Bar Association help. [Join the ABA today](#) for free and enjoy access to a multitude of resources to help you succeed.

- Complimentary membership in up to five Member Groups like the Law Student Division, Civil Rights & Social Justice, Family Law and other law practice areas
- 30-day Quimbee Gold Plan free trial with access to its entire library of case briefs, video lessons, multiple-choice quizzes, and outlines
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Lockers Now Available

The Student Bar Association is now renting lockers in the Law Library. You can rent a locker by completing the "Locker Rental Agreement Form" on the Student Bar Association's Rattler Tracks page. If you have any questions, please contact the SBA Treasurer, Jennifer Mendez Lopez, at jmendezlopez@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Community Service Requirement

All JD students who matriculate Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. Students must complete at least ten (10) hours toward the 30 hour requirement before the end of their first year of law school and at least twenty (20) hours before the end of their second year of law school.

No more than fifteen (15) of the service hours may be general community service hours with a qualifying non-profit or public entity. At least fifteen (15) hours must be law school-approved hours.

For more information, please reference the [Community Service Requirement](#) section of the School of Law website. With questions, please contact Gregory Zlotnick at gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu.

Navigating Law School

If you are a first generation law student and would like to speak with Dean Haynes about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment with Dean Haynes at calendly.com/ahaynes5.

Film and the Law

If you enjoy movies and would be interested in working with Dean Haynes to set up a "Film and the Law" series during the Fall semester, please contact Dean Haynes at ahaynes5@stmarytx.edu.

University Policies and Procedures on Non-Discrimination

St. Mary's University is committed to providing a safe, equitable, and fair environment where students can pursue academic excellence. Policies and procedures have been developed to foster and sustain such an environment and apply to all courses offered at the university. Students need to be aware of these policies and procedures, which can be found in *Gateway* (<https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/>). Please become familiar with these important policies and procedures, which include:

- Nondiscrimination, Sexual and Other Forms of Harassment <https://www.stmarytx.edu/about/title-ix/>
- Students with Disability <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/disability-rights/>
- Human Subjects Research <https://www.stmarytx.edu/compliance/research-compliance/>

Need a Break?

Tired of sitting and reading? Do you need a break? Need some fresh air? Well we have a solution: GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY. Now available at the law library circulation desk you can check out a football (nerf or regular), soccer ball, volleyball, kickball or basket toss with more options on the way. You will need your student ID to check out equipment.

Noise Levels in the Law Classrooms Building

Please remember that classes are in session during most hours, day and evening in the Law Classrooms building. Please be mindful, courteous and quiet when exiting classes and help keep noise levels in the hallways to a minimum.

Inviting Dignitaries to Campus

All law school student organizations are reminded to submit a request for approval prior to inviting a dignitary to the School of Law. **The form must be completed prior to contacting and inviting a dignitary to campus. Requests should be made 45 days prior to the scheduled event.** A Visiting Dignitary includes, diplomats, local public figures including but not limited to, the Archbishop of San Antonio, judges, and other elected officials. Forms can be found online on Gateway at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/university-communications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>.

Tobacco Use Policy On Campus

Smoking and smokeless tobacco products will be allowed only within designated locations on the St. Mary's University campus. Visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/administration-finance/tobacco-use-on-campus/> to learn more.

Do Not Remove Classroom Chairs

Please note that chairs should not be removed from their existing row or from any of the classrooms. This causes problems with class delays and professors seating charts for attendance purposes. If a chair must be removed, please ensure you return it to its original location.

Academic Support

Law School Resources

The Student Counseling Center
Center for Life Directions Building
(Next to the RABA Building)
(210) 436-3135
Emergency (after-hours and weekends):
(210) 825-3622

ileana Velazquez, M.A., LPC
(210) 431-4225
RABA 208
ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Ministry
(210) 436-3063
RABA 105
gwalle@stmarytx.edu

Office of Student Accessibility Services (SAS)
Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139
(210) 431-5080
accessibility@stmarytx.edu

Student Health Center
Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor
(210) 436-3506—office line
(210) 436-3656—fax line
healthcenter@stmarytx.edu

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center
Campus Recreation AACC 2145
210-436-3997
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation>

National Suicide Prevention Line
1-800-273-8255

Veterans Crisis Line
1-800-273-8255 and press 1

Food Bank at Holy Rosary

Running short on finances? Need a little help with groceries? Holy Rosary Church along with St. Vincent de Paul Society is open to students on Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The church is located at 155 Camino Santa Maria. Please have your St. Mary's ID ready. For more information contact ileana Velazquez at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu.

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program
Chris Ritter
1-800-343-8527
www.tlaphelps.org

Texas Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers (LCL) Meetings
CALL IN:
Fridays at Noon: 800-393-0640, enter code 676745
Third Thursday at Noon: 800-393-0640, enter code 676745

If you need assistance in accessing any resources or referrals to other resources, please contact ileana Velazquez at (210) 431-4225 or by email at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu.

Ministry

Confirmation and RCIA Faith Program

Confirmation Program

Began: September 11, 2019
Ends: February 16, 2020 (Intercollegiate Confirmation Mass)

English Classes: Thursday's 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. & Thursday's 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Location: AACC Classroom 2155

Spanish Classes: Wednesday's 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.
Location: University Ministry, Julieta's Office

RCIA Program

Began: October 2, 2019
Ends: April 11, 2019 (Easter Vigil Mass)

English Classes: Wednesday's 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Location: AACC Classroom 2155

For more information on the Confirmation and/or the RCIA Faith Program, please contact Julieta Sanchez at jsanchez95@stmarytx.edu or 210.436.3304.

Bible Class with Professor Addicott

Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." The Bible class is non-denominational and are held in Room 102B, the small conference room at the Warrior Defense Project in the Raba Building, at 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, and 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. The classes are 45 minutes long and cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching. Bring your Bible, pen and notebook. For more information, contact Katie Salinas at ksalinas2@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Liturgy and Worship Schedule

University Ministry invites the St. Mary's University community to weekly Liturgy and worship. Weekday mass is offered for all members and friends of the St. Mary's University community. The schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 12:15 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Sunday 11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, and Sunday evening, 9:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel. For more information, contact University Ministry at 210.431.2053 or msmith6@stmarytx.edu.

Writing Competitions and Scholarships

If a link is not provided for detailed information to any of the writing competitions or scholarships described below, please email Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu. Indicates a new scholarship opportunity added this week.

The Pinkerton Law Firm.

<https://www.law.uh.edu/financialaid/Pinkerton%20Law%20Review%20Letter.pdf>. Write articles for the Pinkerton Law Review. \$2,500 top writer awards (five). \$10,000 writer of the year award (one).

The National Law Review is now accepting submissions. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

Texas Young Lawyers Association. \$1,000.  [legal_professionalism_scholarship.pdf](#) 387.61 KB · PDF
Deadline to apply is October 25, 2019.

Carstens & Cahoon, LLP. <https://www.cclaw.com/diversity-initiative-scholarship/>. \$1,000. Deadline to apply is October 31, 2019.

Entertainment Law Initiative. <https://grammy.com/eli>. \$10,000. Two \$2,500. Deadline to apply is January 2, 2020.

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Congratulations

St. Mary's Moot Court Team Wins Second Championship in Two Weeks

Over this past weekend, the St. Mary's Moot Court Team competed in the 22nd Annual Mack Kidd Administrative Law State Moot Court Competition in Austin, Texas. St. Mary's sent two teams to the moot court tournament: **Nadeen Abou-Hossa (3L) and Melissa Fulmer (2L) and Lindsey Laielli (3L) and Alina Zia (2L)**. The competition is sponsored by the Administrative and Public Law Section of the State Bar of Texas and is open to all ABA accredited law schools within the state. The Championship Round was judged by Chief Justice Rose and Associate Justices Baker and Kelly of the Third Court of Appeals. The team of **Abou-Hossa and Fulmer** went **undefeated** in the preliminary rounds, and broke as the **top seed** into the Quarter-Final round. In the Final Round, **Abou-Hossa and Fulmer** defeated Baylor's top team and was crowned the tournament's 2019 **State Champion**. In addition to St. Mary's winning the competition, **Abou-Hossa** was recognized as having this year's **Best Brief** and **Laielli** received the award for **Second Best Brief**. This victory comes on the heels of St. Mary's Moot Court Team's Civil Rights and Liberties National Moot Court Competition Championship last week, making this semester an extremely successful one for the St. Mary's Moot Court Team. Congratulations to all of these great advocates!

OCS News You Can Use

Environmental and Water Law Program

The Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section of the State Bar of Texas will hold a panel discussion, followed by a question and answer session on **Tuesday, October 29, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Atrium. Please note the corrected time.**

What Makes You Different Makes You Unique

Come meet local professionals who have used their life experiences to drive their practice. Uniquely Qualified will be on **Wednesday, October 30**, from 4:00 6:00 p.m. in the Law Alumni Room.

Come See What's Brewing in OCS at the Halloween Open House

Happy Halloween! Join us this week for the OCS Halloween Open House on **Thursday, October 31**, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. We will have pizza, candy, games, and prizes. See you there! If you dare!

Suit Up Station Grand Opening

Join us for the Grand Opening of our Suit Up Station on **Friday, November 1**, at 12:30 p.m. The Suit Up Station sponsor, Patel | Gaines, will be hosting the event in OCS. Join us for food, festivities, and prizes!

Post-Graduate Fellowships

The following post-graduate fellowship opportunity has an approaching deadline. Check CORE for more information.

The American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)

Fellowship Program

Deadline: November 8

Events

Moneyball: Catholic Social Teachings The Dignity of Work: Should Student Athletes be Paid

Join Professor David Grenardo and Athletics Director Robert Coleman as they discuss the Social, Ethical, and Legal angles to the issue of paying college athletes. The event will be held **Wednesday, October 30**, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Law Administration building, Atrium. Lunch will be served. All law, graduate, and undergraduate students are invited. For more information please contact Sister Grace at gwall@stmarytx.edu.

1L Workshop Series: Got Finals?

Don't miss this the 1L Workshop Series: Got Finals? On **Wednesday, October 30**, 11:00 – 12:00 noon in LC 105. 2L/3L students will give their advice on how to slay law school final exams. Advice will include topics like:

- How to study for multiple exams at the same time
- How to run an efficient study group
- Alternatives to outlines

Can't make it, but have a question? Email it to sperez52@stmarytx.edu! The panel will be recorded, and Prof. Perez will pose your question to the group for you.

Study in China Informational Meeting

The law school's study abroad in China program will be held May 24 – June 28, 2020 in Beijing. All students are invited to an information meeting **Wednesday, October 30**, 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. in

Law Classroom 101. The program offers 6-credit hours in four courses, plus an opportunity to intern with a Chinese law firm (no Chinese language required). Please join Professor Hu for this informational meeting if you are interested to learn more about this program. Lunch will be provided to the first 20 arriving students. Can't make the meeting but want to learn about the program? Email Professor Hu at rhu@stmarytx.edu.

Alternative Spring Break Informational Lunch Meetings

All students are invited to come learn how to enhance your resume, get practical experience, and earn pro-bono hours during the Alternative Spring Break Informational lunch meetings. The dates/times are as follow:

Monday, October 28 – 11:00 a.m.
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Stop in to learn more about Alternative Spring Break, including applications and voucher information. This year's Alternative Spring Break placement cities include San Antonio, Austin, Dallas, Corpus Christi, Rio Grande Valley, El Paso, Laredo, Houston and Washington D.C. All informational lunch meetings will be held in the Raba building, first floor Foyer. For more information please contact Sister Grace at gwalle@stmarytx.edu.

Thanksgiving Lunch & Finals Blessing

The Office of Law Ministry invites School of Law students to a Thanksgiving Lunch and Blessing on **Thursday, November 14** in the Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Lunch will begin promptly at 11:30 a.m. Sister Grace Walle, Law Ministry proudly sponsors an annual free Thanksgiving lunch and offers a group blessing on upcoming final exams. All law students are welcome. First come, first served.

Announcements

MPRE Accommodation Deadline

Students who will be taking the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE) next Spring or thereafter, and are seeking accommodation, should carefully read the notice from MPRE. The deadline to apply for accommodations has moved up to **December 16**, for the March MPRE. The notice may be found here [mpre_test_accomm.pdf](#) 126.22 KB .PDF.

Clinic Applications Open

The Clinical Program is now accepting applications for Spring 2020. The required online application may be found on the Clinical Program page of the Law School website and at <https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/clinical-courses-application-spring-2020/>. **Apply early** – spaces are limited with rolling admission. All applicants must attend a required pre-registration session before they can be accepted (session dates provided upon application).

FAFSA Reminder

Law students planning on applying for financial aid for the 2020-2021 academic year, or students planning on applying for financial aid for summer 2020 will need to renew their FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Students can now complete the 2020-2021 FAFSA and are encouraged to complete it early, in order to ensure that the required information is received by the Office of Financial Assistance by the **March 1st deadline**. You may complete the FAFSA at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> and

make certain to include **St. Mary's school code 003623**. Please note that the 2020-2021 FAFSA will require 2018 tax year information. Should you have any questions, please contact the Office of Financial Assistance at (210) 436-3141.

Free Access to Thousands of E-books on LexisNexis

LexisNexis treatises, study aids, desk books, and more are now accessible to law students through the law library's subscription. **St. Mary's University Digital Library** provides access to more than a thousand volumes of legal eBooks you can access anytime, anywhere. Visit <http://skell.law.overdrive.com> and enter your school email address. You can browse the available materials in the digital collection and access both the Questions and Answers series and Understanding series to help you study.

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Recipe of the Week

Houston's Veggie Burger

<https://www.skinnytaste.com/veggie-burger/>

Prep Time: 15 mins

Cook Time: 10 mins

Freeze Time: 30 mins

Total Time: 55 mins

Yield: 4 burgers

This is a veggie burger that even hearty meat-eaters will love. Made with beans, oats, brown rice, beets and a whole lot of spices, this veggie burger is a real crowd pleaser.

Ingredients:

- 1 (15-ounce can) black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- ¼ cup chopped onion
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1 teaspoon cumin

- ½ teaspoon chili powder, (check labels for gluten-free)
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- ¼ cup BBQ sauce
- 1 tablespoon molasses
- ¼ cup old fashioned oats, (check labels for gluten-free)
- 1 ¼ cup cooked brown rice
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped canned beets
- 1 tablespoon beet juice
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- 4 whole wheat 100 calorie hamburger buns, or Gluten-free bun
- Optional toppings: Sliced pepper Jack cheese,, lettuce, tomato, avocado, BBQ sauce, ketchup

Instructions:

1. Add the beans to a large mixing bowl. Gently pat beans dry with a paper towel. Using the back side of a fork or potato masher, mash beans until smooth and pasty.
2. Heat a small skillet over medium heat.
3. When hot, add the oil, onion and garlic. Sauté 3 minutes then transfer to the bowl with the beans.
4. In a small bowl, add the paprika, cumin, chili powder, salt and pepper. Mix until combined then add to the large bowl.
5. Using the same small bowl, mix the BBQ sauce and molasses until thoroughly combined.
6. Add 3 tablespoons of the mixture to the large bowl and set aside the rest for basting during cooking
7. In a food processor fitted with a metal blade, process oats until fine.
8. Add the oats to the large bowl with the beans, veggies and sauce.
9. Add the rice, beets, beet juice and egg and mix everything until combined.
10. Using your hands, form the mixture into 4 patties, about 5 ½ ounces each. Place patties on a freezer safe plate and freeze for 30 minutes. Alternatively, you can put them in the refrigerator for 2 hours or more.
11. Heat a large flat skillet over medium heat. Spray with oil and, using a spatula, transfer patties to the skillet.
12. Cook the patties for 5 minutes, carefully flip with the spatula, baste with the remaining sauce and cook an additional 5 minutes. Add cheese during the last 2 minutes, if using.
13. With the spatula, place each patty on a bun and top with your desired toppings.

Notes:

Serving size: (1 burger with ¾ ounce slice cheese) Calories: 382 |Protein: 15 g |Carbohydrate: 57 g | Dietary Fiber: 10.5 g | Total Sugars: 13 g |Total Fat: 11 g | Saturated Fat: 5.5 g | Cholesterol: 67 mg | Sodium: 975 mg | Freestyle Smart Points: 9

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Chris Ritter
1-800-343-8527
www.tlaphelps.org

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CALL IN:

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Began: September 11, 2019

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English Classes: Thursday's 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. & Thursday's 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Location: AACC Classroom 2155

Spanish Classes: Wednesday's 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Location: University Ministry, Julieta's Office

RCIA Program

Began: October 2, 2019

Ends: April 11, 2019 (Easter Vigil Mass)

English Classes: Wednesday's 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Location: AACC Classroom 2155

For more information on the Confirmation and/or the RCIA Faith Program, please contact Julieta Sanchez at jsanchez95@stmarytx.edu or 210.436.3304.

Bible Class with Professor Addicott

Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." The Bible class is non-denominational and are held in Room 102B, the small conference room at the Warrior Defense Project in the Raba Building, at 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, and 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. The classes are 45 minutes long and cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching. Bring your Bible, pen and notebook. For more information, contact Katie Salinas at csalinas2@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Liturgy and Worship Schedule

University Ministry invites the St. Mary's University community to weekly Liturgy and worship. Weekday mass is offered for all members and friends of the St. Mary's University community. The schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 12:15 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Sunday 11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, and Sunday evening, 9:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel. For more information, contact University Ministry at 210.431.2053 or msmith6@stmarytx.edu.

Writing Competitions and Scholarships

If a link is not provided for detailed information to any of the writing competitions or scholarships described below, please email Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu. Indicates a new scholarship opportunity added this week.

The Pinkerton Law Firm.

<https://www.law.uh.edu/financialaid/Pinkerton%20Law%20Review%20Letter.pdf>. Write articles for the Pinkerton Law Review. \$2,500 top writer awards (five). \$10,000 writer of the year award (one).

The National Law Review is now accepting submissions. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

Carstens & Cahoon, LLP. <https://www.cclaw.com/diversity-initiative-scholarship/>. \$1,000. Deadline to apply is October 31, 2019.

Federal Bar Association. <http://www.fedbar.org/Foundation/Robert-A-McNew-Law-Student-Scholarship.aspx>. \$5,000. Deadline to apply is November 30, 2019.*

Entertainment Law Initiative. <https://grammy.com/eli>. \$10,000. Two \$2,500. Deadline to apply is January 2, 2020.

Center for Alcohol Policy. <https://www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org/essay-contest/>. \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,000. Deadline to apply is January 17, 2020.*

WITAN St. Mary's University School of Law

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Submitting an Event for Publication in the Witan?

Please [click here](#) to submit events and news items for inclusion in the Witan.

Congratulations

The National Team Dominates at ABA Arbitration Competition

For the second time, the National Team competed at the ABA Arbitration Regional Competition in Jackson, Mississippi this weekend. We combined the Trial Team and the ADR Team creating two super squads. The team of Oscar Farias, Cameron Galvan, Contessa Gay and Mark Sutton advanced to the semi-final round where they had to face our second team of Tanya Burke, Joey Casseb, Ricky Salinas and Mario Yague. The team of Joey, Mario, Ricky and Tanya were **crowned Regional Champions** and will represent our school in January at the National Competition. Congratulations to the team and their coaches Emily Landon and Deb Juneck. This is the **third championship for the National Team this semester**.

OCS News You Can Use

Claim Your Candy Bar!

Got any career-related questions? Come by OCS anytime between November 1 and 22 for answers and a FREE full-sized candy bar! Walk-ins welcome.

All students who schedule an appointment through CORE will also be entered into a drawing for movie tickets and a food/beverage voucher from Alamo Drafthouse.

1Ls, this is a great time to meet with your assigned career advisor and start making plans for next summer:

A-K & Evening:	Greg Yates
L-Z:	Dean Robin Thorner

2Ls and 3Ls are welcome to meet with any career advisor. See you soon!

Summer 2020 Job Spotlight

Attention all 1L and 2L law students: The ABA is seeking applicants for its 2020 Judicial Intern Opportunity Program (JIOP). JIOP targets diverse students who are underrepresented in the legal profession, especially racial and ethnic minorities, as well as women, students with disabilities, students who are economically disadvantaged, and students who identify as LGBT. See CORE for details.

Post-Graduate Fellowships

The following post-graduate fellowship opportunity has an approaching deadline. Check CORE for more information.

The American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)
Fellowship Program
Deadline: November 8

Events

Thanksgiving Lunch & Finals Blessing

The Office of Law Ministry invites School of Law students to a Thanksgiving Lunch and Blessing on **Thursday, November 14** in the Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Lunch will begin promptly at 11:30 a.m. Sister Grace Walle, Law Ministry proudly sponsors an annual free Thanksgiving lunch and offers a group blessing on upcoming final exams. All law students are welcome. First come, first served.

Joint JD/Master's Degree Information Session

Students are invited to an information session to learn all about the joint JD and Master's degree program – **Monday, November 18**, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room. Light refreshments will be available. For more information please contact Kimberly Thornton, Director, Graduate Admissions at kthornton@stmarytx.edu or 210.436.3101.

Student Organizations

Asian and Pacific American Law Student Association Meeting

The Asian and Pacific American Law Student Association (APALSA) will host their meeting **Tuesday, November 19** from 4:30 - 5:15 p.m. in LC106. For more information please contact Ankit Saggi, President at asaggi@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Announcements

MPRE Accommodation Deadline

Students who will be taking the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE) next Spring or thereafter, and are seeking accommodation, should carefully read the notice from MPRE. The

deadline to apply for accommodations has moved up to **December 16**, for the March MPRE. The notice may be found here [mpre_test_accomm.pdf](#) 126.22 KB .PDF.

Clinic Applications Open

The Clinical Program is now accepting applications for Spring 2020. The required online application may be found on the Clinical Program page of the Law School website and at <https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/clinical-courses-application-spring-2020/>. **Apply early** – spaces are limited with rolling admission. All applicants must attend a required pre-registration session before they can be accepted (session dates provided upon application).

FAFSA Reminder

Law students planning on applying for financial aid for the 2020-2021 academic year, or students planning on applying for financial aid for summer 2020 will need to renew their FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Students can now complete the 2020-2021 FAFSA and are encouraged to complete it early, in order to ensure that the required information is received by the Office of Financial Assistance by the **March 1st deadline**. You may complete the FAFSA at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> and make certain to include **St. Mary's school code 003623**. Please note that the 2020-2021 FAFSA will require 2018 tax year information. Should you have any questions, please contact the Office of Financial Assistance at (210) 436-3141.

Free Access to Thousands of E-books on LexisNexis

LexisNexis treatises, study aids, desk books, and more are now accessible to law students through the law library's subscription. **St. Mary's University Digital Library** provides access to more than a thousand volumes of legal eBooks you can access anytime, anywhere. Visit <http://skell.law.overdrive.com> and enter your school email address. You can browse the available materials in the digital collection and access both the Questions and Answers series and Understanding series to help you study.

Health & Wellness

San Antonio First Tuesday Lawyer Wellness Group

The Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) has started **San Antonio First Tuesday Lawyer Wellness Group**. Law students are invited to join this group. This is a monthly educational wellness group for lawyers and law students to learn about a variety of mental health and wellness issues that lawyers often face and how to address them. Their next meeting is **Tuesday, November 5**, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Alamo Heights Methodist Church, Room EAST 221, 825 Basse Road, San Antonio, Texas 78209. Food will be served. Please RSVP to 1.800.343.8527. Parking is free. December's meeting is 12/03.

Chair Massages, Yoga and Meditation this Month

Enrich your mind, body and soul to enhance your academic performance. Live a healthier lifestyle and achieve a more balanced life. The Law School community is invited to take advantage of the health and wellness activities planned this semester. Mark your calendar for the next event.

- Yoga & Meditation Class – 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., bring your own mat. Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Practicing yoga improves balance, endurance, flexibility, and strength, while meditation helps keep the mind sharp, relieves stress and anxiety, and strengthen your immune system. Keep your body and

mind healthy and happy! Classes will be held the first Tuesday of the month. **November 5** and December 3 are the next classes.

- Chair Massages – 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., and 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. – Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Don't miss out on the benefits of a chair massage. It reduces stress, tension, and anxiety. It improves blood flow, will boost your immune system, alleviate pain and headaches, improves posture and so much more. Chair massages will be held **Wednesday, November 20**.

University Sponsored Student Activities

Explore any or all events/activities sponsored by the University for all students across campus.

- Every Wednesday, Trivia Night, 8- 10 p.m. at The Pub
- 200th Anniversary of Marianist Education, **Monday, November 4**, 4:30 – 5:00 p.m., Treadaway Hall, Guadalupe Chapel.

Take a Break and Exercise

One of the key aspects of being a successful law student is the ability to maintain a balance in all areas of life and a little exercise can go a long way. The AA & CC (Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center) is a great place to work out, do some open lap swimming, and find out about Intramural sports. Hours of operation are:

Monday - Thursday 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Friday 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 - 10:00 p.m.

If you would like to form a law school basketball or volleyball team please call 210.431.5046 to find out more information on availability and scheduling. For more information visit:

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Kickboxing Fitness Class

Join campus recreation for a Kickboxing Fitness Class this semester. Held each Tuesday in the Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center, Movement Studio, 6:15 – 7:15 pm. For more information please visit <https://ems-app.stmarytx.edu/MasterCalendar/EventDetails.aspx?EventDetailId=76318>.

Hip-Hop Fitness Class

Dance, get healthy and have fun with Hip-Hop Fitness classes offered through the Campus Recreation Department. Classes are held Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center, Movement Studio. For more information please visit <https://ems-app.stmarytx.edu/MasterCalendar/EventDetails.aspx?EventDetailId=76343>.

Zumba Fitness Class

Exercise in disguise with Zumba. Classes meet every Thursday, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center, Movement Studio. For more information please visit <https://ems-app.stmarytx.edu/MasterCalendar/EventDetails.aspx?EventDetailId=76332>.

Recipe of the Week

Spaghetti Carbonara

<https://www.skinnytaste.com/spaghetti-carbonara/>

422 Calories
Prep Time: 10 mins
Cook Time: 20 mins
Total Time: 30 mins
Yield: 4 servings

Spaghetti Carbonara is an Italian pasta dish with creamy egg, diced bacon, grated cheese, and copious amounts of black pepper—a Roman dish reminiscent of an American breakfast.

Ingredients

- 10 ounces [dried Delallo spaghetti](#), or gluten-free spaghetti
- 6 slices center cut bacon, cut into 1/2-inch dices
- 3/4 cup low-sodium chicken broth
- 1 1/2 cups baby arugula or frisée lettuce, chopped
- 3 tbsp Italian parsley, chopped
- kosher salt and ground black pepper
- 1/4 cup grated Parmigiano Reggiano cheese
- 3 tablespoons grated Pecorino Romano
- 4 extra large eggs

Poaching liquid:

- 4 cups cold water
- 6 tbsp white vinegar
- 1/4 tsp kosher salt

Instructions

1. Bring a large pot of generously salted water to a boil.
2. In a deep skillet or medium pot, egg-poaching liquid to a boil over high heat, then leave on low heat.
3. Heat a large (12-inch) skillet over medium-high heat, cook bacon until fat renders and meat is slightly crisp, about 10 minutes. Set aside with a slotted spoon and transfer to a plate, leaving the fat in the skillet.
4. At the same time, add the pasta to the salted water, and add the broth to the bacon fat and simmer the broth to reduce by 1/3, about 8 to 10 minutes.
5. Cook the pasta until al dente, under-cooking by 2 minutes, about 8 to 10 minutes. Drain pasta but do not rinse.
6. To the broth add the arugula, parsley and 1/4 teaspoon salt and black pepper.
7. Add drained pasta, raise heat to high, and toss to coat with sauce.
8. Finish cooking the pasta in the broth for 2 minutes, then remove from heat, stir in cheese, and toss. The spaghetti will soak up any liquid.
9. Working one at a time, carefully crack each egg into a small bowl and very gently slide into barely boiling poaching liquid. Cook until whites set but yolks are still runny, about 2 to 3 minutes. Using a slotted spoon, lift each egg out of the water.
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11. Serve immediately, mixing up the pasta to spread the egg and yolk throughout the bowl.

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- What I Did Last Summer Program - Wednesday, January 8, 2020
- Student Spotlights

If you are interested in one or both of these opportunities, please email Anna-Laura Petri at apetri@stmarytx.edu.

Have You Claimed Your Candy Bar Yet?

Come by OCS anytime until November 22nd for some career advice and leave with a FREE full-sized candy bar! Walk-ins welcome.

All students who schedule an appointment through CORE will also be entered into a drawing for movie tickets and a food/beverage voucher from Alamo Drafthouse.

1Ls — this is a great time to meet with your assigned career advisor. It's time to start thinking about a job for next summer.

Calling ALL Students Who Want a Job

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Joint JD/Master's Degree Information Session

Students are invited to an information session to learn all about the joint JD and Master's degree program – **Monday, November 18**, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room. Light refreshments will be available. For more information please contact Kimberly Thornton, Director, Graduate Admissions at kthornton@stmarytx.edu or 210.436.3101.

Student Organizations

Annual Silent Auction Benefitting Autism Treatment Center of San Antonio

The St. Mary's community is invited to join the Women's Law Association (WLA) Annual Silent Auction on **Wednesday, November 13**, 12:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library, Alumni Room. All proceeds will benefit the Autism Treatment Center of San Antonio. Bid on a variety of wine baskets, weekend getaways, dining, entertainment, spa packages, jewelry, art, hand-crafted goods and more! The WLA will also be selling raffle tickets for a 50" 4K Smart TV. Get an early head start on your Christmas shopping. Everyone is welcome! For more information or to make a donation, please contact Ashley DeLaGarza at adelagarza8@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Asian and Pacific American Law Student Association Meeting

The Asian and Pacific American Law Student Association (APALSA) will host their meeting **Tuesday, November 19** from 4:30 - 5:15 p.m. in LC106. For more information please contact Ankit Saggi, President at asaggi@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Announcements

MPRE Accommodation Deadline

Students who will be taking the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE) next Spring or thereafter, and are seeking accommodation, should carefully read the notice from MPRE. The deadline to apply for accommodations has moved to **December 16**, for the March MPRE. The notice may be found here [mpre_test_accomm.pdf](#) 126.22 KB · PDF.

Clinic Applications Open

The Clinical Program is now accepting applications for Spring 2020. The required online application may be found on the Clinical Program page of the Law School website and at <https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/clinical-courses-application-spring-2020/>. **Apply early** – spaces are limited with rolling admission. All applicants must attend a required pre-registration session before they can be accepted (session dates provided upon application).

FAFSA Reminder

Law students planning on applying for financial aid for the 2020-2021 academic year, or students planning on applying for financial aid for summer 2020 will need to renew their FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Students can now complete the 2020-2021 FAFSA and are encouraged to complete it early, in order to ensure that the required information is received by the Office of Financial Assistance by the **March 1st deadline**. You may complete the FAFSA at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> and make certain to include **St. Mary's school code 003623**. Please note that the 2020-2021 FAFSA will require 2018 tax year information. Should you have any questions, please contact the Office of Financial Assistance at (210) 436-3141.

Free Access to Thousands of E-books on LexisNexis

LexisNexis treatises, study aids, desk books, and more are now accessible to law students through the law library's subscription. **St. Mary's University Digital Library** provides access to more than a thousand volumes of legal eBooks you can access anytime, anywhere. Visit <http://skell.law.overdrive.com> and enter your school email address. You can browse the available materials in the digital collection and access both the Questions and Answers series and Understanding series to help you study.

Health & Wellness

San Antonio First Tuesday Lawyer Wellness Group

The Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) has started **San Antonio First Tuesday Lawyer Wellness Group**. Law students are invited to join this group. This is a monthly educational wellness group for lawyers and law students to learn about a variety of mental health and wellness issues that lawyers often face and how to address them. Their next meeting is **Tuesday, December 3, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.**, Alamo Heights Methodist Church, Room EAST 221, 825 Basse Road, San Antonio, Texas 78209. Food will be served. Please RSVP to 1.800.343.8527. Parking is free.

Chair Massages, Yoga and Meditation this Month

Enrich your mind, body and soul to enhance your academic performance. Live a healthier lifestyle and achieve a more balanced life. The Law School community is invited to take advantage of the health and wellness activities planned this semester. Mark your calendar for the next event.

- Chair Massages – 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., and 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. – Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Don't miss out on the benefits of a chair massage. It reduces stress, tension, and anxiety. It improves blood flow, will boost your immune system, alleviate pain and headaches, improves posture and so much more. Chair massages will be held **Wednesday, November 20**.
- Yoga & Meditation Class – 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., bring your own mat. Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Practicing yoga improves balance, endurance,

flexibility, and strength, while meditation helps keep the mind sharp, relieves stress and anxiety, and strengthen your immune system. Keep your body and mind healthy and happy! Classes will be held the first Tuesday of the month. The next class will be held **Tuesday, December 3**.

University Sponsored Student Activities

Explore any or all events/activities sponsored by the University for all students across campus.

- Every Wednesday, Trivia Night, 8- 10 p.m. at The Pub
- Fair Trade Sale – Tuesday, November 12, University Center Atrium, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., <https://ems-app.stmarytx.edu/MasterCalendar/EventDetails.aspx?EventDetailId=79204>
- Wellness Fair – Thursday, November 14, Alkek Plaza Outdoor Space, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., <https://ems-app.stmarytx.edu/MasterCalendar/EventDetails.aspx?EventDetailId=79295>

Take a Break and Exercise

One of the key aspects of being a successful law student is the ability to maintain a balance in all areas of life and a little exercise can go a long way. The AA & CC (Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center) is a great place to work out, do some open lap swimming, and find out about Intramural sports. Hours of operation are:

Monday - Thursday 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Friday 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Sunday 12:00 - 10:00 p.m.

If you would like to form a law school basketball or volleyball team please call 210.431.5046 to find out more information on availability and scheduling. For more information visit: <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/campus-life/play/campus-recreation>.

Kickboxing Fitness Class

Join campus recreation for a Kickboxing Fitness Class this semester. Held each Tuesday in the Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center, Movement Studio, 6:15 – 7:15 pm. For more information please visit <https://ems-app.stmarytx.edu/MasterCalendar/EventDetails.aspx?EventDetailId=76318>.

Hip-Hop Fitness Class

Dance, get healthy and have fun with Hip-Hop Fitness classes offered through the Campus Recreation Department. Classes are held Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center, Movement Studio. For more information please visit <https://ems-app.stmarytx.edu/MasterCalendar/EventDetails.aspx?EventDetailId=76343>.

Zumba Fitness Class

Exercise in disguise with Zumba. Classes meet every Thursday, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center, Movement Studio. For more information please visit <https://ems-app.stmarytx.edu/MasterCalendar/EventDetails.aspx?EventDetailId=76332>.

Recipe of the Week

Honey Sriracha Chicken and Broccoli Meal Prep Bowls
<https://www.skinnytaste.com/honey-sriracha-chicken-and-broccoli-meal-prep-bowls/>

428 Calories
Prep Time: 10 mins
Cook Time: 20 mins
Total Time: 30 mins

Yield: 4 servings

This easy meal-prep honey-sriracha chicken dish, which can also be served as a main dish, is made on a sheet pan and comes together quick!

Ingredients

- olive oil spray
- 3 chicken breasts, diced into 1-inch pieces (24 ounces)
- 1 egg white, beaten
- 2 tablespoons corn starch
- 1 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt, divided
- 1 head broccoli, cut into small florets
- 2 teaspoons sesame oil
- 2 cups brown rice, cooked

Honey Sriracha Sauce

- 2 tablespoons honey
- 2 tablespoons sriracha sauce
- 1 teaspoon seasoned rice vinegar
- 1 teaspoon sesame oil
- 2 scallions, sliced
- 1 teaspoon black and white sesame seeds, or as desired

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 425F. Place the chicken in the egg whites, then in cornstarch and season with 3/4 teaspoon salt. Spray a large nonstick sheet pan generously with olive oil spray (so the chicken doesn't stick) then add the chicken pieces, leaving room for the broccoli on one end. Bake in the oven for 10 minutes.
2. Remove chicken from oven and flip, then add broccoli on the other half of the pan and drizzle with 2 teaspoons sesame oil, season with 1/2 teaspoon salt and pepper, to taste. Place back in the oven and cook until the chicken is cooked through and the broccoli is tender, about 10 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, in a medium bowl whisk honey, sriracha sauce, rice vinegar, and sesame oil together until smooth. Add the chicken and toss in sauce to coat.
4. Divide all the ingredients to 4 meal prep bowls, top with scallions and sesame seeds.

Notes

- Nutritional info includes rice. Without the rice, each serving is:
- Freestyle Points: 4 Points + 8 | Calories 320 | Total Fat 8.5g | Saturated Fat 1.5g | Cholesterol 125mg | Sodium 570mg | Carbohydrates 18g | Fiber 2g | Sugar 12g | Protein 42g
- Serving: 1bowl: Calories: 428kcal | Carbohydrates: 41g | Protein: 44g | Fat: 9.5g | Saturated Fat: 2g | Cholesterol: 124mg | Sodium: 570mg | Fiber: 4g | Sugar: 12g | Freestyle Points: 7 Points: +12

Notices

Law Students with Disabilities

Students who need accommodations for a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Office of Student Accessibility Services located in the Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139 (directly behind the Raba building). Their telephone number is 210.431.5080, email accessibility@stmarytx.edu or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>.

Student E-mail Accounts

Each student is assigned a Law School e-mail account and is required to check this account daily. Faculty and the Administration use e-mail to communicate with students and to send official notices. Students are deemed to have knowledge of all communications from the Faculty and Administration sent to their Law School e-mail address. Therefore, not checking the school email account is not an acceptable defense for not responding to information disseminated by email. Additionally, various professors may have more specific requirements with respect to e-mail, TWEN, Blackboard and Canvas classrooms.

CLSJ in the Law Commons

Have questions on Clinic, Externships, or Pro Bono? The Center for Legal & Social Justice (CLSJ) will be taking over the Law Commons **every Wednesday** from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Drop by, say hello, and get some information on what we do and how you can benefit from it. Remember - Externship placements and Pro Bono opportunities are available on CORE.

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As a law student, you need to focus on your studies while keeping an eye on your future. With so much to prepare, let the American Bar Association help. [Join the ABA today](#) for free and enjoy access to a multitude of resources to help you succeed.

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Community Service Requirement

All JD students who matriculate Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. Students must complete at least ten (10) hours toward the 30 hour requirement before the end of their first year of law school and at least twenty (20) hours before the end of their second year of law school.

No more than fifteen (15) of the service hours may be general community service hours with a qualifying non-profit or public entity. At least fifteen (15) hours must be law school-approved hours.

For more information, please reference the [Community Service Requirement](#) section of the School of Law website. With questions, please contact Gregory Zlotnick at gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu.

Navigating Law School

If you are a first generation law student and would like to speak with Dean Haynes about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment with Dean Haynes at calendly.com/ahaynes5.

Film and the Law

If you enjoy movies and would be interested in working with Dean Haynes to set up a "Film and the Law" series during the Fall semester, please contact Dean Haynes at ahaynes5@stmarytx.edu.

University Policies and Procedures on Non-Discrimination

St. Mary's University is committed to providing a safe, equitable, and fair environment where students can pursue academic excellence. Policies and procedures have been developed to foster and sustain such an environment and apply to all courses offered at the university. Students need to be aware of these policies and procedures, which can be found in *Gateway* (<https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/>). Please become familiar with these important policies and procedures, which include:

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Need a Break?

Tired of sitting and reading? Do you need a break? Need some fresh air? Well we have a solution: GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY. Now available at the law library circulation desk you can check out a football (nerf or regular), soccer ball, volleyball, kickball or basket toss with more options on the way. You will need your student ID to check out equipment.

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Inviting Dignitaries to Campus

All law school student organizations are reminded to submit a request for approval prior to inviting a dignitary to the School of Law. **The form must be completed prior to contacting and inviting a dignitary to campus. Requests should be made 45 days prior to the scheduled event.** A Visiting Dignitary includes, diplomats, local public figures including but not limited to, the Archbishop of San Antonio, judges, and other elected officials. Forms can be found online on Gateway at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/university-communications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>.

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Academic Support

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Center for Life Directions Building
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(210) 436-3135
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(210) 825-3622

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(210) 436-3063
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Student Health Center
Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor
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healthcenter@stmarytx.edu

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The National Trial Team competed in the second most prestigious tournament in the Country. Alexis Del Rio (3L) John Green (3L) Kara McHorse (3L) and James Dyches (2L) competed in the National Civil Trial Competition in California. The team faced off against four top teams with three of them against the top three programs in the country in the preliminary rounds. The team advanced to the semi-final round and John Green received an award for Best Cross Examination.

The National ADR Team competed in the ABA Negotiation Competition against 24 other teams that broke to only 4 teams. Pearl Cruz (3L), Tamra Fisher (3L) Danica McKinney (3L) and Charles Hosey (2L) split ballots in an amazing display of dominance in their rounds.

With these results, the National Team has now won four championships this Fall, two semi-final finishes, and a quarter final finish. Please congratulate these amazing advocates for their extraordinary accomplishments!

StMU Graduate Receives Texas Access to Justice Commission Law Student Pro Bono Award

We are pleased to share that the Texas Access to Justice Commission has selected Hannah Cramer, Class of 2019, as the recipient of the 2019 Law Student Pro Bono Award. This award recognizes a law student whose pro bono work has made a significant impact on the community and reflects a passion for advocating on behalf of underserved populations.

Hannah currently works as a staff attorney with Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, where she continues to advocate for individuals experiencing homelessness and those in the mental health care system. Congratulations, Hannah!

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Summer 2020 Judicial Internship Opportunity for 1Ls and 2Ls

The ABA is seeking applicants for its 2020 Judicial Intern Opportunity Program (JIOP). JIOP targets diverse students who are underrepresented in the legal profession, especially racial and ethnic minorities, as well as women, students with disabilities, students who are economically disadvantaged, and students who identify as LGBT. See CORE for details.

Are You Interested in a Position with the Department of Justice?

Every year, the DOJ hires thousands of volunteer legal interns to work in offices across the U.S. Interested students are invited to attend a webinar that explains the application process:

- Tuesday, November 19, 11:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, November 20, 2:00 p.m.

No RSVP is required, but students will need the following link and passcode to access the webinar:

- **Link:** <https://ecs.acms.com/dojvol/>
- **Passcode:** 10200

Email Us Your Resumes and Cover Letters

Heading out of town for the holidays? Email us any resumes and cover letters you would like us to review at lawcareerstrategy@stmarytx.edu.

Please note that our last day is Friday, December 20. OCS will be closed for the holidays. If you would like your documents before the winter break, email us no later than noon on Thursday, December 19. We will reopen Monday, January 6.

Last Chance to Claim Your Candy Bar!

This Friday, November 22nd, is your last chance to claim your FREE candy bar!

2Ls and 3Ls: Share Your Wisdom with 1Ls!

Volunteer to talk to other students about your summer work experience! There are two ways you can volunteer:

- What I Did Last Summer Program - Wednesday, January 8, 12:00 p.m.
- Student Spotlights

If you are interested in one or both of these opportunities, please email Anna-Laura Petri at apetri@stmarytx.edu.

Save the Date for these Upcoming Events

- January 8, 2020 – What I Did Last Summer, 12 p.m.

Student Organizations

Asian and Pacific American Law Student Association Meeting

The Asian and Pacific American Law Student Association (APALSA) will host their meeting **Tuesday, November 19** from 4:30 - 5:15 p.m. in LC106. For more information please contact Ankit Saggi, President at asaggi@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Announcements

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Clinic Applications Open

The Clinical Program is now accepting applications for Spring 2020. The required online application may be found on the Clinical Program page of the Law School website and at <https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/clinical-courses-application-spring-2020/>. **Apply early** – spaces are limited with rolling admission. All applicants must attend a required pre-registration session before they can be accepted (session dates provided upon application).

FAFSA Reminder

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Free Access to Thousands of E-books on LexisNexis

LexisNexis treatises, study aids, desk books, and more are now accessible to law students through the law library's subscription. **St. Mary's University Digital Library** provides access to more than a thousand volumes of legal eBooks you can access anytime, anywhere. Visit <http://skell.law.overdrive.com> and enter your school email address. You can browse the available materials in the digital collection and access both the Questions and Answers series and Understanding series to help you study.

Health & Wellness

San Antonio First Tuesday Lawyer Wellness Group

The Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) has started **San Antonio First Tuesday Lawyer Wellness Group**. Law students are invited to join this group. This is a monthly educational wellness group for lawyers and law students to learn about a variety of mental health and wellness issues that lawyers often face and how to address them. Their next meeting is **Tuesday, December 3**, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Alamo Heights Methodist Church, Room EAST 221, 825 Basse Road, San Antonio, Texas 78209. Food will be served. Please RSVP to 1.800.343.8527. Parking is free.

Chair Massages, Yoga and Meditation this Month

Enrich your mind, body and soul to enhance your academic performance. Live a healthier lifestyle and achieve a more balanced life. The Law School community is invited to take advantage of the health and wellness activities planned this semester. Mark your calendar for the next event.

- Chair Massages – 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., and 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. – Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Don't miss out on the benefits of a chair massage. It reduces stress, tension, and anxiety. It improves blood flow, will boost your immune system, alleviate pain and headaches, improves posture and so much more. Chair massages will be held **Wednesday, November 20**.
- Yoga & Meditation Class – 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., bring your own mat. Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Practicing yoga improves balance, endurance, flexibility, and strength, while meditation helps keep the mind sharp, relieves stress and anxiety, and strengthen your immune system. Keep your body and mind healthy and happy! Classes will be held the first Tuesday of the month. The next class will be held **Tuesday, December 3**.

University Sponsored Student Activities

Explore any or all events/activities sponsored by the University for all students across campus.

- Every Wednesday, Trivia Night, 8- 10 p.m. at The Pub

Take a Break and Exercise

One of the key aspects of being a successful law student is the ability to maintain a balance in all areas of life and a little exercise can go a long way. The AA & CC (Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center) is a great place to work out, do some open lap swimming, and find out about Intramural sports. Hours of operation are:

Monday - Thursday 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Friday 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 - 10:00 p.m.

If you would like to form a law school basketball or volleyball team please call 210.431.5046 to find out more information on availability and scheduling. For more information visit:

<https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/campus-life/play/campus-recreation>.

Kickboxing Fitness Class

Join campus recreation for a Kickboxing Fitness Class this semester. Held each Tuesday in the Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center, Movement Studio, 6:15 – 7:15 pm. For more information please visit <https://ems-app.stmarytx.edu/MasterCalendar/EventDetails.aspx?EventDetailId=76318>.

Hip-Hop Fitness Class

Dance, get healthy and have fun with Hip-Hop Fitness classes offered through the Campus Recreation Department. Classes are held Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center, Movement Studio. For more information please visit <https://ems-app.stmarytx.edu/MasterCalendar/EventDetails.aspx?EventDetailId=76343>.

Zumba Fitness Class

Exercise in disguise with Zumba. Classes meet every Thursday, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center, Movement Studio. For more information please visit <https://ems-app.stmarytx.edu/MasterCalendar/EventDetails.aspx?EventDetailId=76332>.

Recipe of the Week

Chicken Zucchini Stir Fry

<https://www.skinnytaste.com/chicken-zucchini-stir-fry/>

242 Calories

Prep Time: 15 mins

Cook Time: 5 mins

Total Time: 20 mins

Yield: 4

This quick Chicken and Zucchini Stir Fry is made with chicken breast, zucchini and an easy stir fry sauce.

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup low sodium soy sauce or gf soy sauce
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 2 tablespoons mirin
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 2 teaspoons sesame oil
- 1 tablespoon canola oil divided
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1 tablespoon minced ginger
- 1 pound chicken breast, sliced very thinly
- 2 cups zucchini, cut 1/4 inch thick half moons (from 1 large zucchini)
- sesame seeds and scallion for garnish, if desired

Instructions

1. In a large bowl add the soy sauce, chicken broth, cornstarch, mirin, sugar, and sesame oil and whisk until everything is completely dissolved.
2. In a large skillet add one teaspoon canola oil on medium high heat and cook half the chicken until just cooked through, about 2-3 minutes on each side. Set aside on a plate.
3. Repeat with the second half of the chicken and an additional teaspoon of oil. Remove the chicken to the plate.
4. Add in the remaining 1 teaspoon oil, garlic and ginger and cook for 30-45 seconds until very fragrant but not browned.
5. Stir the garlic and ginger well and add in the sauce, whisking well. Cook the sauce 1 minute, then add in the zucchini and cook for 2 minutes more, until thickened and the

zucchini is tender crisp. Remove from heat, add in the chicken and stir well to coat. Garnish with sesame seeds and scallions if desired.

Nutrition Information

Serving: 1cup | Calories: 242 cal | Carbohydrates: 17g | Protein: 28g | Fat: 6.5g | Saturated Fat: 1g | Cholesterol: 83mg | Sodium: 799mg | Fiber: 1.5g | Sugar: 8g

Notices

Law Students with Disabilities

Students who need accommodations for a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Office of Student Accessibility Services located in the Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139 (directly behind the Raba building). Their telephone number is 210.431.5080, email accessibility@stmarytx.edu or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the *Student Handbook* on Gateway for more information and deadline to apply.

Student E-mail Accounts

Each student is assigned a Law School e-mail account and is required to check this account daily. Faculty and the Administration use e-mail to communicate with students and to send official notices. Students are deemed to have knowledge of all communications from the Faculty and Administration sent to their Law School e-mail address. Therefore, not checking the school email account is not an acceptable defense for not responding to information disseminated by email. Additionally, various professors may have more specific requirements with respect to e-mail, TWEN, Blackboard and Canvas classrooms.

CLSJ in the Law Commons

Have questions on Clinic, Externships, or Pro Bono? The Center for Legal & Social Justice (CLSJ) will be taking over the Law Commons **every Wednesday** from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Drop by, say hello, and get some information on what we do and how you can benefit from it. Remember - Externship placements and Pro Bono opportunities are available on CORE.

Claim Your Free ABA Membership

As a law student, you need to focus on your studies while keeping an eye on your future. With so much to prepare, let the American Bar Association help. [Join the ABA today](#) for free and enjoy access to a multitude of resources to help you succeed.

- Complimentary membership in up to five Member Groups like the Law Student Division, Civil Rights & Social Justice, Family Law and other law practice areas
- 30-day Quimbee Gold Plan free trial with access to its entire library of case briefs, video lessons, multiple-choice quizzes, and outlines
- ABA Career Center access which gives you monthly articles, live and on-demand webinars, podcasts and a job board for law students
- ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ROLI) participation which promotes justice, economic opportunity and human dignity through the rule of law
- And more!

Take advantage of this opportunity to shape your future and join a community of hundreds of thousands of ABA lawyers, judges and law student members. [Join now for free!](#)

Want more from the ABA? For just \$25, upgrade your membership to Premium and gain access up to \$500 in discounts on Quimbee, Themis and Kaplan bar prep courses, access to leadership opportunities and national competitions, instant resume review, and so much more. [Upgrade to Premium Membership, today!](#)

Lockers Now Available

The Student Bar Association is now renting lockers in the Law Library. You can rent a locker by completing the "Locker Rental Agreement Form" on the Student Bar Association's Rattler Tracks page. If you have any questions, please contact the SBA Treasurer, Jennifer Mendez Lopez, at jmendezlopez@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Community Service Requirement

All JD students who matriculate Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. Students must complete at least ten (10) hours toward the 30 hour requirement before the end of their first year of law school and at least twenty (20) hours before the end of their second year of law school.

No more than fifteen (15) of the service hours may be general community service hours with a qualifying non-profit or public entity. At least fifteen (15) hours must be law school-approved hours.

For more information, please reference the [Community Service Requirement](#) section of the School of Law website. With questions, please contact Gregory Zlotnick at gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu.

Navigating Law School

If you are a first generation law student and would like to speak with Dean Haynes about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment with Dean Haynes at calendly.com/ahaynes5.

Film and the Law

If you enjoy movies and would be interested in working with Dean Haynes to set up a "Film and the Law" series during the Fall semester, please contact Dean Haynes at ahaynes5@stmarytx.edu.

University Policies and Procedures on Non-Discrimination

St. Mary's University is committed to providing a safe, equitable, and fair environment where students can pursue academic excellence. Policies and procedures have been developed to foster and sustain such an environment and apply to all courses offered at the university. Students need to be aware of these policies and procedures, which can be found in *Gateway* (<https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/>). Please become familiar with these important policies and procedures, which include:

- Nondiscrimination, Sexual and Other Forms of Harassment <https://www.stmarytx.edu/about/title-ix/>
- Students with Disability <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/disability-rights/>
- Human Subjects Research <https://www.stmarytx.edu/compliance/research-compliance/>

Need a Break?

Tired of sitting and reading? Do you need a break? Need some fresh air? Well we have a solution: GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY. Now available at the law library circulation desk you can check out a football (nerf or regular), soccer ball, volleyball, kickball or basket toss with more options on the way. You will need your student ID to check out equipment.

Noise Levels in the Law Classrooms Building

Please remember that classes are in session during most hours, day and evening in the Law Classrooms building. Please be mindful, courteous and quiet when exiting classes and help keep noise levels in the hallways to a minimum.

Inviting Dignitaries to Campus

All law school student organizations are reminded to submit a request for approval prior to inviting a dignitary to the School of Law. **The form must be completed prior to contacting and inviting a dignitary to campus. Requests should be made 45 days prior to the scheduled event.** A Visiting Dignitary includes, diplomats, local public figures including but not limited to, the Archbishop of San Antonio, judges, and other elected officials. Forms can be found online on Gateway at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/university-communications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>.

Tobacco Use Policy On Campus

Smoking and smokeless tobacco products will be allowed only within designated locations on the St. Mary's University campus. Visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/administration-finance/tobacco-use-on-campus/> to learn more.

Do Not Remove Classroom Chairs

Please note that chairs should not be removed from their existing row or from any of the classrooms. This causes problems with class delays and professors seating charts for attendance purposes. If a chair must be removed, please ensure you return it to its original location.

Academic Support

Law School Resources

The Student Counseling Center
Center for Life Directions Building
(Next to the RABA Building)
(210) 436-3135
Emergency (after-hours and weekends):
(210) 825-3622

ileana Velazquez, M.A., LPC
(210) 431-4225
RABA 208
ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Ministry
(210) 436-3063
RABA 105
gwalle@stmarytx.edu

Office of Student Accessibility Services (SAS)
Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139
(210) 431-5080
accessibility@stmarytx.edu

Student Health Center
Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor
(210) 436-3506—office line
(210) 436-3656—fax line
healthcenter@stmarytx.edu

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center
Campus Recreation AACC 2145
210-436-3997
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation>

National Suicide Prevention Line

Veterans Crisis Line

1-800-273-8255

1-800-273-8255 and press 1

Food Bank at Holy Rosary

Running short on finances? Need a little help with groceries? Holy Rosary Church along with St. Vincent de Paul Society is open to students on Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The church is located at 155 Camino Santa Maria. Please have your St. Mary's ID ready. For more information contact ileana Velazquez at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu.

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program
Chris Ritter
1-800-343-8527
www.tlaphelps.org

Texas Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers (LCL) Meetings
CALL IN:
Fridays at Noon: 800-393-0640, enter code 676745
Third Thursday at Noon: 800-393-0640, enter code 676745

If you need assistance in accessing any resources or referrals to other resources, please contact ileana Velazquez at (210) 431-4225 or by email at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu.

Ministry

Bible Class with Professor Addicott

Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." The Bible class is non-denominational and are held in Room 102B, the small conference room at the Warrior Defense Project in the Raba Building, at 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, and 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. The classes are 45 minutes long and cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching. Bring your Bible, pen and notebook. For more information, contact Katie Salinas at csalinas2@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Liturgy and Worship Schedule

University Ministry invites the St. Mary's University community to weekly Liturgy and worship. Weekday mass is offered for all members and friends of the St. Mary's University community. The schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 12:15 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Sunday 11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, and Sunday evening, 9:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel. For more information, contact University Ministry at 210.431.2053 or msmith6@stmarytx.edu.

Confirmation and RCIA Faith Program

Confirmation Program

Began: September 11, 2019
Ends: February 16, 2020 (Intercollegiate Confirmation Mass)

English Classes: Thursday's 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. & Thursday's 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Location: AACC Classroom 2155

Spanish Classes: Wednesday's 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.
Location: University Ministry, Julieta's Office

RCIA Program

Began: October 2, 2019
Ends: April 11, 2019 (Easter Vigil Mass)

English Classes: Wednesday's 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Location: AACC Classroom 2155

For more information on the Confirmation and/or the RCIA Faith Program, please contact Julieta Sanchez at jsanchez95@stmarytx.edu or 210.436.3304.

Writing Competitions and Scholarships

If a link is not provided for detailed information to any of the writing competitions or scholarships described below, please email Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu. Indicates a new scholarship opportunity added this week.

The Pinkerton Law Firm.

<https://www.law.uh.edu/financialaid/Pinkerton%20Law%20Review%20Letter.pdf>. Write articles for the Pinkerton Law Review. \$2,500 top writer awards (five). \$10,000 writer of the year award (one).

The National Law Review is now accepting submissions. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

Federal Bar Association. <http://www.fedbar.org/Foundation/Robert-A-McNew-Law-Student-Scholarship.aspx>. \$5,000. Deadline to apply is November 30, 2019.

Entertainment Law Initiative. <https://grammy.com/eli>. \$10,000. Two \$2,500. Deadline to apply is January 2, 2020.

Center for Alcohol Policy. <https://www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org/essay-contest/>. \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,000. Deadline to apply is January 17, 2020.

Jackson Lewis. <https://www.kentlaw.iit.edu/institutes-centers/institute-for-law-and-the-workplace/louis-jackson-writing-competition>. One \$3,000 and two \$1,000. Deadline to apply is January 22, 2020.

State Bar of Texas Women and the Law Section's [2020 Texas Law Student Writing Competition](#). \$1,000 and \$500. Deadline to apply is February 28, 2020.

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Submitting an Event for Publication in the Witan?

Please [click here](#) to submit events and news items for inclusion in the Witan.

OCS News You Can Use

Happy Thanksgiving and Good Luck on Finals!

All of us at OCS are wishing you a great end to the semester. As we count our blessings, we are grateful for all of you!

Ice Cream Sundaes!

Next week, take a break from finals and stop by OCS to build your own ice cream sundae. We will have ice cream and all the toppings. Join us on **Tuesday, December 3**, at 1:00 p.m. and again on **Monday, December 9**, at 1:00 p.m. You deserve a break!

Attention ALL Students: Check Your Email for Job Opportunities

Last week, OCS emailed all students about the Public Service Career Fair and the St. Mary's Spring Recruitment Program. You will also receive an email this week from the host of the Public Service Career Fair, UT Law. 1Ls and 2Ls can apply for Summer 2020 jobs, and 3Ls can apply for post-grad positions. Still reading? The first 3 students who mention this Easter egg to us this week, get a prize.

Email Us Your Resumes and Cover Letters

Need to update your approved resume? Email us any resumes and cover letters you would like us to review at lawcareerstrategy@stmarytx.edu.

Please note that our last day of the semester is Friday, December 20. If you would like your documents before the winter break, email us no later than noon on **Wednesday, December 18**. We will reopen on Monday, January 6, when the University re-opens.

You can also send us your resume and cover letters on January 6, when we all return to campus. To guarantee they are reviewed before the January 10 application deadline for the two career programs, please email them to us by noon on January 8.

Save the Date for these Upcoming Events

- January 8, 2020 – What I Did Last Summer, 12 p.m.

- January 13, 2020 – Salary Negotiation Workshop, 12:15 p.m.


Announcements

University Closure this Week

In observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday, no classes will be held and University offices will be closed Wednesday, November 27 through Friday, November 29.

The Sarita Kenedy East Law Library will be closed Wednesday, November 27 and Thursday, November 28. It will reopen Friday, November 29 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 a.m, Saturday, November 30, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 a.m. and Sunday December 1, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 a.m.

Emergency Loan and Refund Information for Spring 2020

The Office of Financial Assistance will extend an opportunity for requesting an emergency loan to those students who are awarded financial aid that exceeds direct costs (tuition, residence hall, meal plan, book charge, and required fees). *If you qualify*, you may submit the emergency loan agreement  [emergency loan application spring 2020.pdf](#) 458.58 KB .PDF to them **no later than Friday, December 6, 2019**. The amount of your request CANNOT exceed \$2,000.00 and will be deducted from future refunds.

Students approved for an emergency loan and enrolled in direct deposit will be issued a refund on **December 27, 2019**. For those not enrolled on direct deposit, a physical check will be mailed to your permanent address on file **January 6, 2020**.

To avoid delays in receiving your emergency loan refund and mail services, we highly encourage all students to go to their GATEWAY portal and enroll in the electronic E-Refund option by following the quick steps below no later than **Tuesday, December 3, 2019**.

1. Log into Gateway and select the *Billing and Payment Center* option from the *Launchpad* menu on the homepage.
2. Select *Electronic Refunds* on the *My Profile* setup menu.
3. Select *Set Up Account*.
4. Enter your bank account information.

For additional information on student refunds, please review the Business Office [refund policy](#).

SPRING REFUND DATE INFORMATION

Financial Aid will post to your student account on January 9, 2020. The first scheduled date for Law School refund checks is January 15, 2020.

If you plan on applying for an alternative loan (Graduate PLUS, College Access, or other loans) for the spring semester, you must do so as soon as possible to allow ample processing time. Students who are expecting a private loan in the form of a physical check will need to inquire with the Business Office for processing time.

If you have any questions regarding your financial assistance, you can submit your questions by [email](#) or by calling 210.436.3141.

Miracle on 36th Street

Annual Toy Drive through Tuesday, December 10

Students, faculty and staff are invited to give back this Christmas season by participating in the Miracle on 36th Street Toy Drive to help local families in need. Stop by the Christmas tree in the Raba Building or in the Law Library Commons to select an ornament labeled with the gender and age of a child in need. Bring the unwrapped gift for the child you selected and place it under the tree with the corresponding ornament. Gifts will be accepted through Tuesday, December 10. For more information, contact the University Police Department at upd@stmarytx.edu or telephone 210.436.3330.

Jigsaw Puzzle in the Law Library Commons

Final exams are around the corner. Do you need to de-stress during finals? Stop by the jigsaw puzzle in the Law Commons and add a few pieces between classes. The first puzzle only takes two days to complete – how long will this one take? Come and see for yourself!

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Free Access to Thousands of E-books on LexisNexis

LexisNexis treatises, study aids, desk books, and more are now accessible to law students through the law library's subscription. **St. Mary's University Digital Library** provides access to more than a thousand volumes of legal eBooks you can access anytime, anywhere. Visit <http://skell.law.overdrive.com> and enter your school email address. You can browse the available materials in the digital collection and access both the Questions and Answers series and Understanding series to help you study.

Exam Policies and Procedures – for Students

[Revised November 2019]

GENERAL POLICIES

Faculty will not proctor exams. This task will be undertaken by outside, independent proctors hired by the law school. Proctors are in each of the exam rooms, as well as outside the Men's and Women's restrooms in the Law Classroom Building.

Proctors are to supervise the exam process, enforce rules, and eliminate the opportunity to cheat. Each Proctor shall treat all students with respect at all times. Each exam room will have assigned seat numbers prominently displayed in front of the seats in the room. Students will be seated, following the check-in process described below, according to the randomly-assigned seat numbers provided to the Proctors by the Office of the Associate Dean. Students will not have access to this list prior to the check-in process.

CHECK-IN PROCEDURE

Students may not enter their exam room any earlier than fifteen minutes (i.e., 7:45 a.m., 12:45 p.m., or 5:45 p.m.) before the scheduled start. No student will be checked into the exam room until fifteen minutes before the scheduled exam time. Any student who is in the exam room before the official check-in time will be asked to leave the exam room by the proctor until the formal check-in process begins. Students will be checked-in to their assigned exam room by presenting their St. Mary's-issued student photo ID **OR** valid government-issued ID to the proctor. The student will be confirmed by the proctor and told her/his seat number for that exam.

Students without the proper ID will not be allowed in the exam room. The check-in table will have ear plugs, pencils (if the exam is using a scantron), and, if the exam allows both laptop and handwriting, a blue book for students who are handwriting. Students who are handwriting may pick-up only one (1) blue book upon check-in. If a second blue book is needed once the exam is underway, the student will raise her/his hand and the proctor will bring a second blue book to the student.

Students arriving late to the exam will be checked in according to the above procedure in the regular exam room, and will not be given any additional time to complete their exam. Proctors will NOT have access to the students' exam numbers at any time during the exam administration. It is the responsibility of the student to have her/his exam number prior to entering the exam room.

Students must keep their photo ID face-up on their desk top by their seat number throughout the exam.

Students can have only their photo ID, pencils, erasers, a pencil sharpener, pens, and highlighters at their seat. If a student is using a laptop computer with ExamSoft already loaded, the student may also have the laptop and its power cord at their seat.

ITEMS NOT ALLOWED IN THE EXAM ROOM

STUDENTS MAY NOT BRING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING BANNED DEVICES INTO THE EXAM ROOM:

- **CELL PHONES**
- **SMART WATCHES**
- **TABLETS**
- **ANY OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICE** except for a laptop if the exam can be taken using ExamSoft or as otherwise approved by the individual [professor]

DRINKS IN ANY SORT OF CONTAINER

- **FOOD or CANDY**

Students are strongly urged not to bring any backpacks, purses, clutches, rolling bags, or the like into the exam room. **If a student attempts to check in with any backpack, purse, laptop bag, rolling bag or the like, the student will be instructed to place all of these items at the front of the room behind the podium. Any cell phones brought into the exam room must be TURNED OFF and placed in the front of the room.** Please note that if a large number of students bring these items to the exam room and place them at the front of the room, it may be disruptive or a nuisance when it comes time to retrieve them at the end of the exam.

For an exam that is modified closed (faculty may allow their students to bring in specific items such as textbook, code book, printed notes, printed outlines, or non-wireless calculator, and this will be conveyed to the proctor in the manifest) the student must carry the items in her/his hands. **If a student attempts to check in with any backpack, purse, laptop bag, rolling bag or the like, the student will be instructed to place all of these items at the front of the room behind the podium.**

Hats, caps, sunglasses, keys, etc. must be placed in the students' bags at the front of the room OR on the floor by their seat. These items may not be on the desktop.

Scratch paper will be available unless the professor for a specific course instructs otherwise.

EXAM PLEDGE AND HANDING OUT EXAMS

Students will be required to complete the *School of Law Exam Pledge*, placed by their assigned seat prior to check-in, for each exam in each course. By completing the *Exam Pledge*, the student certifies that he/she does not have a cell phone or other banned electronic device, and acknowledges that the student will submit all required exam materials at the end of the exam.

The *Exam Pledge* will be kept in the Office of the Associate Dean and will NOT be given to the professor.

Other material that may be placed at each assigned seat, depending on the type of exam and instructions by the professor, include a scantron, blue book (if laptops are not allowed and answers are to be handwritten only), or scratch paper (if allowed by the professor).

The exams will be handed out to each student while picking-up the completed *Exam Pledge* according to their numbered seat/test number at the start of the scheduled exam time (i.e., 8:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.) unless there is still a line for students waiting to be checked in by the proctor. **The Proctor will not give an exam to a student without first picking up the completed Exam Pledge. No exam will be placed at a seat unless the student is in her/his place.**

PREPARING TO START THE EXAM - HANDWRITING AND LAPTOPPING

Students must place their **4-digit Law School PIN (exam number)** on all exam materials, to include the exam questions, scantron, blue book or scratch paper. Student names must NEVER be written on any exam materials.

For exams using a scantron, the student must write and bubble-in their 4-digit Law School PIN (exam number) once they are at their assigned seat. The student must write and bubble-in the 2-digit number once the student is handed the exam by the proctor. The 2-digit test number is printed on the colored cover sheet of the exam.

All laptop users **MUST** bring and use a power adapter for their computer. If they do not bring it with them, they must write their exam in a bluebook. Students planning to type their exam must run the law school's prescribed exam software regardless of whether the exam is open book or closed book. Students must download ExamSoft (for exams where allowed) prior to the start of the exam period.

Students who intend to laptop must immediately launch ExamSoft when they enter the exam room and shall not turn on their computers and pull up their notes, outline, etc. to study in the exam room. Students cannot connect to the internet except for the SoftTest website.

Students who are lapping must get to the "Stop" (PC) or "i" (Mac) screen and wait for further instructions from the professor. The "Spell Check" feature is available for ExamSoft users **Students planning to type using ExamSoft who are not able to successfully launch SoftTest at the start of the exam must handwrite. Any lost time will not be given back to the student to complete the exam.**

The start of an exam will not be delayed to wait for a laptop user to finish uploading or launching the exam. A laptop user **MUST** be ready and at the "STOP" (for PC) or "i" (for Mac) when all other students in the exam room are ready to begin. Any laptop user who is NOT ready **MUST** handwrite and will be handed a blue book by the proctor.

If a student arrives late to an exam she/he will NOT be allowed to laptop and MUST handwrite.

Bluebook writers and laptop users will begin their exams at the same time.

DURING THE EXAM

Proctors will use the on-screen stopwatch to post the exam time for the room; it will provide a countdown of the time remaining on the exam that all students can see.

Proctors are required to QUIETLY walk around during the examination approximately at unpredictable intervals every hour of the exam. In rooms where there are 2 proctors, 1 proctor will be at the back of the room and 1 proctor at the front throughout the exam.

Students who are **handwriting** receive 1 blue book at check-in. If a student needs a second blue book to complete the exam, the student must raise his/her hand and the proctor will bring the blue book to the student. A student should not rip pages from the Bluebook.

Students who are **laptoping** will not have IT support once the exam begins. If a laptop crashes or freezes during an exam, the student must raise her/his hand and the proctor will bring a blue book and allow the student to complete the exam by handwriting the remainder of the exam. However, no extra time will be allowed to finish the exam, The Administration will ensure the professor receives both the portion of the exam completed on ExamSoft and the portion completed in a blue book.

Students will be instructed to raise their hands if they have a question or problem once the exam is in progress. Proctors will walk to the student to answer any questions once the exam is in progress.

Students are permitted to use the restrooms only in the building where they are taking the exam; **only one student is allowed to be out of the exam room for a restroom break at a time**. Students must leave their student ID and all exam materials with the proctor in the front of the room and may not take any materials with them during an exam break. Students will provide their test number to the proctor, who will log the departure and return time of the student on a log sheet. Each restroom will have a dedicated proctor. Students must return within five minutes and will not receive additional time on their exam.

Students are not permitted to leave the building where they are taking an exam for any reason until they have completed their exam. Students are **NOT** permitted to leave their seats during the last 5 minutes of the exam.

EXAM CONCLUSION

No student is allowed to leave the room, or turn in her/his exam, during the last 5 minutes of the exam. The proctor will announce when 5 minutes are remaining and that all students are to remain in their seats until time is called proctor will loudly announce "STOP WORK" at the end of the exam time. Any student who continues to write or type will be noted on the Exam Manifest by the proctor and reported to the Administration, with the exact amount of time the student continued to write or type.

Students using ExamSoft must upload their completed exam at the end of the exam administration once time has been called by the proctor. A green "Congratulations" screen will appear after a successful upload. A student shall not leave the classroom until she/he has received this notice. If a student fails to upload their exam immediately after the exam has ended and before leaving the exam room, the professor will be notified of the delay and the extent of the delay by the law school administration. **The professor may lower the student's grade based on the reported delay.**

Once the student has turned in the examination and any required supporting materials (scantron, blue book, scratch paper) he/she must leave the room as quickly as possible and proceed outside. Students must leave the building once they have completed their exam and are not to remain in the hallways where they could cause a disturbance to other students still taking an exam.

Health & Wellness

San Antonio First Tuesday Lawyer Wellness Group

The Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) has started **San Antonio First Tuesday Lawyer Wellness Group**. Law students are invited to join this group. This is a monthly educational wellness group for lawyers and law students to learn about a variety of mental health and wellness issues that lawyers often face and how to address them. Their next meeting is **Tuesday, December 3, 6:30 –**

7:30 p.m., Alamo Heights Methodist Church, Room EAST 221, 825 Basse Road, San Antonio, Texas 78209. Food will be served. Please RSVP to 1.800.343.8527. Parking is free.

Chair Massages, Yoga and Meditation this Month

Enrich your mind, body and soul to enhance your academic performance. Live a healthier lifestyle and achieve a more balanced life. The Law School community is invited to take advantage of the health and wellness activities planned this semester. Mark your calendar for the next event.

- Yoga & Meditation Class – 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., **Tuesday, December 3**. Bring your own mat. Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Practicing yoga improves balance, endurance, flexibility, and strength, while meditation helps keep the mind sharp, relieves stress and anxiety, and strengthen your immune system. Keep your body and mind healthy and happy!

University Sponsored Student Activities

Explore any or all events/activities sponsored by the University for all students across campus.

- Every Wednesday, Trivia Night, 8- 10 p.m. at The Pub
- Wednesday, 12/4, 7:00 p.m., Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, at Fountain in front of St. Louis Hall

Take a Break and Exercise

One of the key aspects of being a successful law student is the ability to maintain a balance in all areas of life and a little exercise can go a long way. The AA & CC (Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center) is a great place to work out, do some open lap swimming, and find out about Intramural sports. Hours of operation are:

Monday - Thursday 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Friday 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 - 10:00 p.m.

If you would like to form a law school basketball or volleyball team please call 210.431.5046 to find out more information on availability and scheduling. For more information visit:

<https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/campus-life/play/campus-recreation>.

Kickboxing Fitness Class

Join campus recreation for a Kickboxing Fitness Class this semester. Held each Tuesday in the Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center, Movement Studio, 6:15 – 7:15 pm. For more information please visit <https://ems-app.stmarytx.edu/MasterCalendar/EventDetails.aspx?EventDetailId=76318>.

Hip-Hop Fitness Class

Dance, get healthy and have fun with Hip-Hop Fitness classes offered through the Campus Recreation Department. Classes are held Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center, Movement Studio. For more information please visit <https://ems-app.stmarytx.edu/MasterCalendar/EventDetails.aspx?EventDetailId=76343>.

Zumba Fitness Class

Exercise in disguise with Zumba. Classes meet every Thursday, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center, Movement Studio. For more information please visit <https://ems-app.stmarytx.edu/MasterCalendar/EventDetails.aspx?EventDetailId=76332>.

Recipe of the Week

Kale Salad with Quinoa and Cranberries

<https://www.skinnytaste.com/kale-salad-with-quinoa-and-cranberries/>

Prep Time: 15 mins | Cook Time: 5 mins | Total Time: 20 mins | Yield: 4 servings

This hearty, fall Kale Salad with Quinoa and Cranberries is made even better by massaging the kale which helps break down the tough cell structure and gives the raw kale a softer texture and gentler flavor.

Ingredients

For the dressing:

- 1 large garlic clove, grated or finely minced
- 1 small shallot, minced
- Juice of 1 lemon
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 teaspoon pure maple syrup
- Kosher salt to taste
- Freshly ground black pepper to taste

For the salad:

- 1 bunch lacinato kale, center ribs removed, leaves finely chopped
- ¼ cup sliced almonds
- 1 cup cooked quinoa
- ¼ cup dried cranberries
- 2 tablespoons grated or shaved Parmesan cheese

Instructions

1. Combine all of the ingredients for the dressing in a large bowl and set aside while you prep the kale. (This will soften the shallots and allow the flavors to get friendly).
2. Add the chopped kale to the bowl with the dressing. Massage the kale in handfuls—literally rub the leaves between your fingers—for a minute or two, until the leaves soften and darken in color. (Yes, I know giving your salad a rubdown is a little weird, but it's worth it. DO NOT SKIP THIS STEP.) Briefly set aside.
3. Toast the almonds. Heat a small skillet over medium heat. (Do not put any oil in the pan!) Add the almonds to the pan and cook for 2 to 3 minutes, shaking the pan regularly, until golden brown and fragrant. Immediately transfer to a small bowl.
4. Add the quinoa, along with half of the almonds and half of the cranberries to the kale and toss to combine.
5. Transfer your salad to a serving platter or plates, top with the remaining almonds and cranberries, and sprinkle with the cheese.

Serving: 1/4 of salad — Calories: 226kcal | Carbohydrates: 27g | Protein: 6g | Fat: 11g | Saturated Fat: 1.5g | Cholesterol: 2mg | Sodium: 149mg | Fiber: 3g | Sugar: 7g

Notices

Law Students with Disabilities

Students who need accommodations for a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Office of Student Accessibility Services located in the Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139 (directly behind the Raba building). Their telephone number is 210.431.5080, email accessibility@stmarytx.edu or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the *Student Handbook* on Gateway for more information. Deadline to apply for Spring 2020 is Thursday, **April 9, 2020**.

Student E-mail Accounts

Each student is assigned a Law School e-mail account and is required to check this account daily. Faculty and the Administration use e-mail to communicate with students and to send official notices. Students are deemed to have knowledge of all communications from the Faculty and Administration sent to their Law School e-mail address. Therefore, not checking the school email account is not an acceptable defense for not responding to information disseminated by email. Additionally, various professors may have more specific requirements with respect to e-mail, TWEN, Blackboard and Canvas classrooms.

CLSJ in the Law Commons

Have questions on Clinic, Externships, or Pro Bono? The Center for Legal & Social Justice (CLSJ) will be taking over the Law Commons **every Wednesday** from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Drop by, say hello, and get some information on what we do and how you can benefit from it. Remember - Externship placements and Pro Bono opportunities are available on CORE.

Claim Your Free ABA Membership

As a law student, you need to focus on your studies while keeping an eye on your future. With so much to prepare, let the American Bar Association help. [Join the ABA today](#) for free and enjoy access to a multitude of resources to help you succeed.

- Complimentary membership in up to five Member Groups like the Law Student Division, Civil Rights & Social Justice, Family Law and other law practice areas
- 30-day Quimbee Gold Plan free trial with access to its entire library of case briefs, video lessons, multiple-choice quizzes, and outlines
- ABA Career Center access which gives you monthly articles, live and on-demand webinars, podcasts and a job board for law students
- ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ROLI) participation which promotes justice, economic opportunity and human dignity through the rule of law
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Lockers Now Available

The Student Bar Association is now renting lockers in the Law Library. You can rent a locker by completing the "Locker Rental Agreement Form" on the Student Bar Association's Rattler Tracks page. If you have any questions, please contact the SBA Treasurer, Jennifer Mendez Lopez, at jmendezlopez@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Community Service Requirement

All JD students who matriculate Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. Students must complete at least ten (10) hours toward the 30 hour requirement before the end of their first year of law school and at least twenty (20) hours before the end of their second year of law school.

No more than fifteen (15) of the service hours may be general community service hours with a qualifying non-profit or public entity. At least fifteen (15) hours must be law school-approved hours.

For more information, please reference the [Community Service Requirement](#) section of the School of Law website. With questions, please contact Gregory Zlotnick at gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu.

Navigating Law School

If you are a first generation law student and would like to speak with Dean Haynes about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment with Dean Haynes at calendly.com/ahaynes5.

Film and the Law

If you enjoy movies and would be interested in working with Dean Haynes to set up a "Film and the Law" series during the Fall semester, please contact Dean Haynes at ahaynes5@stmarytx.edu.

University Policies and Procedures on Non-Discrimination

St. Mary's University is committed to providing a safe, equitable, and fair environment where students can pursue academic excellence. Policies and procedures have been developed to foster and sustain such an environment and apply to all courses offered at the university. Students need to be aware of these policies and procedures, which can be found in *Gateway* (<https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/>). Please become familiar with these important policies and procedures, which include:

- Nondiscrimination, Sexual and Other Forms of Harassment <https://www.stmarytx.edu/about/title-ix/>
- Students with Disability <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/disability-rights/>
- Human Subjects Research <https://www.stmarytx.edu/compliance/research-compliance/>

Need a Break?

Tired of sitting and reading? Do you need a break? Need some fresh air? Well we have a solution: GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY. Now available at the law library circulation desk you can check out a football (nerf or regular), soccer ball, volleyball, kickball or basket toss with more options on the way. You will need your student ID to check out equipment.

Noise Levels in the Law Classrooms Building

Please remember that classes are in session during most hours, day and evening in the Law Classrooms building. Please be mindful, courteous and quiet when exiting classes and help keep noise levels in the hallways to a minimum.

Inviting Dignitaries to Campus

All law school student organizations are reminded to submit a request for approval prior to inviting a dignitary to the School of Law. **The form must be completed prior to contacting and inviting a dignitary to campus. Requests should be made 45 days prior to the scheduled event.** A Visiting Dignitary

includes, diplomats, local public figures including but not limited to, the Archbishop of San Antonio, judges, and other elected officials. Forms can be found online on Gateway at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/university-communications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>.

Tobacco Use Policy On Campus

Smoking and smokeless tobacco products will be allowed only within designated locations on the St. Mary's University campus. Visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/administration-finance/tobacco-use-on-campus/> to learn more.

Do Not Remove Classroom Chairs

Please note that chairs should not be removed from their existing row or from any of the classrooms. This causes problems with class delays and professors seating charts for attendance purposes. If a chair must be removed, please ensure you return it to its original location.

Academic Support

Law School Resources

The Student Counseling Center
Center for Life Directions Building
(Next to the RABA Building)
(210) 436-3135
Emergency (after-hours and weekends):
(210) 825-3622

ileana Velazquez, M.A., LPC
(210) 431-4225
RABA 208
ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Ministry
(210) 436-3063
RABA 105
gwalle@stmarytx.edu

Office of Student Accessibility Services (SAS)
Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139
(210) 431-5080
accessibility@stmarytx.edu

Student Health Center
Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor
(210) 436-3506—office line
(210) 436-3656—fax line
healthcenter@stmarytx.edu

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center
Campus Recreation AACC 2145
210-436-3997
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation>

National Suicide Prevention Line
1-800-273-8255

Veterans Crisis Line
1-800-273-8255 and press 1

Food Bank at Holy Rosary

Running short on finances? Need a little help with groceries? Holy Rosary Church along with St. Vincent de Paul Society is open to students on Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The church is located at 155 Camino Santa Maria. Please have your St. Mary's ID ready. For more information contact ileana Velazquez at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu.

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program
Chris Ritter
1-800-343-8527
www.tlaphelps.org

Texas Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers (LCL) Meetings
CALL IN:
Fridays at Noon: 800-393-0640, enter code 676745
Third Thursday at Noon: 800-393-0640, enter code 676745

If you need assistance in accessing any resources or referrals to other resources, please contact ileana Velazquez at (210) 431-4225 or by email at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu.

Ministry

Bible Class with Professor Addicott

Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." The Bible class is non-denominational and are held in Room 102B, the small conference room at the Warrior Defense Project in the Raba Building, at 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, and 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. The classes are 45 minutes long and cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching. Bring your Bible, pen and notebook. For more information, contact Katie Salinas at csalinas2@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Liturgy and Worship Schedule

University Ministry invites the St. Mary's University community to weekly Liturgy and worship. Weekday mass is offered for all members and friends of the St. Mary's University community. The schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 12:15 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Sunday 11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, and Sunday evening, 9:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel. For more information, contact University Ministry at 210.431.2053 or msmith6@stmarytx.edu.

Confirmation and RCIA Faith Program

Confirmation Program

Began: September 11, 2019
Ends: February 16, 2020 (Intercollegiate Confirmation Mass)

English Classes: Thursday's 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. & Thursday's 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Location: AACC Classroom 2155

Spanish Classes: Wednesday's 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.
Location: University Ministry, Julieta's Office

RCIA Program

Began: October 2, 2019
Ends: April 11, 2019 (Easter Vigil Mass)

English Classes: Wednesday's 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Location: AACC Classroom 2155

For more information on the Confirmation and/or the RCIA Faith Program, please contact Julieta Sanchez at jsanchez95@stmarytx.edu or 210.436.3304.

Writing Competitions and Scholarships

If a link is not provided for detailed information to any of the writing competitions or scholarships described below, please email Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu. Indicates a new scholarship opportunity added this week.

The Pinkerton Law Firm.

<https://www.law.uh.edu/financialaid/Pinkerton%20Law%20Review%20Letter.pdf>. Write articles for the Pinkerton Law Review. \$2,500 top writer awards (five). \$10,000 writer of the year award (one).

The National Law Review is now accepting submissions. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

Federal Bar Association. <http://www.fedbar.org/Foundation/Robert-A-McNew-Law-Student-Scholarship.aspx>. \$5,000. Deadline to apply is November 30, 2019.

Entertainment Law Initiative. <https://grammy.com/eli>. \$10,000. Two \$2,500. Deadline to apply is January 2, 2020.

Center for Alcohol Policy. <https://www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org/essay-contest/>. \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,000. Deadline to apply is January 17, 2020.

Jackson Lewis. <https://www.kentlaw.iit.edu/institutes-centers/institute-for-law-and-the-workplace/louis-jackson-writing-competition>. One \$3,000 and two \$1,000. Deadline to apply is January 22, 2020.

State Bar of Texas Women and the Law Section's [2020 Texas Law Student Writing Competition](#). \$1,000 and \$500. Deadline to apply is February 28, 2020

WITAN St. Mary's University School of Law

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Submitting an Event for Publication in the Witan?

Please [click here](#) to submit events and news items for inclusion in the Witan.

Informational Meeting on Study in China Wednesday, January 15, 2020 11:50 a.m. – 12:50 p.m. Law Classroom 100

The law school's study abroad program in China will be held May 24 – June 28, 2020 in Beijing. The program offers 6-credits in four courses, plus an opportunity to intern with a Chinese law firm (no Chinese language required). If you are interested in learning more about this program, please join Professor Hu for this informational meeting. Lunch will be provided to first 20 students to arrive at the meeting.

Can't join the meeting but want to learn about the program? Email Professor Hu at rhu@stmarytx.edu.

OCS News You Can Use

Welcome Back!

We hope you had a wonderful winter break. We have a lot of information in this Witan, including information about upcoming events and opportunities for 1Ls, a diversity fellowship for 2Ls, and a bar-prep scholarship opportunity for 3Ls. Spring 2020 is off to a great start!

January 10th Deadline for Job Applications

This Friday, January 10, at noon, is the deadline to apply for positions through both the Public Service Career Fair and the Spring Recruitment Program.

How to Negotiate Salary and Benefits

Struggling with the question of how to negotiate your salary when looking for a job? Join us for a panel discussion, "How to Negotiate Salary and Benefits," co-sponsored by the WLA and the Office of Career Strategy. The program will take place on Monday, January 13, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Law Alumni Room.

Winner Winner Chicken Dinner

Thank you to every student who participated in our November "Claim Your Candy Bar" campaign. We enjoyed meeting with all of you, and providing each of you with tailored career advice. Congratulations to Ethan Longoria, Amanda Ornelas, Bernie Paredes, Evan Santos, and Carin Wieters, who all won tickets and a food/beverage voucher to Alamo Drafthouse.

Opt In for Event Reminders

We are excited to launch a pilot program this semester to send day-of event reminders to your cell phone via text. Rest assured, we will only send text messages to those who opt in to the pilot. If you would like to receive reminders on your phone about events happening that day, please send an e-mail with your name and cell phone number to lawcareerstrategy@stmarytx.edu; please use "Text" as the subject line. Still reading? The first three students who email lawcareerstrategy@stmarytx.edu and mention this Easter egg, get a prize.

1Ls: Norton Rose Reception

Norton Rose Fulbright is a global law firm with an office here in San Antonio. All 1Ls are invited to join attorneys from Norton Rose for breakfast tacos this Wednesday, January 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in the Atrium. Be sure to stop by on your way to class!

1Ls: What I Did Last Summer: Conversations with 2Ls and 3Ls About Their Summer Experiences

Now that you are starting your second semester of law school, your next step is to get a job for Summer 2020. Come chat informally with upper-class students about their summer work experience this Wednesday, January 8, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Law Alumni Room. Learn about the myriad ways you can gain practical legal experience in a variety of settings. Lunch will be served!

1Ls: January 10th Deadline to Schedule Advising Appointment

This Friday, January 10, is the last day for you to schedule an appointment with your assigned career advisor as part of your LCAP II requirement. To receive credit, students must meet with their career advisor between now and March 6, 2020. As a reminder, Greg Yates advises all evening students and day-division students whose last names begin with A-K, and Dean Robin Thorner advises day-division students whose last names begin with L-Z.

1Ls: Husch Blackwell Reception in Austin

Interested in working in Austin? Husch Blackwell cordially invites all first-year law students to attend an evening of cocktails and hors d'oeuvres with members of their Hiring and Recruiting Committee. The reception will take place on Thursday, January 16, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Cedar Door, 201 Brazos St., Austin, Texas. Please RSVP by January 9 to Jennifer Porti at jennifer.porti@huschblackwell.com. For more information about this event, please see the Events section in CORE.

1Ls: Diversity & Inclusion Fellowships

- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity 1L Scholars Program, Various Deadlines
- Please see the "Diversity & Inclusion" folder in the Resource Library in CORE for a detailed list of all Texas opportunities

2Ls: ABA Business Law Section Diversity Clerkship

Diverse 2Ls are invited to apply for the [ABA Business Law Section Diversity Clerkship](#). Participants receive support and mentoring in the business law field and exposure to business practices. Participants receive a \$3,000 stipend to offset participation costs. To view qualifications and application requirements, visit [ambar.org/blclerkship](#). Applications are due January 8, 2020.

3Ls: Bar Prep Scholarship

The Diversity in the Profession Committee of the State Bar of Texas invites all 3Ls who are taking the 2020 Texas Bar Exam to apply for a bar prep scholarship. They are looking for candidates with backgrounds traditionally under-represented in the legal profession. For more information about this opportunity, please see the email sent by Kimberly Underdown on Monday, December 16, 2019.

Save the Date for these Upcoming Events

- Monday, January 13 – How to Negotiate Salary and Benefits, 12:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 22 – Exploring Family Law Careers, 12:00 p.m.
- Monday, January 27 – Exploring Criminal Law Careers, 12:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 29 – Exploring Immigration Law Careers, 12:00 p.m.

Student Organizations

APALSA Spring Meeting

The Asian and Pacific American Law Student Association (APALSA) will host their first event of the Spring on **January 29**, at 12:30 p.m. in the Law Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Come listen to guest speaker Mr. Rahul Patel, Managing Partner of Patel | Gaines discuss his experiences in the legal field and the challenges he faced as a Managing Partner. Everyone from the St. Mary's University community is welcome to attend. APALSA will provide complimentary pizza and soft drinks. For more information or if you have a question, please contact APALSA President, Ankit Saggi asaggi@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Announcements

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Recipe of the Week

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<https://www.skinnytaste.com/kale-salad-with-quinoa-and-cranberries/>

Prep Time: 15 mins | Cook Time: 5 mins | Total Time: 20 mins | Yield: 4 servings

This hearty, Kale Salad with Quinoa and Cranberries is made even better by massaging the kale which helps break down the tough cell structure and gives the raw kale a softer texture and gentler flavor.

Ingredients

For the dressing:

- 1 large garlic clove, grated or finely minced
- 1 small shallot, minced
- Juice of 1 lemon
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 teaspoon pure maple syrup
- Kosher salt to taste
- Freshly ground black pepper to taste

For the salad:

- 1 bunch lacinato kale, center ribs removed, leaves finely chopped
- ¼ cup sliced almonds
- 1 cup cooked quinoa
- ¼ cup dried cranberries
- 2 tablespoons grated or shaved Parmesan cheese

Instructions

1. Combine all of the ingredients for the dressing in a large bowl and set aside while you prep the kale. (This will soften the shallots and allow the flavors to get friendly).
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4. Add the quinoa, along with half of the almonds and half of the cranberries to the kale and toss to combine.
5. Transfer your salad to a serving platter or plates, top with the remaining almonds and cranberries, and sprinkle with the cheese.

Serving: 1/4 of salad — Calories: 226kcal | Carbohydrates: 27g | Protein: 6g | Fat: 11g | Saturated Fat: 1.5g | Cholesterol: 2mg | Sodium: 149mg | Fiber: 3g | Sugar: 7g

Notices

Law Students with Disabilities

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Student E-mail Accounts

Each student is assigned a Law School e-mail account and is required to check this account daily. Faculty and the Administration use e-mail to communicate with students and to send official notices. Students are deemed to have knowledge of all communications from the Faculty and Administration sent to their Law School e-mail address. Therefore, not checking the school email account is not an acceptable defense for not responding to information disseminated by email. Additionally, various professors may have more specific requirements with respect to e-mail, TWEN, Blackboard and Canvas classrooms.

CLSJ in the Law Commons

Have questions on Clinic, Externships, or Pro Bono? The Center for Legal & Social Justice (CLSJ) will be taking over the Law Commons **every Wednesday** from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Drop by, say hello, and get some information on what we do and how you can benefit from it. Remember - Externship placements and Pro Bono opportunities are available on CORE.

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As a law student, you need to focus on your studies while keeping an eye on your future. With so much to prepare, let the American Bar Association help. [Join the ABA today](#) for free and enjoy access to a multitude of resources to help you succeed.

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Lockers Now Available

The Student Bar Association is now renting lockers in the Law Library. You can rent a locker by completing the "Locker Rental Agreement Form" on the Student Bar Association's Rattler Tracks page. If you have any questions, please contact the SBA Treasurer, Jennifer Mendez Lopez, at jmendezlopez@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Community Service Requirement

All JD students who matriculate Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. Students must complete at least ten (10) hours toward the 30 hour requirement before the end of their first year of law school and at least twenty (20) hours before the end of their second year of law school.

No more than fifteen (15) of the service hours may be general community service hours with a qualifying non-profit or public entity. At least fifteen (15) hours must be law school-approved hours.

For more information, please reference the [Community Service Requirement](#) section of the School of Law website. With questions, please contact Gregory Zlotnick at gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu.

Navigating Law School

If you are a first generation law student and would like to speak with Dean Haynes about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment with Dean Haynes at calendly.com/ahaynes5.

Film and the Law

If you enjoy movies and would be interested in working with Dean Haynes to set up a "Film and the Law" series during the Fall semester, please contact Dean Haynes at ahaynes5@stmarytx.edu.

University Policies and Procedures on Non-Discrimination

St. Mary's University is committed to providing a safe, equitable, and fair environment where students can pursue academic excellence. Policies and procedures have been developed to foster and sustain such an environment and apply to all courses offered at the university. Students need to be aware of these policies and procedures, which can be found in *Gateway*

(<https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/>). Please become familiar with these important policies and procedures, which include:

- Nondiscrimination, Sexual and Other Forms of Harassment
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/about/title-ix/>
- Students with Disability
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/disability-rights/>
- Human Subjects Research <https://www.stmarytx.edu/compliance/research-compliance/>

Need a Break?

Tired of sitting and reading? Do you need a break? Need some fresh air? Well we have a solution: GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY. Now available at the law library circulation desk you can check out a football (nerf or regular), soccer ball, volleyball, kickball or basket toss with more options on the way. You will need your student ID to check out equipment.

Noise Levels in the Law Classrooms Building

Please remember that classes are in session during most hours, day and evening in the Law Classrooms building. Please be mindful, courteous and quiet when exiting classes and help keep noise levels in the hallways to a minimum.

Inviting Dignitaries to Campus

All law school student organizations are reminded to submit a request for approval prior to inviting a dignitary to the School of Law. **The form must be completed prior to contacting and inviting a dignitary to campus. Requests should be made 45 days prior to the scheduled event.** A Visiting Dignitary includes, diplomats, local public figures including but not limited to, the Archbishop of San Antonio, judges, and other elected officials. Forms can be found online on Gateway at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/university-communications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>.

Tobacco Use Policy On Campus

Smoking and smokeless tobacco products will be allowed only within designated locations on the St. Mary's University campus. Visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/administration-finance/tobacco-use-on-campus/> to learn more.

Do Not Remove Classroom Chairs

Please note that chairs should not be removed from their existing row or from any of the classrooms. This causes problems with class delays and professors seating charts for attendance purposes. If a chair must be removed, please ensure you return it to its original location.

Academic Support

Law School Resources

The Student Counseling Center
Center for Life Directions Building
(Next to the RABA Building)
(210) 436-3135

ileana Velazquez, M.A., LPC
(210) 431-4225
RABA 208
ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu

Emergency (after-hours and weekends):
(210) 825-3622

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Ministry
(210) 436-3063
RABA 105
gwalle@stmarytx.edu

Office of Student Accessibility Services (SAS)
Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139
(210) 431-5080
accessibility@stmarytx.edu

Student Health Center
Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor
(210) 436-3506—office line
(210) 436-3656—fax line
healthcenter@stmarytx.edu

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center
Campus Recreation AACC 2145
210-436-3997
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation>

National Suicide Prevention Line
1-800-273-8255

Veterans Crisis Line
1-800-273-8255 and press 1

Food Bank at Holy Rosary

Running short on finances? Need a little help with groceries? Holy Rosary Church along with St. Vincent de Paul Society is open to students on Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The church is located at 155 Camino Santa Maria. Please have your St. Mary's ID ready. For more information contact ileana Velazquez at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu.

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program
Chris Ritter
1-800-343-8527
www.tlaphelps.org

Texas Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers (LCL) Meetings
CALL IN:
Fridays at Noon: 800-393-0640, enter code 676745
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Ministry

Bible Class with Professor Addicott

Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." The Bible class is non-denominational and are held in Room 102B, the small conference room at the Warrior Defense Project in the Raba Building, at 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, and 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. The classes are 45 minutes long and cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching. Bring your Bible, pen and notebook. For more information, contact Katie Salinas at ksalinas2@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Liturgy and Worship Schedule

University Ministry invites the St. Mary's University community to weekly Liturgy and worship. Weekday mass is offered for all members and friends of the St. Mary's University community. The schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 12:15 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Sunday 11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, and Sunday evening, 9:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel. For more information, contact University Ministry at 210.431.2053 or msmith6@stmarytx.edu.

Confirmation and RCIA Faith Program

Confirmation Program

Ends: February 16, 2020 (Intercollegiate Confirmation Mass)

English Classes: Thursday's 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. & Thursday's 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Location: AACC Classroom 2155

Spanish Classes: Wednesday's 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.
Location: University Ministry, Julieta's Office

RCIA Program

Ends: April 11, 2019 (Easter Vigil Mass)

English Classes: Wednesday's 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Location: AACC Classroom 2155

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Writing Competitions and Scholarships

If a link is not provided for detailed information to any of the writing competitions or scholarships described below, please email Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu. Indicates a new scholarship opportunity added this week.

The Pinkerton Law Firm.

<https://www.law.uh.edu/financialaid/Pinkerton%20Law%20Review%20Letter.pdf>. Write articles for the Pinkerton Law Review. \$2,500 top writer awards (five). \$10,000 writer of the year award (one).

The National Law Review is now accepting submissions. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

Center for Alcohol Policy. <https://www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org/essay-contest/>. \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,000. Deadline to apply is January 17, 2020.

Jackson Lewis. <https://www.kentlaw.iit.edu/institutes-centers/institute-for-law-and-the-workplace/louis-jackson-writing-competition>. One \$3,000 and two \$1,000. Deadline to apply is January 22, 2020.

[*Mendes Hershman Student Writing Contest*](#). \$1,000. Deadline to [*submit an essay*](#) is February 15, 2020.

State Bar of Texas Women and the Law Section's [2020 Texas Law Student Writing Competition](#). \$1,000 and \$500. Deadline to apply is February 28, 2020.

Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP. Annual Diversity Scholarship for 1Ls.
<https://www.bradley.com/careers/law-students?tab=summer-program>. \$10,000. \$5,000. Deadline to apply is March 15, 2020



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Submitting an Event for Publication in the Witan?

Please [click here](#) to submit events and news items for inclusion in the Witan.

Informational Meeting on Study Abroad Program in China Wednesday, January 15, 2020 11:50 a.m. – 12:50 p.m. Law Classroom 100

The law school's study abroad program in China will be held **May 24 – June 28, 2020 in Beijing**. The program offers 6-credits in four courses, plus an opportunity to intern with a Chinese law firm (no Chinese language required). If you are interested in learning more about this program, please join Professor Hu for this informational meeting. Lunch will be provided to first 20 students to arrive at the meeting.

Can't join the meeting but want to learn about the program? Email Professor Hu at ihu@stmarytx.edu.

OCS News You Can Use

Interested in Family Law?

Calling all students! Join us for the first in a series of programs focusing on specific practice areas. "Exploring Family Law Careers" will take place on **Wednesday, January 22**, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. in the Atrium. This is a brown bag event – you bring your lunch and we will provide sweets. RSVP in the Events section in CORE.

Text Reminders

If you would like to receive text reminders on the day of OCS events, please opt in by sending an email with your name and cell phone number to lawcareerstrategy@stmarytx.edu; please use "Text" as the subject line.

Diversity & Inclusion Fellowships

Check the "Diversity & Inclusion" folder in the Resource Library in CORE for a detailed list of opportunities, many of which have fast-approaching deadlines.

3Ls: Bar Prep Scholarship – Deadline January 15

For students taking the July 2020 Texas Bar Exam, the deadline to apply for a Bar Prep Scholarship is coming up. Please see the email from Kimberly Underdown on December 16, 2019, for more information about this opportunity.

Save the Date for these Upcoming Events

- **Monday, January 27** – Exploring Criminal Law Careers, 12:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, January 29** – Exploring Immigration Law Careers, 12:00 p.m.

Student Organizations

Mandatory Training for all JJA Members

Interested in participating in St. Mary's Peer Court Program? All returning and prospective members are required to attend a training session on **Saturday, January 18, 2020**, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Law Classrooms building room 102. If you are unable to attend this event, please reach out to the JJA officer team to schedule a training session. For more information, add our course on TWEN. For more information please contact Blanca Baeza at bbaeza@mail.stmarytx.edu.

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While one semester of Clinic is sufficient for eligibility, weight will be given to:

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Second Annual BYU Storytelling Competition LawStories on the Mainstage

Are you interested in writing a true story about your life and the law? If so, you may enter your story in Brigham Young's storytelling competition. To learn more, please go to <https://lawstories.byu.edu/2019-event/mainstage/>. Up to ten selected storytellers from around the nation will receive some pretty cool prizes. Check it out! Deadline to enter is **February 6, 2020**.

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<https://www.skinnytaste.com/shrimp-quinoa-bowl/>

484 Calories | Yield 4 servings

Prep Time: 10 mins

Cook Time: 35 mins

Total Time: 45 mins

Quick and easy Lemon-Chili Shrimp Avocado Quinoa Bowls are great for lunch or dinner, or make them ahead for meal prep!

Ingredients

For the quinoa:

- 1 cup uncooked quinoa, tri-color or red
- 1 1/2 cups low sodium vegetable or chicken broth

Shrimp:

- 24 jumbo shrimp, peeled and deveined (20 ounces)
- 2 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- Juice and zest of 1 lemon, divided
- 1 tablespoon fresh oregano
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red chili flakes, or more to taste
- 1/8 teaspoon kosher salt
- black pepper, to taste

Bowls:

- 1 medium Haas avocado, pitted and sliced (yields 5 ounces)
- 4 cups chopped romaine lettuce or your favorite greens
- 1 cup diced tomato
- 1/2 cup diced red onion

Instructions

1. Cook the quinoa: Bring broth to a boil in a medium heavy pot. Rinse quinoa under cold water and drain well. Lower heat and cook, covered, for 25 minutes. Turn off heat and let rest, covered, for 5 minutes. Fluff with a fork.
2. For the shrimp: While the quinoa is cooking, add 2 teaspoons of the olive oil, half of the lemon juice, half of the lemon zest, oregano, parsley, garlic, chili, salt and pepper to a small bowl and mix well. Add the shrimp and toss.
3. Heat a grill pan or heavy skillet over high heat. When hot, spray with oil and add the shrimp. Cook 2 to 3 minutes on each side.
4. Divide greens into 4 large serving bowls on one half of the dish.
5. Add half the quinoa to the other half, then top with shrimp, avocado, tomato, and onion.
6. Drizzle each salad with 1 teaspoon of the remaining olive oil, salt, pepper, red chili flakes and drizzle with remaining lemon juice.

Serving: 1 bowl

Calories: 484kcal | Carbohydrates: 44.5g | Protein: 37g | Fat: 17.5g | Saturated Fat: 2g | Cholesterol: 215.5mg | Sodium: 308mg | Fiber: 9g | Sugar: 8.5g

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Noise Levels in the Law Classrooms Building

Please remember that classes are in session during most hours, day and evening in the Law Classrooms building. Please be mindful, courteous and quiet when exiting classes and help keep noise levels in the hallways to a minimum.

Inviting Dignitaries to Campus

All law school student organizations are reminded to submit a request for approval prior to inviting a dignitary to the School of Law. **The form must be completed prior to contacting and inviting a dignitary to campus. Requests should be made 45 days prior to the scheduled event.** A Visiting Dignitary includes, diplomats, local public figures including but not limited to, the Archbishop of San Antonio, judges, and other elected officials. Forms can be found online on Gateway at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/university-communications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>.

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Academic Support

Law School Resources

The Student Counseling Center
Center for Life Directions Building
(Next to the RABA Building)

ileana Velazquez, M.A., LPC
(210) 431-4225
RABA 208

(210) 436-3135
Emergency (after-hours and
weekends):
(210) 825-3622

ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Ministry
(210) 436-3063
RABA 105
gwalle@stmarytx.edu

Office of Student Accessibility Services (SAS)
Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139
(210) 431-5080
accessibility@stmarytx.edu

Student Health Center
Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor
(210) 436-3506—office line
(210) 436-3656—fax line
healthcenter@stmarytx.edu

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center
Campus Recreation AACC 2145
210-436-3997
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation>

National Suicide Prevention Line
1-800-273-8255

Veterans Crisis Line
1-800-273-8255 and press 1

Food Bank at Holy Rosary

Running short on finances? Need a little help with groceries? Holy Rosary Church along with St. Vincent de Paul Society is open to students on Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The church is located at 155 Camino Santa Maria. Please have your St. Mary's ID ready. For more information contact ileana Velazquez at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu.

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program
Chris Ritter
1-800-343-8527
www.tlaphelps.org

Texas Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers (LCL) Meetings
CALL IN:
Fridays at Noon: 800-393-0640, enter code 676745
Third Thursday at Noon: 800-393-0640, enter code 676745

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Ministry

Bible Class with Professor Addicott

Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." Bible classes are non-denominational and are held in the conference room at the Warrior Defense Project (LF 102B) in Raba. Class times are 0700 AM and 12:00 PM each Tuesday and 10:00 AM and 11:00 AM on Sunday. Class is about 40-minutes long and cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching methodology. Bring your Bible, pen, and notebook. For more information, contact Katie Salinas at csalinas2@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Liturgy and Worship Schedule

University Ministry invites the St. Mary's University community to weekly Liturgy and worship. Weekday mass is offered for all members and friends of the St. Mary's University community. The schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 12:15 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Sunday 11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, and Sunday evening, 9:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel. For more information, contact University Ministry at 210.431.2053 or msmith6@stmarytx.edu.

Writing Competitions and Scholarships

If a link is not provided for detailed information to any of the writing competitions or scholarships described below, please email Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu. Indicates a new scholarship opportunity added this week.

The Pinkerton Law Firm.

<https://www.law.uh.edu/financialaid/Pinkerton%20Law%20Review%20Letter.pdf>. Write articles for the Pinkerton Law Review. \$2,500 top writer awards (five). \$10,000 writer of the year award (one).

The National Law Review is now accepting submissions. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

Center for Alcohol Policy. <https://www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org/essay-contest/>. \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,000. Deadline to apply is January 17, 2020.

Jackson Lewis. <https://www.kentlaw.iit.edu/institutes-centers/institute-for-law-and-the-workplace/louis-jackson-writing-competition>. One \$3,000 and two \$1,000. Deadline to apply is January 22, 2020.

[Mendes Hershman Student Writing Contest](#). \$1,000. Deadline to [submit an essay](#) is February 15, 2020.

State Bar of Texas Women and the Law Section's [2020 Texas Law Student Writing Competition](#). \$1,000 and \$500. Deadline to apply is February 28, 2020.

Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP. Annual Diversity Scholarship for 1Ls.

<https://www.bradley.com/careers/law-students?tab=summer-program>. \$10,000. \$5,000. Deadline to apply is March 15, 2020.

National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees. <http://www.nactt.com> \$1,000. Deadline to apply is April 30, 2020

WITAN

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Submitting an Event for Publication in the Witan?

Please [click here](#) to submit events and news items for inclusion in the Witan.

OCS News You Can Use

Join Us Tomorrow to Learn About Family Law

All students are invited to join us tomorrow, January 22, for “Exploring Family Law Careers” from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. in the Atrium. Bring your own lunch and we will provide sweets. RSVP in the Events section in CORE.

Calling All Prospective Criminal Law Attorneys

“Exploring Criminal Law Careers” will take place on Monday, January 27, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. in the Atrium. Meet criminal defense and prosecution attorneys at this informative event. RSVP in the Events section in CORE.

Got a Question? Come by OCS for Answers

You do not need to schedule an advising appointment for your quick questions. You are welcome to drop in anytime for answers to your career-related questions. Our career advisors and student ambassadors are happy to help.

Check Your Junk and Clutter

Check your junk and clutter folders periodically to ensure you’re getting all your email. Especially with outside contacts, you may find interview invitations from employers, or worse yet, a job offer!

Post-Graduate Honors and Fellowships

The following post-graduate honors and fellowship opportunities have approaching deadlines. Check CORE for more information.

Legal Division Honors Program

Department of Housing & Urban Development

Deadline: January 31

IRS Honors Attorney Program, Fall 2020

Internal Revenue Services, Department of Treasury

Deadline: March 4

Save the Date for these Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, January 29 – Exploring Immigration Law Careers, 12:00 p.m.
- Monday, February 3 - The Inside View on Post-Grad Judicial Clerkships, 4:30 p.m.
- Monday, February 10 - Exploring Oil & Gas Law Careers, 12:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 12 - Exploring Personal Injury and Negligence Careers, 12:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 19 - Exploring Military Law Careers, 12:00 p.m.
- Monday, February 24 - Exploring Public Interest and Civil Rights Careers, 12:00 p.m.

Student Organizations

APALSA Spring Meeting

The Asian and Pacific American Law Student Association (APALSA) will host their first event of the Spring on **Wednesday, January 29**, at 12:30 p.m. in the Law Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Come listen to guest speaker Mr. Rahul Patel, Managing Partner of Patel | Gaines discuss his experiences in the legal field and the challenges he faced as a Managing Partner. Everyone from the St. Mary's University community is welcome to attend. APALSA will provide complimentary pizza and soft drinks. For more information or if you have a question, please contact APALSA President, Ankit Saggi asaggi@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Announcements

New Developments Related to the Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam (MPRE)

The National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) wants all prospective Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE) candidates to know about some important changes for the 2020 MPRE. For the March administration of the MPRE.

- 1) The test will be administered on **Thursday, March 12**, and **Friday, March 13, 2020**. The MPRE is no longer administered during a single two-hour period on Saturday. Instead, students will select one of several two-hour appointment times on one of the two weekday test dates. There will also be weekday administrations for the August and October MPRE administrations.
- 2) The test will be administered on a computer at a Pearson VUE testing center. This is a new location compared to past administrations. Students will select a testing center when they schedule their test appointment.
- 3) The registration **deadline is February 12, 2020**. There is no late registration deadline. The earlier students register with NCBE and schedule their appointment with Pearson VUE, the more likely they will be to get an appointment with their desired location, date, and test time.
- 4) If students plan to test in March and will be seeking accommodations under the ADA, they should apply for accommodations as soon as possible to allow them time to review their application. Those applying for accommodations

should check their NCBE File Cabinets frequently for updates on their accommodations applications.

Any questions should be directed to NCBE at 608.280.8550 or by email to mpreregistration@ncbex.org (for questions about registration) or mpreregistration@ncbex.org (for questions about accommodations).

2020 Marianist Heritage Awards

Please join the St. Mary's Community to celebrate the 2020 Marianist Heritage and Marianist Student Leadership award honorees during a breakfast ceremony. The 2020 honorees emulate the life and charism of Blessed William Joseph Chaminade, founder of the Society of Mary, and co-founder of the Daughters of Mary Immaculate and the Family of Mary. Our very own third-year Law student and Public Administration graduate student, Leslie Alvarez will be one of the honorees. The ceremony will be held **Thursday, January 23** at 8:00 a.m., University Center, Conference Room A. For more information, please contact the Office of University Ministry at 210.436.3213.

Dean's Research Fellows is Hiring

All 2L students are invited to submit their resume for consideration in becoming a Dean's Research Fellow. There will be six available upcoming openings starting this summer. The Dean's Research Fellows Program performs a variety of legal research for the Dean, law faculty, and the University. Researchers will need to work between 10 and 20 hours a week on writing or research projects at a rate of \$12.00 per hour. If interested, please submit a resume to Professor Mike Martinez at mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu no later than **February 29, 2020**. You may also see us on CORE.

Second Annual BYU Storytelling Competition LawStories on the Mainstage

Are you interested in writing a true story about your life and the law? If so, you may enter your story in Brigham Young's storytelling competition. To learn more, please go to <https://lawstories.byu.edu/2019-event/mainstage/>. Up to ten selected storytellers from around the nation will receive some pretty cool prizes. Check it out! Deadline to enter is **February 6, 2020**.

FAFSA Reminder

Law students planning on applying for financial aid for the 2020-2021 academic year, or students planning on applying for financial aid for summer 2020 will need to renew their FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Students can now complete the 2020-2021 FAFSA and are encouraged to complete it early, in order to ensure that the required information is received by the Office of Financial Assistance by the **March 1st deadline**. You may complete the FAFSA at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> and make certain to include **St. Mary's school code 003623**. Please note that the 2020-2021 FAFSA will require 2018 tax year information. Should you have any questions, please contact the Office of Financial Assistance at (210) 436-3141.

Free Access to Thousands of E-books on LexisNexis

LexisNexis treatises, study aids, desk books, and more are now accessible to law students through the law library's subscription. *St. Mary's University Digital Library* provides access to more than a thousand volumes of legal eBooks you can access anytime, anywhere. Visit <http://skell.law.overdrive.com> and enter your school email address. You can browse the available materials in the digital collection and access both the Questions and Answers series and Understanding series to help you study.

Events

Alternative Spring Break Information Session

Interested in earning community service hours while gaining real-world experience during Spring Break? Join the Pro Bono Program and Law Ministry for an Alternative Spring Break information session on Wednesday, January 22. Sessions will be held at 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.. A light lunch will be served. An late afternoon session will be held at 4:00 p.m. All sessions will be held in the Raba building, first-floor Foyer.

Informational Meeting on Legal and Cultural Spring Break in Mexico

One of several law school's Spring Break initiatives will be held Sunday, March 8 through Thursday, March 12, 2020 in Guadalajara, Mexico. Students will earn one (1) credit hour and receive an internationally recognized diploma from the Universidad de Guadalajara. In addition, students who previously attended the course can compete for internships with international attorneys. Students interested in learning more about this program, are invited to join Professor Rosas on **Wednesday, January 22**, 4:15 – 5:00 p.m., LC 101. Any students not able to attend this meeting may contact Professor Roberto Rosas at rosas@stmarytx.edu.

Chinese New Year Celebration

Law Ministry and the Institute on Chinese Law and Business invite students to celebrate the Chinese New Year on **Thursday, January 23**, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the St. Mary's University Pub. Learn about the study abroad opportunity in Beijing, China in the summer of 2020. Current students and law alumni will be discussing their experience with internships, scholarships, and other program benefits. Food will be provided. For more information please contact Sister Grace Walle at gwalle@stmarytx.edu.

Health & Wellness

Chair Massages, Yoga and Meditation this Month

Enrich your mind, body and soul to enhance your academic performance. Live a healthier lifestyle and achieve a more balanced life. The Law School community is invited to take advantage of the health and wellness activities planned this semester. Mark your calendar for the next event.

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- Chair Massages – 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., and 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. – Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Future dates are **February 19**, March 18 and April 15. Don't miss out on the benefits of a chair massage. It reduces stress, tension, and anxiety. It improves blood flow, will boost your immune system, alleviate pain and headaches, improves posture and so much more.

San Antonio First Tuesday Lawyer Wellness Group

The Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) has started **San Antonio First Tuesday Lawyer Wellness Group**. Law students are invited to join this group. This is a monthly educational wellness group for lawyers and law students to learn about a variety of mental health and wellness issues that

lawyers often face and how to address them. Their next meeting is **February 4**, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Alamo Heights Methodist Church, Room EAST 221, 825 Basse Road, San Antonio, Texas 78209. Food will be served. Please RSVP to 1.800.343.8527. Parking is free. Future 2020 meeting dates are: 3/3, 4/7, 5/5, 6/2, 7/7, 8/4, 9/1, 10/6, 11/3, and 12/1.

University Sponsored Student Activities

Explore any or all events/activities sponsored by the University for all students across campus.

- Every Wednesday, Trivia Night, 8- 10 p.m. at The Pub

Take a Break and Exercise

One of the key aspects of being a successful law student is the ability to maintain a balance in all areas of life and a little exercise can go a long way. The AA & CC (Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center) is a great place to work out, do some open lap swimming, and find out about Intramural sports. Hours of operation are:

Monday - Thursday 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Friday 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 - 10:00 p.m.

If you would like to form a law school basketball or volleyball team please call 210.431.5046 to find out more information on availability and scheduling. For more information visit:

<https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/campus-life/play/campus-recreation>.

Recipe of the Week

Power Lunch by Teresa Cutter

<https://www.goodfood.com.au/recipes/power-lunch-20111121-29u80>

Ingredients

1 hard-boiled egg, peeled
50g low-fat ricotta or cottage cheese
50g smoked salmon
5 spears asparagus
80g cherry tomatoes
handful leafy greens
1 teaspoon pesto (optional)

Method

Arrange all the ingredients on a serving board or in a lunch box.

Nutritional information

Protein 28.3 grams | carbs 5.5 grams | total fat 9.7 grams (saturated 3.1 grams), | kilojoules 931|
gluten free | high protein.

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2020 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Intellectual Property Law Section of the State Bar of Texas will award two \$5,000 scholarships to eligible law students. Any student enrolled in an ABA-accredited law school in Texas during any part of

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The purpose of the scholarships is to encourage law students who have not traditionally been represented in the Intellectual Property practice to enter the Intellectual Property profession in Texas by providing financial assistance to help defray the expenses of a law-school education. Selection criteria for the scholarships include but are not limited to:

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- Demonstrated experience and interest in the practice;
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- Science and engineering undergraduate education or experience;
- Contributions to or participation in minority or diversity programs;
- Disabilities;
- Community service; and
- Extracurricular activities both inside and outside law school, including legal externships or internships in the field of Intellectual Property.

The application should be completed and returned either by (1) mail to the IP Section's Diversity Scholarship Committee, c/o Chris Joe, Buether Joe & Carpenter, LLC, 1700 Pacific, Suite 4750, Dallas, TX 75201 or (2) email to Chris Joe at Chris.Joe@BJCIPLaw.com (entire applications only (e.g., applications including the recommendations, essays, and transcripts)).

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OCS News You Can Use

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For those selected for interviews at the Public Service Career Fair, now is the time to schedule a mock interview through the Event section of CORE. The interviews will take place at the Center for Legal and Social Justice, just up 36th street from campus. If the dates and times listed do not work for you, you can schedule a mock interview with OCS by scheduling an Appointment and selecting “Mock Interview” in CORE. You are not required to dress up for the mock interview unless you have a question about whether something is suitable interview attire. If you need something to wear, please feel free to “shop” the Suit Up Station in OCS.

Chrome for CORE

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Got a Question? Come by OCS for Answers

You do not need to schedule an advising appointment for your quick career-related questions. You are welcome to drop in anytime for help. Our career advisors and student ambassadors are happy to work with you on the fly.

Post-Graduate Honors and Fellowships

The following post-graduate honors and fellowship opportunities have approaching deadlines. Check CORE for more information.

Legal Division Honors Program

Department of Housing & Urban Development
Deadline: January 31

IRS Honors Attorney Program, Fall 2020

Internal Revenue Services, Department of Treasury
Deadline: March 4

Save the Date for these Upcoming Events

- Monday, February 3 - The Inside View on Post-Grad Judicial Clerkships, 4:30 p.m.
- Monday, February 10 - Exploring Oil & Gas Law Careers, 12:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 12 - Exploring Personal Injury and Negligence Careers, 12:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 19 - Exploring Secret Service Careers, 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, February 19 - Exploring Military Law Careers, 12:00 p.m.
- Monday, February 24 - Exploring Public Interest and Civil Rights Careers, 12:00 p.m.

Student Organizations

APALSA Spring Meeting

The Asian and Pacific American Law Student Association (APALSA) will host their first event of the Spring on **Wednesday, January 29**, at 12:30 p.m. in the Law Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Come listen to guest speaker Mr. Rahul Patel, Managing Partner of Patel | Gaines discuss his experiences in the legal field and the challenges he faced as a Managing Partner. Everyone from the St. Mary's University community is welcome to attend. APALSA will provide complimentary pizza and soft drinks. For more information or if you have a question, please contact APALSA President, Ankit Saggi asaggi@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Announcements

Essay Advantage Workshop

For many students, the third day of the Bar Exam — 12 Texas essays in 6 hours — is the hardest part of the test.

This is why we are bringing in an expert, Mike Sims, the President of Barbri, to help prepare you for the Texas Essays. He will teach you how to write answers designed to maximize your score. Please the Office of Law Success and Mr. Sims on **Saturday, February 1**, 2020, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in LC 105.

To register for the Essay Advantage workshop, please fill out the form at <https://forms.gle/NKKTemJ71sVXokAw6>. The deadline to register is today, **Monday, January 27** before 11:59 p.m.

New Developments Related to the Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam (MPRE)

The National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE) wants all prospective Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE) candidates to know about some important changes for the 2020 MPRE. For the March administration of the MPRE.

- 5) The test will be administered on **Thursday, March 12**, and **Friday, March 13, 2020**. The MPRE is no longer administered during a single two-hour period on Saturday. Instead, students will select one of several two-hour appointment times on one of the two weekday test dates. There will also be weekday administrations for the August and October MPRE administrations.
- 6) The test will be administered on a computer at a Pearson VUE testing center. This is a new location compared to past administrations. Students will select a testing center when they schedule their test appointment.
- 7) The registration **deadline is February 12, 2020**. There is no late registration deadline. The earlier students register with NCBE and schedule their appointment with Pearson VUE, the more likely they will be to get an appointment with their desired location, date, and test time.
- 8) If students plan to test in March and will be seeking accommodations under the ADA, they should apply for accommodations as soon as possible to allow them time to review their application. Those applying for accommodations should check their NCBE File Cabinets frequently for updates on their accommodations applications.

Any questions should be directed to NCBE at 608.280.8550 or by email to mpreregistration@ncbex.org (for questions about registration) or mpre.ada@ncbex.org (for questions about accommodations).

Dean's Research Fellows is Hiring

All 2L students are invited to submit their resume for consideration in becoming a Dean's Research Fellow. There will be six available upcoming openings starting this summer. The Dean's Research Fellows Program performs a variety of legal research for the Dean, law faculty, and the University. Researchers will need to work between 10 and 20 hours a week on writing or research projects at a rate of \$12.00 per hour. If interested, please submit a resume to Professor Mike Martinez at mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu no later than **February 29, 2020**. You may also see us on CORE.

Second Annual BYU Storytelling Competition LawStories on the Mainstage

Are you interested in writing a true story about your life and the law? If so, you may enter your story in Brigham Young's storytelling competition. To learn more, please go to <https://lawstories.byu.edu/2019-event/mainstage/>. Up to ten selected storytellers from around the nation will receive some pretty cool prizes. Check it out! Deadline to enter is **February 6, 2020**.

FAFSA Reminder

Law students planning on applying for financial aid for the 2020-2021 academic year, or students planning on applying for financial aid for summer 2020 will need to renew their FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Students can now complete the 2020-2021 FAFSA and are encouraged to complete it early, in order to ensure that the required information is received by the Office of Financial Assistance by the **March 1st deadline**. You may complete the FAFSA at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> and make certain to include **St. Mary's school code 003623**. Please note that the 2020-2021 FAFSA will require 2018 tax year information. Should you have any questions, please contact the Office of Financial Assistance at (210) 436-3141.

Free Access to Thousands of E-books on LexisNexis

LexisNexis treatises, study aids, desk books, and more are now accessible to law students through the law library's subscription. *St. Mary's University Digital Library* provides access to more than a thousand

volumes of legal eBooks you can access anytime, anywhere. Visit <http://skell.law.overdrive.com> and enter your school email address. You can browse the available materials in the digital collection and access both the Questions and Answers series and Understanding series to help you study.

Events

Carlos Cadena Dining Society

The Carlos Cadena Dining Society will host its dinner event with the Federal Bar Association on **Wednesday, January 29**, at Club Giraud. Cocktails 7:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. Student tickets are \$20. Contact nmeche@mail.stmarytx.edu or nabouhossa@mail.stmarytx.edu for tickets.

Health & Wellness

Chair Massages, Yoga and Meditation this Month

Enrich your mind, body and soul to enhance your academic performance. Live a healthier lifestyle and achieve a more balanced life. The Law School community is invited to take advantage of the health and wellness activities planned this semester. Mark your calendar for the next event.

- Yoga & Meditation Class – 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., **February 4**, March 3, April 7. Bring your own mat. Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Practicing yoga improves balance, endurance, flexibility, and strength, while meditation helps keep the mind sharp, relieves stress and anxiety, and strengthen your immune system. Keep your body and mind healthy and happy!
- Chair Massages – 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., and 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. – Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Future dates are **February 19**, March 18 and April 15. Don't miss out on the benefits of a chair massage. It reduces stress, tension, and anxiety. It improves blood flow, will boost your immune system, alleviate pain and headaches, improves posture and so much more.

San Antonio First Tuesday Lawyer Wellness Group

The Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) has started **San Antonio First Tuesday Lawyer Wellness Group**. Law students are invited to join this group. This is a monthly educational wellness group for lawyers and law students to learn about a variety of mental health and wellness issues that lawyers often face and how to address them. Their next meeting is **February 4**, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Alamo Heights Methodist Church, Room EAST 221, 825 Basse Road, San Antonio, Texas 78209. Food will be served. Please RSVP to 1.800.343.8527. Parking is free. Future 2020 meeting dates are: 3/3, 4/7, 5/5, 6/2, 7/7, 8/4, 9/1, 10/6, 11/3, and 12/1.

University Sponsored Student Activities

Explore any or all events/activities sponsored by the University for all students across campus.

- Every Wednesday, Trivia Night, 8- 10 p.m. at The Pub

Take a Break and Exercise

One of the key aspects of being a successful law student is the ability to maintain a balance in all areas of life and a little exercise can go a long way. The AA & CC (Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center) is a great place to work out, do some open lap swimming, and find out about Intramural sports. Hours of operation are:

Monday - Thursday 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Friday 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 - 10:00 p.m.

If you would like to form a law school basketball or volleyball team, please call 210.431.5046 to find out more information on availability and scheduling. For more information visit:

<https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/campus-life/play/campus-recreation>.

Recipe of the Week

Asian Chicken Lettuce Wraps

<https://www.delish.com/cooking/recipe-ideas/recipes/a49533/asian-lettuce-wraps-recipe/>

Yields: 4 servings

Prep Time: 15 Minutes

Total Time: 30 Minutes

Ingredients

3 tbsp. hoisin sauce

2 tbsp. low-sodium soy sauce

2 tbsp. rice wine vinegar

1 tbsp. Sriracha (optional)

1 tsp. sesame oil

1 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil

1 medium onion, diced

2 cloves garlic, minced

1 tbsp. freshly grated ginger

1 lb. ground chicken

1/2 c. water chestnuts, drained and sliced

2 green onions, thinly sliced

Kosher salt

Freshly ground black pepper

Large leafy lettuce (leaves separated), for serving

Cooked white rice, for serving (optional)

Directions

1. Make the sauce: In a small bowl, whisk together hoisin sauce, soy sauce, rice wine vinegar, Sriracha, and sesame oil.
2. In a large skillet over medium-high heat, heat olive oil. Add onions and cook until soft, 5 minutes, then stir in garlic and ginger and cook until fragrant, 1 minute more. Add ground chicken and cook until opaque and mostly cooked through, breaking up meat with a wooden spoon.
3. Pour in sauce and cook 1 to 2 minutes more, until sauce reduces slightly and chicken is cooked through completely. Turn off heat and stir in chestnuts and green onions. Season with salt and pepper.
4. Spoon rice, if using, and a large scoop (about 1/4 cup) of chicken mixture into center of each lettuce leaf. Serve immediately.

Notices

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CLSJ in the Law Commons

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Navigating Law School

If you are a first generation law student and would like to speak with Dean Haynes about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment with Dean Haynes at calendly.com/ahaynes5.

Film and the Law

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St. Mary's National Moot Court Team Finishes Top-4 in "Best of the Best" National Championship Natsumi Covey Recognized as Best Oral Advocate

This past weekend, the St. Mary's National Moot Court Team participated in the Hunton Andrews Kurth Moot Court National Championship, a national invitational moot court tournament held annually in Houston, Texas and open to the top sixteen (16) moot court programs in the country. The team of Natsumi Covey (3L), Emily Reed (3L), and Nadeen Abou-Hossa (3L) competed on behalf of the law school. **St. Mary's reached the semi-final round at the tournament, besting perennial advocacy powerhouses Texas Tech and South Texas along the way to St. Mary's top-4 finish.** St. Mary's was one of only three teams that was undefeated following the first four preliminary rounds. **Natsumi Covey was also recognized as the Best Oral Advocate.**

This is St. Mary's fourth consecutive year to be invited to this exclusive national competition and the law school's third consecutive year to finish in the top-8 or better. St. Mary's National Moot Court Team is currently ranked 6th in the nation and will move into the Top-3 advocacy programs as a result of these accomplishments. Congratulations to these amazing advocates!

The National Team Celebrates 7th Best Arbitration Team in the Country

Last week the National Team participated in the ABA Arbitration National Championship. Teams from ABA approved law schools participated in regional tournaments with teams advancing to the National Championship. The Team of Tanya Burke (2L), Joseph Casseb (2L), Ricardo Salina (3L) and Mario Yague (2L) represented St. Mary's for the first time in this tournament and finished 7th best in the country. Congratulations to the team and their coaches Prof. Deb Juneke and Emily Landon.

OCS News You Can Use

Event Today!

Come and listen to sitting federal and state judges to get tips on applying for a post-graduate judicial clerkship. The panel is this afternoon, February 3, in LC103 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Have a Sweet Tooth?

It's time for us to order more candy. Like what we have? Want something new? Send an e-mail to our general career advising e-mail account at lawcareerstrategy@stmarytx.edu with the subject line "Candy" and share your thoughts on what we next put in the candy jar.

Interested in Oil & Gas Law?

Join us on Monday, February 10 for "Exploring Careers in Oil & Gas Law" to learn more about careers in Oil & Gas law. The event will take place in the Atrium from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please RSVP in the Events section in CORE.

Post-Graduate Honors and Fellowships

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Internal Revenue Services, Department of Treasury

Deadline: March 4

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Announcements

Second Annual BYU Storytelling Competition LawStories on the Mainstage

Are you interested in writing a true story about your life and the law? If so, you may enter your story in Brigham Young's storytelling competition. To learn more, please go to <https://lawstories.byu.edu/2019-event/mainstage/>. Up to ten selected storytellers from around the nation will receive some pretty cool prizes. Check it out! Deadline to enter is **February 6, 2020**.

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Free Access to Thousands of E-books on LexisNexis

LexisNexis treatises, study aids, desk books, and more are now accessible to law students through the law library's subscription. *St. Mary's University Digital Library* provides access to more than a thousand volumes of legal eBooks you can access anytime, anywhere. Visit <http://skell.law.overdrive.com> and enter your school email address. You can browse the available materials in the digital collection and access both the Questions and Answers series and Understanding series to help you study.

Health & Wellness

Chair Massages, Yoga and Meditation this Month

Enrich your mind, body and soul to enhance your academic performance. Live a healthier lifestyle and achieve a more balanced life. The Law School community is invited to take advantage of the health and wellness activities planned this semester. Mark your calendar for the next event.

- Yoga & Meditation Class – 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., **February 4**, March 3, April 7. Bring your own mat. Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Practicing yoga improves balance, endurance, flexibility, and strength, while meditation helps keep the mind sharp, relieves stress and anxiety, and strengthen your immune system. Keep your body and mind healthy and happy!
- Chair Massages – 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., and 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. – Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Future dates are **February 19**, March 18 and April 15. Don't miss out on the benefits of a chair massage. It reduces stress, tension, and anxiety. It improves blood flow, will boost your immune system, alleviate pain and headaches, improves posture and so much more.

San Antonio First Tuesday Lawyer Wellness Group

The Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) has started **San Antonio First Tuesday Lawyer Wellness Group**. Law students are invited to join this group. This is a monthly educational wellness group for lawyers and law students to learn about a variety of mental health and wellness issues that lawyers often face and how to address them. Their next meeting is **February 4**, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Alamo Heights Methodist Church, Room EAST 221, 825 Basse Road, San Antonio, Texas 78209. Food will be served. Please RSVP to 1.800.343.8527. Parking is free. Future 2020 meeting dates are: 3/3, 4/7, 5/5, 6/2, 7/7, 8/4, 9/1, 10/6, 11/3, and 12/1.

University Sponsored Student Activities

Explore any or all events/activities sponsored by the University for all students across campus.

- Every Wednesday, Trivia Night, 8- 10 p.m. at The Pub

Take a Break and Exercise

One of the key aspects of being a successful law student is the ability to maintain a balance in all areas of life and a little exercise can go a long way. The AA & CC (Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center) is a great place to work out, do some open lap swimming, and find out about Intramural sports. Hours of operation are:

Monday - Thursday 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Friday 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 - 10:00 p.m.

If you would like to form a law school basketball or volleyball team please call 210.431.5046 to find out more information on availability and scheduling. For more information visit:

<https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/campus-life/play/campus-recreation>.

Recipe of the Week

Honey Mustard BLAT Salad

<http://www.goodcook.com/honey-mustard-blat-salad/>

Serves two.

Ingredients

For the Dressing

- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 3 tablespoons yellow mustard
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 1 1/2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- Salt and pepper, to taste

For the Salad

- 1 head romaine lettuce, cleaned and chopped
- 2 grilled chicken breasts, slices
- 1 cup tomatoes
- 3 strips cooked bacon, crumbled
- 1/2 cup chopped green onions
- 1 avocado, peeled, pitted and diced

Instructions

In a large bowl, whisk together dressing ingredients.

In two salad bowls, toss together salad ingredients.

Drizzle with dressing, serve and enjoy!

Notices

Law Students with Disabilities

Students who need accommodations for a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Office of Student Accessibility Services located in the Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139 (directly behind the Raba building). Their telephone number is 210.431.5080, email accessibility@stmarytx.edu or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the law *Student Handbook* on Gateway for more information. Deadline to apply for Spring 2020 is **Thursday, April 9, 2020**.

Student E-mail Accounts

Each student is assigned a Law School e-mail account and is required to check this account daily. Faculty and the Administration use e-mail to communicate with students and to send official notices. Students are deemed to have knowledge of all communications from the Faculty and Administration sent to their Law School e-mail address. Therefore, not checking the school email account is not an acceptable defense for not responding to information disseminated by email. Additionally, various professors may have more specific requirements with respect to e-mail, TWEN, Blackboard and Canvas classrooms.

CLSJ in the Law Commons

Have questions on Clinic, Externships, or Pro Bono? The Center for Legal & Social Justice (CLSJ) will be taking over the Law Commons **every Wednesday** from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Drop by, say hello, and get some information on what we do and how you can benefit from it. Remember - Externship placements and Pro Bono opportunities are available on CORE.

Claim Your Free ABA Membership

As a law student, you need to focus on your studies while keeping an eye on your future. With so much to prepare, let the American Bar Association help. [Join the ABA today](#) for free and enjoy access to a multitude of resources to help you succeed.

- Complimentary membership in up to five Member Groups like the Law Student Division, Civil Rights & Social Justice, Family Law and other law practice areas
- 30-day Quimbee Gold Plan free trial with access to its entire library of case briefs, video lessons, multiple-choice quizzes, and outlines
- ABA Career Center access which gives you monthly articles, live and on-demand webinars, podcasts and a job board for law students
- ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ROLI) participation which promotes justice, economic opportunity and human dignity through the rule of law
- And more!

Take advantage of this opportunity to shape your future and join a community of hundreds of thousands of ABA lawyers, judges and law student members. [Join now for free!](#)

Want more from the ABA? For just \$25, upgrade your membership to Premium and gain access up to \$500 in discounts on Quimbee, Themis and Kaplan bar prep courses, access to leadership opportunities and national competitions, instant resume review, and so much more. [Upgrade to Premium Membership, today!](#)

Lockers Now Available

The Student Bar Association is now renting lockers in the Law Library. You can rent a locker by completing the "Locker Rental Agreement Form" on the Student Bar Association's Rattler Tracks page. If you have any questions, please contact the SBA Treasurer, Jennifer Mendez Lopez, at jmendezlopez@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Community Service Requirement

All JD students who matriculate Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. Students must complete at least ten (10) hours toward the 30 hour requirement before the end of their first year of law school and at least twenty (20) hours before the end of their second year of law school.

No more than fifteen (15) of the service hours may be general community service hours with a qualifying non-profit or public entity. At least fifteen (15) hours must be law school-approved hours.

For more information, please reference the [Community Service Requirement](#) section of the School of Law website. With questions, please contact Gregory Zlotnick at gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu.

Navigating Law School

If you are a first generation law student and would like to speak with Dean Haynes about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment with Dean Haynes at calendly.com/ahaynes5.

Film and the Law

If you enjoy movies and would be interested in working with Dean Haynes to set up a "Film and the Law" series during the Fall semester, please contact Dean Haynes at ahaynes5@stmarytx.edu.

University Policies and Procedures on Non-Discrimination

St. Mary's University is committed to providing a safe, equitable, and fair environment where students can pursue academic excellence. Policies and procedures have been developed to foster and sustain such an environment and apply to all courses offered at the university. Students need to be aware of these policies and procedures, which can be found in *Gateway* (<https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/>). Please become familiar with these important policies and procedures, which include:

- Nondiscrimination, Sexual and Other Forms of Harassment <https://www.stmarytx.edu/about/title-ix/>
- Students with Disability <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/studentervices/disability/rights/>
- Human Subjects Research <https://www.stmarytx.edu/compliance/research-compliance/>

Need a Break?

Tired of sitting and reading? Do you need a break? Need some fresh air? Well we have a solution: GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY. Now available at the law library circulation desk you can check out a football (nerf or regular), soccer ball, volleyball, kickball or basket toss with more options on the way. You will need your student ID to check out equipment.

Noise Levels in the Law Classrooms Building

Please remember that classes are in session during most hours, day and evening in the Law Classrooms building. Please be mindful, courteous and quiet when exiting classes and help keep noise levels in the hallways to a minimum.

Inviting Dignitaries to Campus

All law school student organizations are reminded to submit a request for approval prior to inviting a dignitary to the School of Law. **The form must be completed prior to contacting and inviting a dignitary to campus. Requests should be made 45 days prior to the scheduled event.** A Visiting Dignitary

includes, diplomats, local public figures including but not limited to, the Archbishop of San Antonio, judges, and other elected officials. Forms can be found online on Gateway at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/university-communications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>.

Tobacco Use Policy On Campus

Smoking and smokeless tobacco products will be allowed only within designated locations on the St. Mary's University campus. Visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/administration-finance/tobacco-use-on-campus/> to learn more.

Do Not Remove Classroom Chairs

Please note that chairs should not be removed from their existing row or from any of the classrooms. This causes problems with class delays and professors seating charts for attendance purposes. If a chair must be removed, please ensure you return it to its original location.

Academic Support

Law School Resources

The Student Counseling Center
Center for Life Directions Building
(Next to the RABA Building)
(210) 436-3135
Emergency (after-hours and weekends):
(210) 825-3622

ileana Velazquez, M.A., LPC
(210) 431-4225
RABA 208
ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Ministry
(210) 436-3063
RABA 105
gwalle@stmarytx.edu

Office of Student Accessibility Services (SAS)
Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139
(210) 431-5080
accessibility@stmarytx.edu

Student Health Center
Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor
(210) 436-3506—office line
(210) 436-3656—fax line
healthcenter@stmarytx.edu

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center
Campus Recreation AACC 2145
210-436-3997
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation>

National Suicide Prevention Line
1-800-273-8255

Veterans Crisis Line
1-800-273-8255 and press 1

Food Bank at Holy Rosary

Running short on finances? Need a little help with groceries? Holy Rosary Church along with St. Vincent de Paul Society is open to students on Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The church is located at 155 Camino Santa Maria. Please have your St. Mary's ID ready. For more information contact ileana Velazquez at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu.

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program
Chris Ritter
1-800-343-8527
www.tlaphelps.org

Texas Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers (LCL) Meetings
CALL IN:
Fridays at Noon: 800-393-0640, enter code 676745
Third Thursday at Noon: 800-393-0640, enter code 676745

If you need assistance in accessing any resources or referrals to other resources, please contact ileana Velazquez at (210) 431-4225 or by email at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu.

Ministry

Bible Class with Professor Addicott

Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." Bible classes are non-denominational and are held in the conference room at the Warrior Defense Project (LF 102B) in Raba. Class times are 0700 AM and 12:00 PM each Tuesday and 10:00 AM and 11:00 AM on Sunday. Class is about 40-minutes long and cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching methodology. Bring your Bible, pen, and notebook. For more information, contact Katie Salinas at csalinas2@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Liturgy and Worship Schedule

University Ministry invites the St. Mary's University community to weekly Liturgy and worship. Weekday mass is offered for all members and friends of the St. Mary's University community. The schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 12:15 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Sunday 11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, and Sunday evening, 9:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel. For more information, contact University Ministry at 210.431.2053 or msmith6@stmarytx.edu.

Writing Competitions and Scholarships

If a link is not provided for detailed information to any of the writing competitions or scholarships described below, please email Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu. Indicates a new scholarship opportunity added this week.

The Pinkerton Law Firm.
<https://www.law.uh.edu/financialaid/Pinkerton%20Law%20Review%20Letter.pdf>. Write articles for the Pinkerton Law Review. \$2,500 top writer awards (five). \$10,000 writer of the year award (one).

The National Law Review is now accepting submissions. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

[Mendes Hershman Student Writing Contest](#). \$1,000. Deadline to [submit an essay](#) is February 15, 2020.

State Bar of Texas Women and the Law Section's [2020 Texas Law Student Writing Competition](#). \$1,000 and \$500. Deadline to apply is February 28, 2020.

Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP. Annual Diversity Scholarship for 1Ls. <https://www.bradley.com/careers/law-students?tab=summer-program>. \$10,000. \$5,000. Deadline to apply is March 15, 2020.

Amarillo Area Bar Foundation. www.amarillobar.org. Four \$2,500 scholarships. Deadline to apply is no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 1, 2020.

Tax Section of the State Bar of Texas. <http://www.texastaxsection.org/uploads/SBOT%20Tax%20Section%20Scholarship%20Application%202020.pdf>. Three \$2,000. Deadline to apply is April 4, 2020.

National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees. <http://www.nactt.com>. \$1,000. Deadline to apply is April 30, 2020.

Intellectual Property Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. www.texasbariplaw.org. Two \$5,000 scholarships. Deadline is May 1, 2020.

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Submitting an Event for Publication in the Witan?

Please [click here](#) to submit events and news items for inclusion in the Witan.

Congratulations

National Team Keeps Historic Streak Going

This past weekend, four members of the National Dispute Resolution Team continued this historic year bringing home more hardware. The team of **Contessa Gay** 3L and **Charles Hosey** 2L, along with the team of **Pearl Cruz** 3L and **Tamra Fisher** 3L competed in the American Bar Association's Client Counseling Competition in Orlando, Florida. For the first time in our school's history, both teams advanced to the semi-final round with the team of **Pearl and Tamra being crowned finalists**. Congratulations to the team and to coach Emily Landon on another great finish.

National Team Hosts ABA Representation in Mediation Competition

This past weekend, the National Team sponsored the ABA Representation in Mediation Competition on our law school campus. St. Mary's Law does not compete in competitions we host. However, our team will be traveling to Denver next month for our region. Eight teams from five schools competed in the competition which was heavily supported by our law school faculty and instructors. Houston and Cal Western participated in the final round with **Cal Western winning the San Antonio Regional**. The Board of Advocates (BOA) did an amazing job hosting this competition and should be recognized for their hard work. We also want to thank everyone at the law school for their support as volunteer bailiffs, judges, mediators, marshals, planning and logistics. The BOA thanks everyone for their continued support and participation.

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Calling All Prospective Personal Injury Attorneys

Come and listen to local personal injury attorneys on **Wednesday, February 12**, as they share their experiences and answer questions. The event will be held from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Atrium. RSVP in the Events section in CORE.

Preparing for a Career in Public Service: What You Should Be Doing Now to Manage Your Student Debt

Join Equal Justice Works for a free webinar on **Wednesday, February 26**, at 2:00 p.m. CST for students planning to pursue a career in the public interest. This webinar will help students plan for repayment of student loans by addressing income-driven repayment options, how to earn Public Service Loan Forgiveness, and how to take advantage of loan repayment assistance programs. To register for the webinar, click [here](#).

Recommendation Letters

Recommendation letters seem to be a hot topic on campus these days. Make sure you are using these letters wisely during the application process. We strongly discourage students from requesting general recommendation letters to attach to applications. Employers are looking for specific skills, and if the letter is not individualized to the employer and does not attest to those skills, you may have actually done yourself a disservice. Please note, most employers who want to see recommendation letters will specify them in the job posting.

If you are interested in a Post-Graduate Judicial Clerkship, you will need to secure three (3) letters of recommendation. Please reach out to Kim Underdown, Assistant Director of Employment & Recruitment in OCS, for more information about this process.

Want Different Candy in Our Candy Jar?

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Check CORE for Diversity and Inclusion Opportunities

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- Wednesday, February 26 – Exploring Tax Law Careers

Events

Flint Fest 2020

You're invited to Flint Fest! The event will take place **Friday, February 28** at 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 223 E. Summit Ave, San Antonio, TX 78212. Tickets are \$12, payable by cash, check, or credit card, and can be purchased any time at Sister Grace's table in Raba. Come enjoy Professor Flint's home-brewed beer and barbecue, have fun with past Innsbruck participants, and learn more about financial aid and scholarships. All Flint Fest 2020 proceeds will benefit the Flint Fund.

Lunch with the Brothers Starting February 18

Looking to make a difference but don't feel like you have time to leave campus? Have lunch with retired Marianist brothers and priests at the Marianist Residence on campus. They love seeing students and welcome the company, conversation, and friendship.

Lunchtime slots will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11:45 and 1:15. Sign-ups will be on CORE. Each lunch attended is eligible for one community service hour. With questions, contact Grace Erwin at gerwin@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Ash Wednesday Mass and Distribution of Ashes

Mass and Distribution of Ashes will take place **Wednesday, February 26** at 12:00 p.m. in the Law Alumni room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. A Lenten luncheon will follow.

Deans' Challenge Food Drive Hunger Awareness Food Drive February 1-28

The Law School community is invited to give back this month by making a donation to the Deans' Challenge Food Drive. Sponsored by University Ministry, the Deans' Challenge Food Drive supports the Society of St. Vincent de Paul food pantry at Holy Rosary Catholic Church. The goal is to collect 2,000 pounds of non-perishable and canned food by **Friday, February 28**. Help us meet our goal by dropping off your donations at the Law Library, Office of Career Strategy and the Law Classrooms Building, Foyer. The deans of each school are challenging their students, staff and faculty to raise the most pounds of food. Donate to the locations in your school to help meet this challenge. *For more information, contact University Ministry at 210-436-3213 or univmin@stmarytx.edu.*

Alternative Spring Break Send-Off

All students participating in the Alternative Spring Break program need to attend the Final Information Session before your departure. The Send-Off will be **Tuesday, March 3** at 4:00 p.m. at the Pub. Meet and greet with students volunteering in your city and law alumni, receive your gas card distributions, and have your questions answered about each work site. Other important information will be provided. Complimentary social food and drinks will also be provided. For more information please contact Raul Corrales at rcorrales@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Celebration of Women

Celebrate Women's History Month by highlighting important women in history. All students are invited to write a name and/or a quote of a woman in your life or in history who inspires you. Banners will be available in the **Law Commons all day, March 16-17**. Banners will also be available in the University Center Atrium, 11:00 – 2:00 p.m. on March 17. *This event is part of Women's History Month and is co-sponsored by the School of Law.*

Women In Law Leadership Awards

Nominations for Women in Law Leadership are now being accepted. The award recipients and nominees will be recognized at a luncheon with the Fourth Court of Appeals on **Thursday, March 26** at 12:00 p.m. in the Law Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Business casual attire.

Only 2L and 3L students may be nominated. The nomination application and award details can be found at here https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=8_HkCwrdSE2yKO03t2UggzBGsCJMhxdFoG1MDZXRBTtUODBPMkXOTRWNVhaSjVSR0w3VDREVFNZSC4u. For questions or for more information, please contact Maria Faz at lawcampusministry@stmarytx.edu.

Announcements

Dean's Research Fellows is Hiring

All rising 1Ls and 2L students are invited to submit their resume for consideration in becoming a Dean's Research Fellow. There will be six available upcoming openings starting this summer. The Dean's Research Fellows Program performs a variety of legal research for the Dean, law faculty, and the University. Researchers will need to work between 10 and 20 hours a week on writing or research projects at a rate of \$12.00 per hour. If interested, please submit a resume to Professor Mike Martinez at mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu no later than **February 29, 2020**. You may also see us on CORE.

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Innsbruck Scholarships

Applications to the Institute on World Legal Problems are now being accepted. To apply for any of the Innsbruck Scholarships, please fill out the scholarship form at https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=8_HkCwrdSE2yKO03t2Ugqxobj9jvH9xChRorjIBudj9UQkQ5M0haN0ZSTTAxWExFSEFEMlpMUzkySi4u

Please Note: In addition to applying for scholarships, you must also apply to participate in the Innsbruck Program via the University Website. All scholarships submissions are due **March 29, 2020** at 5:00pm. For any questions, please contact Law Campus Ministry at lawcampusministry@stmarytx.edu.

Free Access to Thousands of E-books on LexisNexis

LexisNexis treatises, study aids, desk books, and more are now accessible to law students through the law library's subscription. *St. Mary's University Digital Library* provides access to more than a thousand volumes of legal eBooks you can access anytime, anywhere. Visit <http://skell.law.overdrive.com> and enter your school email address. You can browse the available materials in the digital collection and access both the Questions and Answers series and Understanding series to help you study.

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Chair Massages, Yoga and Meditation this Month

Enrich your mind, body and soul to enhance your academic performance. Live a healthier lifestyle and achieve a more balanced life. The Law School community is invited to take advantage of the health and wellness activities planned this semester. Mark your calendar for the next event.

- Chair Massages – 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., and 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. – Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Future dates are **February 19**, March 18 and April 15. Don't miss out on the benefits of a chair massage. It reduces stress, tension, and anxiety. It improves blood flow, will boost your immune system, alleviate pain and headaches, improves posture and so much more.
- Yoga & Meditation Class – 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., **March 3**, April 7. Bring your own mat. Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Practicing yoga improves balance, endurance, flexibility, and strength, while meditation helps keep the mind sharp, relieves stress and anxiety, and strengthen your immune system. Keep your body and mind healthy and happy!

San Antonio First Tuesday Lawyer Wellness Group

The Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) has started **San Antonio First Tuesday Lawyer Wellness Group**. Law students are invited to join this group. This is a monthly educational wellness group for lawyers and law students to learn about a variety of mental health and wellness issues that lawyers often face and how to address them. Their next meeting is **March 3**, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Alamo Heights Methodist Church, Room EAST 221, 825 Basse Road, San Antonio, Texas 78209. Food will be served. Please RSVP to 1.800.343.8527. Parking is free. Future 2020 meeting dates are: 4/7, 5/5, 6/2, 7/7, 8/4, 9/1, 10/6, 11/3, and 12/1.

University Sponsored Student Activities

Explore any or all events/activities sponsored by the University for all students across campus.

- Every Wednesday, Trivia Night, 8- 10 p.m. at The Pub

Take a Break and Exercise

One of the key aspects of being a successful law student is the ability to maintain a balance in all areas of life and a little exercise can go a long way. The AA & CC (Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center) is a great place to work out, do some open lap swimming, and find out about Intramural sports. Hours of operation are:

Monday - Thursday 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Friday 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 - 10:00 p.m.

If you would like to form a law school basketball or volleyball team, please call 210.431.5046 to find out more information on availability and scheduling. For more information visit: <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/campus-life/play/campus-recreation>.

Recipe of the Week

Lemon-Basil Chicken with Zucchini Noodles

<https://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/food-network-kitchen/lemon-basil-chicken-with-zucchini-noodles-5210887>

Prep Time: 35 min

Serves 4

Ingredients

1/4 cup plus 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
4 skinless, boneless chicken breasts (6 to 8 ounces each)
Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1/2 shallot, finely chopped
1/2 cup torn fresh basil, plus 2 teaspoons finely chopped stems
3/4 cup low-sodium chicken broth
Grated zest and juice of 1 lemon
3 tablespoons cold unsalted butter
1 1/2 pounds zucchini noodles
Red pepper flakes, for topping

Directions

1. Spread 1/4 cup flour on a large plate. Season the chicken with salt and pepper, then dredge in the flour and shake off the excess. Heat a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add the olive oil and heat until shimmering, then add the chicken and cook until golden and almost cooked through, 5 to 6 minutes per side.
2. Push the chicken to the edges of the skillet, add the shallot and basil stems to the middle and cook until softened but not browned, about 1 minute. Stir in the remaining 1 tablespoon flour and cook 1 minute. Add the chicken broth and lemon juice and bring to a boil, scraping up any browned bits. Reduce the heat and simmer, turning the chicken occasionally, until cooked through and the sauce is thick, 3 to 4 minutes. Turn off the heat and swirl in 2 tablespoons butter until melted. Add the lemon zest and season with salt and pepper.
3. Melt the remaining 1 tablespoon butter in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add the zucchini noodles and season with salt and pepper; cook, stirring occasionally, until just softened, 2 to 3 minutes. Toss in half the torn basil. Divide among plates and top with the chicken, lemon sauce, remaining basil and red pepper flakes.

Nutrition Information: Cal 460 | Total Fat 22 grams | Cholesterol 168 milligrams | Sodium 277 milligrams | Carbs 15 grams | Fiber 2 grams | Protein 49 grams | Sugar 5 grams

Notices

Law Students with Disabilities

Students who need accommodations for a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Office of Student Accessibility Services located in the Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139 (directly behind the Raba building). Their telephone number is 210.431.5080, email

accessibility@stmarytx.edu or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the law *Student Handbook* on Gateway for more information. Deadline to apply for Spring 2020 is **Thursday, April 9, 2020**.

Student E-mail Accounts

Each student is assigned a Law School e-mail account and is required to check this account daily. Faculty and the Administration use e-mail to communicate with students and to send official notices. Students are deemed to have knowledge of all communications from the Faculty and Administration sent to their Law School e-mail address. Therefore, not checking the school email account is not an acceptable defense for not responding to information disseminated by email. Additionally, various professors may have more specific requirements with respect to e-mail, TWEN, Blackboard and Canvas classrooms.

CLSJ in the Law Commons

Have questions on Clinic, Externships, or Pro Bono? The Center for Legal & Social Justice (CLSJ) will be taking over the Law Commons **every Wednesday** from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Drop by, say hello, and get some information on what we do and how you can benefit from it. Remember - Externship placements and Pro Bono opportunities are available on CORE.

Claim Your Free ABA Membership

As a law student, you need to focus on your studies while keeping an eye on your future. With so much to prepare, let the American Bar Association help. [Join the ABA today](#) for free and enjoy access to a multitude of resources to help you succeed.

- Complimentary membership in up to five Member Groups like the Law Student Division, Civil Rights & Social Justice, Family Law and other law practice areas
- 30-day Quimbee Gold Plan free trial with access to its entire library of case briefs, video lessons, multiple-choice quizzes, and outlines
- ABA Career Center access which gives you monthly articles, live and on-demand webinars, podcasts and a job board for law students
- ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ROLI) participation which promotes justice, economic opportunity and human dignity through the rule of law
- And more!

Take advantage of this opportunity to shape your future and join a community of hundreds of thousands of ABA lawyers, judges and law student members. [Join now for free!](#)

Want more from the ABA? For just \$25, upgrade your membership to Premium and gain access up to \$500 in discounts on Quimbee, Themis and Kaplan bar prep courses, access to leadership opportunities and national competitions, instant resume review, and so much more. [Upgrade to Premium Membership, today!](#)

Lockers Now Available

The Student Bar Association is now renting lockers in the Law Library. You can rent a locker by completing the "Locker Rental Agreement Form" on the Student Bar Association's Rattler Tracks page. If you have any questions, please contact the SBA Treasurer, Jennifer Mendez Lopez, at jmendezlopez@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Community Service Requirement

All JD students who matriculate Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. Students must complete at least ten (10) hours toward the 30-hour requirement

before the end of their first year of law school and at least twenty (20) hours before the end of their second year of law school.

No more than fifteen (15) of the service hours may be general community service hours with a qualifying non-profit or public entity. At least fifteen (15) hours must be law school-approved hours.

For more information, please reference the [Community Service Requirement](#) section of the School of Law website. With questions, please contact Gregory Zlotnick at gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu.

Navigating Law School

If you are a first generation law student and would like to speak with Dean Haynes about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment with Dean Haynes at calendly.com/ahaynes5.

Film and the Law

If you enjoy movies and would be interested in working with Dean Haynes to set up a "Film and the Law" series during the Fall semester, please contact Dean Haynes at ahaynes5@stmarytx.edu.

University Policies and Procedures on Non-Discrimination

St. Mary's University is committed to providing a safe, equitable, and fair environment where students can pursue academic excellence. Policies and procedures have been developed to foster and sustain such an environment and apply to all courses offered at the university. Students need to be aware of these policies and procedures, which can be found in *Gateway* (<https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/>). Please become familiar with these important policies and procedures, which include:

- Nondiscrimination, Sexual and Other Forms of Harassment <https://www.stmarytx.edu/about/title-ix/>
- Students with Disability <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/disability-rights/>
- Human Subjects Research <https://www.stmarytx.edu/compliance/research-compliance/>

Need a Break?

Tired of sitting and reading? Do you need a break? Need some fresh air? Well we have a solution: GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY. Now available at the law library circulation desk you can check out a football (nerf or regular), soccer ball, volleyball, kickball or basket toss with more options on the way. You will need your student ID to check out equipment.

Noise Levels in the Law Classrooms Building

Please remember that classes are in session during most hours, day and evening in the Law Classrooms building. Please be mindful, courteous and quiet when exiting classes and help keep noise levels in the hallways to a minimum.

Inviting Dignitaries to Campus

All law school student organizations are reminded to submit a request for approval prior to inviting a dignitary to the School of Law. **The form must be completed prior to contacting and inviting a dignitary to campus. Requests should be made 45 days prior to the scheduled event.** A Visiting Dignitary includes, diplomats, local public figures including but not limited to, the Archbishop of San Antonio, judges, and other elected officials. Forms can be found online on Gateway at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/university-communications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>.

Tobacco Use Policy On Campus

Smoking and smokeless tobacco products will be allowed only within designated locations on the St. Mary's University campus. Visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/administration-finance/tobacco-use-on-campus/> to learn more.

Do Not Remove Classroom Chairs

Please note that chairs should not be removed from their existing row or from any of the classrooms. This causes problems with class delays and professors seating charts for attendance purposes. If a chair must be removed, please ensure you return it to its original location.

Academic Support

Law School Resources

The Student Counseling Center
Center for Life Directions Building
(Next to the RABA Building)
(210) 436-3135
Emergency (after-hours and weekends):
(210) 825-3622

Ileana Velazquez, M.A., LPC
(210) 431-4225
RABA 208
ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Ministry
(210) 436-3063
RABA 105
gwalle@stmarytx.edu

Office of Student Accessibility Services (SAS)
Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139
(210) 431-5080
accessibility@stmarytx.edu

Student Health Center
Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor
(210) 436-3506—office line
(210) 436-3656—fax line
healthcenter@stmarytx.edu

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center
Campus Recreation AACC 2145
210-436-3997
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation>

National Suicide Prevention Line
1-800-273-8255

Veterans Crisis Line
1-800-273-8255 and press 1

Food Bank at Holy Rosary

Running short on finances? Need a little help with groceries? Holy Rosary Church along with St. Vincent de Paul Society is open to students on Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The church is located at 155 Camino Santa Maria. Please have your St. Mary's ID ready. For more information contact ileana Velazquez at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu.

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program
Chris Ritter
1-800-343-8527
www.tlaphelps.org

Texas Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers (LCL) Meetings
CALL IN:
Fridays at Noon: 800-393-0640, enter code 676745
Third Thursday at Noon: 800-393-0640, enter code 676745

If you need assistance in accessing any resources or referrals to other resources, please contact ileana Velazquez at (210) 431-4225 or by email at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu.

Ministry

Bible Class with Professor Addicott

Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." Bible classes are non-denominational and are held in the conference room at the Warrior Defense Project (LF 102B) in Raba. Class times are 0700 AM and 12:00 PM each Tuesday and 10:00 AM and 11:00 AM on Sunday. Class is about 40-minutes long and cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching methodology. Bring your Bible, pen, and notebook. For more information, contact Katie Salinas at csalinas2@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Liturgy and Worship Schedule

University Ministry invites the St. Mary's University community to weekly Liturgy and worship. Weekday mass is offered for all members and friends of the St. Mary's University community. The schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 12:15 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Sunday 11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, and Sunday evening, 9:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel. For more information, contact University Ministry at 210.431.2053 or msmith6@stmarytx.edu.

Writing Competitions and Scholarships

If a link is not provided for detailed information to any of the writing competitions or scholarships described below, please email Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu. Indicates a new scholarship opportunity added this week.

The Pinkerton Law Firm.

<https://www.law.uh.edu/financialaid/Pinkerton%20Law%20Review%20Letter.pdf>. Write articles for the Pinkerton Law Review. \$2,500 top writer awards (five). \$10,000 writer of the year award (one).

The National Law Review is now accepting submissions. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

[Mendes Hershman Student Writing Contest](#). \$1,000. Deadline to [submit an essay](#) is February 15, 2020.

State Bar of Texas Women and the Law Section's [2020 Texas Law Student Writing Competition](#). \$1,000 and \$500. Deadline to apply is February 28, 2020.

Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP. Annual Diversity Scholarship for 1Ls.

<https://www.bradley.com/careers/law-students?tab=summer-program>. \$10,000. \$5,000. Deadline to apply is March 15, 2020.

Amarillo Area Bar Foundation. www.amarillobar.org. Four \$2,500 scholarships. Deadline to apply is no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 1, 2020.

Aviation Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. <https://aviationlawtx.com/scholarship/>. One \$1,000 scholarship. Deadline to apply is April 1, 2020.

Tax Section of the State Bar of Texas.
<http://www.texasbar.org/uploads/SBOT%20Tax%20Section%20Scholarship%20Application%202020.pdf>. Three \$2,000. Deadline to apply is April 4, 2020.

National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees. <http://www.nactt.com>. \$1,000. Deadline to apply is April 30, 2020.

Intellectual Property Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. www.texasbar.org. Two \$5,000 scholarships. Deadline is May 1, 2020.

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Submitting an Event for Publication in the Witan?

Please [click here](#) to submit events and news items for inclusion in the Witan.

Congratulations

St. Mary's National Moot Court Team Completes Top-16 Finish at Spong Invitational Tournament

Over the weekend, the St. Mary's National Moot Court Team traveled to Williamsburg, Virginia for the 49th Annual William B. Spong National Moot Court Competition. This invitational tournament included 36 teams from all over the country. The St. Mary's teams of Natsumi Covey (3L) and Lance Kimbro (2L) **and** Kelsey Liu (3L) and Nadeen Abou-Hossa (3L) took part in the competition. Kelsey and Nadeen reached the Octo-Finals of the tournament, with Nadeen garnering a perfect score of 100 from one of the 5 judges in the round of sixteen. Please congratulate these fine advocates for another strong moot court showing.

OCS News You Can Use

Interested in a Career with the Secret Service?

A representative from the Secret Service will be here to discuss opportunities as a Secret Service Special Agent as well as in the Secret Service Legal Department. The event will take place on **Wednesday, February 19**, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Office of Career Strategy.

Military Law Event

Members of various services branches will be on campus for "Exploring Military Careers," on **Wednesday, February 19**, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Law Alumni Room. Light snacks will be provided.

Exploring Public Interest and Civil Rights Careers

Join us next **Monday, February 24**, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Atrium for "Exploring Public Interest and Civil Rights Careers." Local public interest and civil rights attorneys share their experiences and answer your questions about practicing in these two rewarding fields.

Applications for the Equal Justice America Summer 2020 Fellowship Approaching

Students who accept a job with a non-profit organization that provides civil legal assistance to the poor are eligible to apply for an EJA Fellowship. The Fellowship pays up to \$4,000 for 10 weeks of full-time work. To apply, visit <http://equaljusticeamerica.org/summerapplication.htm>. The deadline is **March 25, 2020**.

Want to Join a Law Student Chili Cook-Off Team?

Do you have a coveted chili recipe? Are you ready to compete against the best of the best of the legal community? SABA and SAYLA are hosting their annual Chili Cook Off and we are looking for interested law students to form a Law Student Chili Cook-Off Team. The Chili Cook Off will be held on **Sunday, March 29**, from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. If you are interested, please email Greg Zlotnick at gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu by Friday, February 21.

Post-Graduate Honors and Fellowships

The following post-graduate honors and fellowship opportunities have approaching deadlines. Check CORE for more information.

IRS Honors Attorney Program, Fall 2020

Internal Revenue Services, Department of Treasury

Deadline: March 4

Save the Date for these Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, February 26 – Exploring Tax Law Careers
- Monday, March 2 – Exploring Health Law Careers
- Tuesday, March 3 – Equal Justice Works Presentation on Student Debt Repayment
- Wednesday, March 18 – Exploring Government and Policy Law Careers
- Monday, March 23 – Exploring Real Estate and Construction Law Careers
- Wednesday, April 1 – Exploring Labor and Employment Law Careers

Student Organizations

Sports, Entertainment and Media Lunch & Learn with Matthew Hill

Please join The Law Society for Sports, Entertainment, and Media as we are pleased to host sports lawyer and St. Mary's School of Law alumnus, Matthew D. Hill ('09), who will be presenting on: "Practical Success" as an attorney in the sports industry, comparing the legal landscapes of sports law in Texas and California, and various legal issues athletes encounter. The event will be held **Wednesday, February 19**, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in Raba Classroom 205. For more information please see [lunch_learn_matt_hill.pdf 2.06 MB · PDF](#) or email amathews3@mail.stmarytx.edu.

The Scholar Hosts 2020 Immigration Symposium

The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice will host its annual Immigration Symposium focusing on the practical aspects of immigration law and the current policy debates surrounding the field. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear a variety of notable immigration attorneys, scholars, and leaders speak on current issues within the field of immigration law in the United

States. The event will be held **Friday, February 28**, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at UTSA Institute of Texan Cultures, 801 E. César Chávez Boulevard, San Antonio, TX 78205.

Keynote Speaker: Khizr Khan, Gold Star Father, author, and attorney.

Special Guest Speaker: Ira J. Kurzban, attorney and author of *Kurzban's Immigration Law Sourcebook*.

Additional speakers/panelists include the Honorable Henry Cisneros, Tran Dang, Suhaib Haq, MD, Rev. Ann Helmke, Pedro Martinez, Olu Orange, the Honorable Paul W. Schmidt, and Mariachi Orgullo Del Sur.

This CLE event has been approved by the State of Texas for 6 CLE credit hours (including 1 hour of ethics). Symposium registration is free for St. Mary's School of Law faculty/staff and current Scholar members and \$20 for students. Scholarship opportunities are available. Link to register: <https://form.jotform.com/82746562434159>

The keynote speech by Mr. Khan is free and open to the public, but a ticket is required for entry. Free tickets are available through Eventbrite, first come, first served:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gold-star-father-khizr-khan-at-2020-immigration-symposiumtickets-91497406205>

For more information please see <https://commons.stmarytx.edu/scholarsymposium/> or contact law scholar@stmarytx.edu or telephone 210.436-3525.

Events

Lunch with the Brothers

Looking to make a difference but don't feel like you have time to leave campus? Have lunch with retired Marianist brothers and priests at the Marianist Residence on campus. They love seeing students and welcome the company, conversation, and friendship.

Lunchtime slots will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11:45 and 1:15. Sign-ups will be on CORE. Each lunch attended is eligible for one community service hour. With questions, contact Grace Erwin at gerwin@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Volunteers Needed for Catholic Arts and Academic Competition

On **February 22** and **March 28**, volunteer proctors, judges, graders, and contest managers are needed for the Catholic Arts and Academic Competition. To sign up, visit https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc4WNa-JaFNHT3FA-KMBfMn1QGmYxk5TK_s6hTmAKkEqNr1Dg/viewform. With questions, contact Cynthia Himstedt at cynthia.himstedt@archsa.org.

Ash Wednesday Mass and Distribution of Ashes

Mass and Distribution of Ashes will take place **Wednesday, February 26** at 12:00 p.m. in the Law Alumni room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. A Lenten luncheon will follow.

Flint Fest 2020

You're invited to Flint Fest! The event will take place **Friday, February 28** at 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 223 E. Summit Ave, San Antonio, TX 78212. Tickets are \$12, payable by cash, check, or credit card, and can be purchased any time at Sister Grace's table in Raba. Come enjoy Professor Flint's home-brewed beer and barbecue, have fun with past Innsbruck participants, and learn more about financial aid and scholarships. All Flint Fest 2020 proceeds will benefit the Flint Fund.

Deans' Challenge Food Drive Hunger Awareness Food Drive February 1–28

The Law School community is invited to give back this month by making a donation to the Deans' Challenge Food Drive. Sponsored by University Ministry, the Deans' Challenge Food Drive supports the Society of St. Vincent de Paul food pantry at Holy Rosary Catholic Church. The goal is to collect 2,000 pounds of non-perishable and canned food by **Friday, February 28**. Help us meet our goal by dropping off your donations at the Law Library, Office of Career Strategy and the Law Classrooms Building, Foyer. The deans of each school are challenging their students, staff and faculty to raise the most pounds of food. Donate to the locations in your school to help meet this challenge. *For more information, contact University Ministry at 210-436-3213 or univmin@stmarytx.edu.*

Board of Advocates Presents Wayne & Maxine Scott Negotiations Competition

The Wayne & Maxine Scott Negotiations competition will be held **Saturday, February 29**. The Board of Advocates will be tabling in the Law Classroom building this week. Stop by and see them to learn more about the competition.

Alternative Spring Break Send-Off

All students participating in the Alternative Spring Break program need to attend the Final Information Session before your departure. The Send-Off will be **Tuesday, March 3** at 4:00 p.m. at the Pub. Meet and greet with students volunteering in your city and law alumni, receive your gas card distributions, and have your questions answered about each work site. Other important information will be provided. Complimentary social food and drinks will also be provided. For more information please contact Raul Corrales at corrales@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Celebration of Women

Celebrate Women's History Month by highlighting important women in history. All students are invited to write a name and/or a quote of a woman in your life or in history who inspires you. Banners will be available in the **Law Commons all day, March 16-17**. Banners will also be available in the University Center Atrium, 11:00 – 2:00 p.m. on March 17. *This event is part of Women's History Month and is co-sponsored by the School of Law.*

Women In Law Leadership Awards

Nominations for Women in Law Leadership are now being accepted. The award recipients and nominees will be recognized at a luncheon with the Fourth Court of Appeals on **Thursday, March 26** at 12:00 p.m. in the Law Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Business casual attire.

Only 2L and 3L students may be nominated. The nomination application and award details can be found at here https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=8_HkCwrdSE2yKO03t2UgqzBGsCJMhxdFoG1MDZXrBttUODBPMkXQTRWNVhaSjVSR0w3VDREVFNZSC4u. For questions or for more information, please contact Maria Faz at lawcampusministry@stmarytx.edu.

May 2020 Commencement

Students are asked to review all events for the May 2020 Commencement here  [grad_event_sheet_may_2020.pdf](#) 36.35 KB .PDF_.

Announcements

Federal Court Judicial Internships in San Antonio

Semesters: Summer 2020, Fall 2020, and Spring 2021

Deadline: 2:00 P.M. Monday February 24, 2020

Applications are now being accepted for pre-graduation judicial internships with five federal judges who have chambers in San Antonio. A detailed pamphlet, entitled "*Pre-Graduation Judicial Internships*," as well as an announcement of openings and application form, can be found on the judicial internship page of the law school website. Approximately fifteen internships positions are available. Submit your application to the Dean's Office in the Law Administration Building.

Eligibility of Full-Time and Part-Time Students: Students may apply for any internship that will commence in a semester after the student has completed 29 hours of course work. Thus, a first-year full-time student may normally apply for an internship that will take place in the summer between first and second year, or during any subsequent semester. A first-year part-time student may normally apply for a judicial internship that commences in the spring of the student's second year or later.

Lexis Digital Library Update

Join the Law Library on **Friday, February 28** to learn about recent changes and upgrades to the Lexis Digital Library. Faculty is invited to visit with Lexis representative Andrea Roberts from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and students are welcome to attend a session from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Both sessions will be held in the Alumni Room. Please contact [Professor Stacy Fowler](#) for additional information.

Dean's Research Fellows is Hiring

All rising 1Ls and 2L students are invited to submit their resume for consideration in becoming a Dean's Research Fellow. There will be six available upcoming openings starting this summer. The Dean's Research Fellows Program performs a variety of legal research for the Dean, law faculty, and the University. Researchers will need to work between 10 and 20 hours a week on writing or research projects at a rate of \$12.00 per hour. If interested, please submit a resume to Professor Mike Martinez at mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu no later than **February 29, 2020**. You may also see us on CORE.

FAFSA Reminder

Law students planning on applying for financial aid for the 2020-2021 academic year, or students planning on applying for financial aid for summer 2020 will need to renew their FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Students can now complete the 2020-2021 FAFSA and are encouraged to complete it early, in order to ensure that the required information is received by the Office of Financial Assistance by the **March 1st deadline**. You may complete the FAFSA at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> and make certain to include **St. Mary's school code 003623**. Please note that the 2020-2021 FAFSA will require 2018 tax year information. Should you have any questions, please contact the Office of Financial Assistance at (210) 436-3141.

Innsbruck Scholarships

Applications to the Institute on World Legal Problems are now being accepted. To apply for any of the Innsbruck Scholarships, please fill out the scholarship form at https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=8_HkCwrdSE2yKO03t2Ugqxobj9jvH9xChRorjIBudj9UQkQ5M0haN0ZSTTAxWExFSEFEMlpMUzkySi4u

Please Note: In addition to applying for scholarships, you must also apply to participate in the Innsbruck Program via the University Website. All scholarships submissions are due **March 29**, 2020 at 5:00pm. For any questions, please contact Law Campus Ministry at lawcampusministry@stmarytx.edu.

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Enrich your mind, body and soul to enhance your academic performance. Live a healthier lifestyle and achieve a more balanced life. The Law School community is invited to take advantage of the health and wellness activities planned this semester. Mark your calendar for the next event.

- Chair Massages – 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., and 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. – **February 19**, Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Future dates are March 18 and April 15. Don't miss out on the benefits of a chair massage. It reduces stress, tension, and anxiety. It improves blood flow, will boost your immune system, alleviate pain and headaches, improves posture and so much more.
- Yoga & Meditation Class – 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., **March 3** and April 7. Bring your own mat. Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Practicing yoga improves balance, endurance, flexibility, and strength, while meditation helps keep the mind sharp, relieves stress and anxiety, and strengthen your immune system. Keep your body and mind healthy and happy!

San Antonio First Tuesday Lawyer Wellness Group

The Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) has started **San Antonio First Tuesday Lawyer Wellness Group**. Law students are invited to join this group. This is a monthly educational wellness group for lawyers and law students to learn about a variety of mental health and wellness issues that lawyers often face and how to address them. Their next meeting is **March 3**, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Alamo Heights Methodist Church, Room EAST 221, 825 Basse Road, San Antonio, Texas 78209. Food will be served. Please RSVP to 1.800.343.8527. Parking is free. Future 2020 meeting dates are: 4/7, 5/5, 6/2, 7/7, 8/4, 9/1, 10/6, 11/3, and 12/1.

University Sponsored Student Activities

Explore any or all events/activities sponsored by the University for all students across campus.

- Every Wednesday, Trivia Night, 8- 10 p.m. at The Pub

Take a Break and Exercise

One of the key aspects of being a successful law student is the ability to maintain a balance in all areas of life and a little exercise can go a long way. The AA & CC (Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center) is a great place to work out, do some open lap swimming, and find out about Intramural sports. Hours of operation are:

Monday - Thursday 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Friday 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 - 10:00 p.m.

If you would like to form a law school basketball or volleyball team, please call 210.431.5046 to find out more information on availability and scheduling. For more information visit:

<https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/campus-life/play/campus-recreation>.

Recipe of the Week

Honey Sriracha Chicken and Broccoli Meal Prep Bowls

<https://www.skinnytaste.com/honey-sriracha-chicken-and-broccoli-meal-prep-bowls/>

Prep Time: 10 mins

Cook Time: 20 mins

Total Time: 30 mins

Yield: 4 servings

This easy meal-prep honey-sriracha chicken dish can also be served as a main dish, is made on a sheet pan and comes together quick!

Ingredients

- olive oil spray
- 3 chicken breasts, diced into 1-inch pieces (24 ounces)
- 1 egg white, beaten
- 2 tablespoons corn starch
- 1 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt, divided
- 1 head broccoli, cut into small florets
- 2 teaspoons sesame oil
- 2 cups brown rice, cooked

Honey Sriracha Sauce

- 2 tablespoons honey
- 2 tablespoons sriracha sauce
- 1 teaspoon seasoned rice vinegar
- 1 teaspoon sesame oil
- 2 scallions, sliced
- 1 teaspoon black and white sesame seeds, or as desired

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 425F. Place the chicken in the egg whites, then in cornstarch and season with 3/4 teaspoon salt. Spray a large nonstick sheet pan generously with olive oil spray (so the chicken doesn't stick) then add the chicken pieces, leaving room for the broccoli on one end. Bake in the oven for 10 minutes.
2. Remove chicken from oven and flip, then add broccoli on the other half of the pan and drizzle with 2 teaspoons sesame oil, season with 1/2 teaspoon salt and pepper, to taste. Place back in the oven and cook until the chicken is cooked through and the broccoli is tender, about 10 minutes.

3. Meanwhile, in a medium bowl whisk honey, sriracha sauce, rice vinegar, and sesame oil together until smooth. Add the chicken and toss in sauce to coat.
4. Divide all the ingredients to 4 meal prep bowls, top with scallions and sesame seeds.

Nutritional info includes rice. Without the rice, each serving is:

Freestyle Points: 4, Points + 8 | Calories 320 | Total Fat 8.5g | Saturated Fat 1.5g | Cholesterol 125mg | Sodium 570mg | Carbohydrates 18g | Fiber 2g | Sugar 12g | Protein 42g

Serving: 1 bowl, Calories 428kcal | Carbohydrates 41g | Protein 44g | Fat 9.5g | Saturated Fat 2g | Cholesterol 124mg | Sodium 570mg | Fiber 4g | Sugar 12g

Blue Smart Points: 7 Green Smart Points | 7 Purple Smart Points 4 Points + 12

Notices

Law Students with Disabilities

Students who need accommodations for a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Office of Student Accessibility Services located in the Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139 (directly behind the Raba building). Their telephone number is 210.431.5080, email accessibility@stmarytx.edu or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the law *Student Handbook* on Gateway for more information. Deadline to apply for Spring 2020 is **Thursday, April 9, 2020**.

Student E-mail Accounts

Each student is assigned a Law School e-mail account and is required to check this account daily. Faculty and the Administration use e-mail to communicate with students and to send official notices. Students are deemed to have knowledge of all communications from the Faculty and Administration sent to their Law School e-mail address. Therefore, not checking the school email account is not an acceptable defense for not responding to information disseminated by email. Additionally, various professors may have more specific requirements with respect to e-mail, TWEN, Blackboard and Canvas classrooms.

CLSJ in the Law Commons

Have questions on Clinic, Externships, or Pro Bono? The Center for Legal & Social Justice (CLSJ) will be taking over the Law Commons **every Wednesday** from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Drop by, say hello, and get some information on what we do and how you can benefit from it. Remember - Externship placements and Pro Bono opportunities are available on CORE.

Claim Your Free ABA Membership

As a law student, you need to focus on your studies while keeping an eye on your future. With so much to prepare, let the American Bar Association help. [Join the ABA today](#) for free and enjoy access to a multitude of resources to help you succeed.

- Complimentary membership in up to five Member Groups like the Law Student Division, Civil Rights & Social Justice, Family Law and other law practice areas
- 30-day Quimbee Gold Plan free trial with access to its entire library of case briefs, video lessons, multiple-choice quizzes, and outlines
- ABA Career Center access which gives you monthly articles, live and on-demand webinars, podcasts and a job board for law students
- ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ROLI) participation which promotes justice, economic opportunity and human dignity through the rule of law

- And more!

Take advantage of this opportunity to shape your future and join a community of hundreds of thousands of ABA lawyers, judges and law student members. [Join now for free!](#)

Want more from the ABA? For just \$25, upgrade your membership to Premium and gain access up to \$500 in discounts on Quimbee, Themis and Kaplan bar prep courses, access to leadership opportunities and national competitions, instant resume review, and so much more. [Upgrade to Premium Membership, today!](#)

Lockers Now Available

The Student Bar Association is now renting lockers in the Law Library. You can rent a locker by completing the "Locker Rental Agreement Form" on the Student Bar Association's Rattler Tracks page. If you have any questions, please contact the SBA Treasurer, Jennifer Mendez Lopez, at jmendezlopez@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Community Service Requirement

All JD students who matriculate Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. Students must complete at least ten (10) hours toward the 30 hour requirement before the end of their first year of law school and at least twenty (20) hours before the end of their second year of law school.

No more than fifteen (15) of the service hours may be general community service hours with a qualifying non-profit or public entity. At least fifteen (15) hours must be law school-approved hours.

For more information, please reference the [Community Service Requirement](#) section of the School of Law website. With questions, please contact Gregory Zlotnick at gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu.

Navigating Law School

If you are a first generation law student and would like to speak with Dean Haynes about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment with Dean Haynes at calendly.com/ahaynes5.

Film and the Law

If you enjoy movies and would be interested in working with Dean Haynes to set up a "Film and the Law" series during the Fall semester, please contact Dean Haynes at ahaynes5@stmarytx.edu.

University Policies and Procedures on Non-Discrimination

St. Mary's University is committed to providing a safe, equitable, and fair environment where students can pursue academic excellence. Policies and procedures have been developed to foster and sustain such an environment and apply to all courses offered at the university. Students need to be aware of these policies and procedures, which can be found in *Gateway* (<https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/>). Please become familiar with these important policies and procedures, which include:

- Nondiscrimination, Sexual and Other Forms of Harassment <https://www.stmarytx.edu/about/title-ix/>
- Students with Disability <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/disability-rights/>
- Human Subjects Research <https://www.stmarytx.edu/compliance/research-compliance/>

Need a Break?

Tired of sitting and reading? Do you need a break? Need some fresh air? Well we have a solution: GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY. Now available at the law library circulation desk you can check out a football (nerf or regular), soccer ball, volleyball, kickball or basket toss with more options on the way. You will need your student ID to check out equipment.

Noise Levels in the Law Classrooms Building

Please remember that classes are in session during most hours, day and evening in the Law Classrooms building. Please be mindful, courteous and quiet when exiting classes and help keep noise levels in the hallways to a minimum.

Inviting Dignitaries to Campus

All law school student organizations are reminded to submit a request for approval prior to inviting a dignitary to the School of Law. **The form must be completed prior to contacting and inviting a dignitary to campus. Requests should be made 45 days prior to the scheduled event.** A Visiting Dignitary includes, diplomats, local public figures including but not limited to, the Archbishop of San Antonio, judges, and other elected officials. Forms can be found online on Gateway at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/university-communications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>.

Tobacco Use Policy On Campus

Smoking and smokeless tobacco products will be allowed only within designated locations on the St. Mary's University campus. Visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/administration-finance/tobacco-use-on-campus/> to learn more.

Do Not Remove Classroom Chairs

Please note that chairs should not be removed from their existing row or from any of the classrooms. This causes problems with class delays and professors seating charts for attendance purposes. If a chair must be removed, please ensure you return it to its original location.

Academic Support

Law School Resources

The Student Counseling Center
Center for Life Directions Building
(Next to the RABA Building)
(210) 436-3135
Emergency (after-hours and weekends):
(210) 825-3622

Ileana Velazquez, M.A., LPC
(210) 431-4225
RABA 208
ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Ministry
(210) 436-3063
RABA 105
gwalle@stmarytx.edu

Office of Student Accessibility Services (SAS)
Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139
(210) 431-5080
accessibility@stmarytx.edu

Student Health Center
Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center
Campus Recreation AACC 2145

(210) 436-3506—office line
(210) 436-3656—fax line
healthcenter@stmarytx.edu

210-436-3997
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation>

National Suicide Prevention Line
1-800-273-8255

Veterans Crisis Line
1-800-273-8255 and press 1

Food Bank at Holy Rosary

Running short on finances? Need a little help with groceries? Holy Rosary Church along with St. Vincent de Paul Society is open to students on Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The church is located at 155 Camino Santa Maria. Please have your St. Mary's ID ready. For more information contact Ileana Velazquez at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu.

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program
Chris Ritter
1-800-343-8527
www.tlaphelps.org

Texas Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers (LCL) Meetings
CALL IN:
Fridays at Noon: 800-393-0640, enter code 676745
Third Thursday at Noon: 800-393-0640, enter code 676745

If you need assistance in accessing any resources or referrals to other resources, please contact ileana Velazquez at (210) 431-4225 or by email at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu.

Ministry

Bible Class with Professor Addicott

Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." Bible classes are non-denominational and are held in the conference room at the Warrior Defense Project (LF 102B) in Raba. Class times are 0700 AM and 12:00 PM each Tuesday and 10:00 AM and 11:00 AM on Sunday. Class is about 40-minutes long and cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching methodology. Bring your Bible, pen, and notebook. For more information, contact Katie Salinas at csalinas2@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Liturgy and Worship Schedule

University Ministry invites the St. Mary's University community to weekly Liturgy and worship. Weekday mass is offered for all members and friends of the St. Mary's University community. The schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 12:15 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Sunday 11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, and Sunday evening, 9:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel. For more information, contact University Ministry at 210.431.2053 or msmith6@stmarytx.edu.

Writing Competitions and Scholarships

If a link is not provided for detailed information to any of the writing competitions or scholarships described below, please email Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu. Indicates a new scholarship opportunity added this week.

The Pinkerton Law Firm.

<https://www.law.uh.edu/financialaid/Pinkerton%20Law%20Review%20Letter.pdf>. Write articles for the Pinkerton Law Review. \$2,500 top writer awards (five). \$10,000 writer of the year award (one).

The National Law Review is now accepting submissions. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

[Mendes Hershman Student Writing Contest](#). \$1,000. Deadline to [submit an essay](#) is February 15, 2020.

State Bar of Texas Women and the Law Section's [2020 Texas Law Student Writing Competition](#). \$1,000 and \$500. Deadline to apply is February 28, 2020.

Arnold & Porter Diversity and Inclusion Scholarship. To apply [please click here](#). \$10,000 scholarships to qualified first-year law students. Deadline to apply is **March 6, 2020**

Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP. Annual Diversity Scholarship for 1Ls.

<https://www.bradley.com/careers/law-students?tab=summer-program>. \$10,000. \$5,000. Deadline to apply is March 15, 2020.

Amarillo Area Bar Foundation. www.amarillobar.org. Four \$2,500 scholarships. Deadline to apply is no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 1, 2020.

Aviation Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. <https://aviationlawtx.com/scholarship/>. One \$1,000 scholarship. Deadline to apply is April 1, 2020.

Tax Section of the State Bar of Texas.

<http://www.texasbar.org/uploads/SBOT%20Tax%20Section%20Scholarship%20Application%202020.pdf>. Three \$2,000. Deadline to apply is April 4, 2020.

National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees. <http://www.nactt.com>. \$1,000. Deadline to apply is April 30, 2020.

Intellectual Property Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. www.texasbariplaw.org. Two \$5,000 scholarships. Deadline is May 1, 2020.

Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Fund. <https://www.brownsims.com/about-brown-sims/affiliations/judge-john-r-brown-award/>.

\$10,000, \$5,000, \$3,000, \$1,000. Deadline to apply is May 29, 2020.*

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Submitting an Event for Publication in the Witan?

Please [click here](#) to submit events and news items for inclusion in the Witan.

Congratulations

National Team Continues Historic Year Jessup Heading to International Finals

Lindsey Laielli (3L), Nadeen Abou-Hossa (3L), Nicole Cooper (2L), and Kelsi Owens (2L) competed in the prestigious Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition this past week and WON the Super-Regional. This year's Jessup was the largest in Jessup's 61-year history, with 745 law school teams from over 100 countries. St. Mary's, with the only all women Team in the region, beat teams from Vanderbilt, Fordham, St. Louis, Ohio, Charleston, and St. Thomas. This year's hypothetical case addressed legal issues surrounding treaty succession, fully autonomous weapons systems, government ministries accused of war crimes and the potentially conflicting jurisdiction of the ICJ and the World Trade Organization (WTO). The Team prepared for the competition for over 6 months and learned an entirely new area of law.

Nadeen Abou-Hossa and Nicole Cooper "iron-womaned" in the oral advocacy rounds and dominated the competition, winning virtually every single ballot in every single round. Lindsey Laielli, the Team Captain, had the Best Applicant memorial, and together with briefing from Nadeen Abou-Hossa, they brought home the Second Best Memorial Award for both memorials combined. This victory broke a drought of more than 20 years and with this remarkable success, the Team will advance as one of only 12 teams from the United States to compete in the international moot court arena. Congratulations to the Jessup team and their coaches, Professor Marion Reilly and Professor Robert Summers.

National Trial Team Breaks 12 Year Curse

The National Trial Team competed this weekend at the National Trial Competition (NTC) Regional Tournament in St. Louis, Missouri. Third year students Alexis Del Rio, John Greene, Morrigan Land and Kara McHorse represented St. Mary's at the tournament. It has been twelve years since the Trial Team advanced at NTC and we were determined to break this curse. The team of Kara and Morrigan missed the cut by one ballot, while the team of Alexis and John advanced all the way to the final round. Congratulations to the team along with coaches Professor Jason Goss and Coach Maritza Stewart.

OCS News You Can Use

Exploring Public Interest and Civil Rights Careers

Join us today, **February 24**, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Atrium, to hear attorneys talk about public service work. Local public interest and civil rights attorneys will share their experiences and answer your questions about working in these two rewarding fields.

Interested in Tax Law?

Tax attorneys are coming to campus this **Wednesday, February 26**, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Atrium, to discuss this practice area.

How to Manage Your Student Debt to Pursue a Career in Public Service

If you are planning to pursue a career in public interest, please join Equal Justice Works for a free webinar this **Wednesday, February 26**, at 2:00 p.m. This webinar will help you plan repayment of your student loans by addressing income-driven repayment options, how to earn Public Service Loan Forgiveness, and how to take advantage of loan repayment assistance programs. To register for the webinar, click [here](#).

Keep reading for information on possible funding for Summer 2020 public interest internships.

Public Interest Summer Funding Opportunities

If you have secured an unpaid public service internship for Summer 2020, congratulations! We encourage you to apply for any and all summer funding opportunities to help minimize the financial burden of working without pay. In the next few weeks, St. Mary's Law will advertise its own summer funding application, but we urge you to apply to as many funders as possible. For a list of summer funding opportunities, visit the Resource Library in CORE under "Public Interest Careers" and click on the "Summer 2020 Public Interest Funding Opportunities – Nationwide" document for more information about each organization as well as how to apply.

Stay Tuned for St. Mary's Public Service Fellowship on March 2

The St. Mary's Public Service Fellowships provide financial assistance to a limited number of law students who have secured a position for the summer of 2020 with a legal services provider serving low-income clients or a governmental agency. The application goes live on **Monday, March 2**.

Applications for the Equal Justice America Summer 2020 Fellowship Approaching

Students who accept a job with a non-profit organization that provides civil legal assistance to the poor are eligible to apply for an EJA Fellowship. The Fellowship pays up to \$4,000 for 10 weeks of full-time work. To apply, visit <http://equaljusticeamerica.org/summerapplication.htm>. The deadline is **March 25**, 2020.

Exploring Health Law Careers

Students are invited to meet Health Law Attorneys in our "Exploring" series. Join us on **Monday, March 2**, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Atrium to learn about a career as a Health Law Practitioner. This is a "brown bag" event. Bring your lunch and cookies will be provided.

Join Us Wednesday, March 25, for "Food from the Bar"

We need your help to win! St. Mary's Law is competing in the San Antonio Food Bank's Food from the Bar campaign to help the Food Bank's fight against hunger. Mark your calendar for **Wednesday, March 25**, to volunteer in the Food Bank warehouse. Students will have the opportunity to earn community service hours while working side-by-side with local attorneys for a good cause. Spots are limited; reserve your spot in CORE now. We hope to see you there!

Post-Graduate Honors and Fellowships

The following post-graduate honors and fellowship opportunities have approaching deadlines. Check CORE for more information.

IRS Honors Attorney Program, Fall 2020

Internal Revenue Services, Department of Treasury

Deadline: March 4

Save the Date for these Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, March 3 – Equal Justice Works Presentation on Student Debt Repayment
- Wednesday, March 18 – Exploring Government and Policy Law Careers
- Monday, March 23 – Exploring Real Estate and Construction Law Careers
- Wednesday, April 1 – Exploring Labor and Employment Law Careers

Student Organizations

The Scholar Hosts 2020 Immigration Symposium

The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice will host its annual Immigration Symposium focusing on the practical aspects of immigration law and the current policy debates surrounding the field. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear a variety of notable immigration attorneys, scholars, and leaders speak on current issues within the field of immigration law in the United States. The event will be held **Friday, February 28**, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at UTSA Institute of Texan Cultures, 801 E. César Chávez Boulevard, San Antonio, TX 78205.

Keynote Speaker: Khizr Khan, Gold Star Father, author, and attorney.

Special Guest Speaker: Ira J. Kurzban, attorney and author of *Kurzban's Immigration Law Sourcebook*.

Additional speakers/panelists include the Honorable Henry Cisneros, Tran Dang, Suhaib Haq, MD, Rev. Ann Helmke, Pedro Martinez, Olu Orange, the Honorable Paul W. Schmidt, and Mariachi Orgullo Del Sur.

This CLE event has been approved by the State of Texas for 6 CLE credit hours (including 1 hour of ethics). Symposium registration is free for St. Mary's School of Law faculty/staff and current Scholar members and \$20 for students. Scholarship opportunities are available. Link to register: <https://form.jotform.com/82746562434159>

The keynote speech by Mr. Khan is free and open to the public, but a ticket is required for entry. Free tickets are available through Eventbrite, first come, first served:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gold-star-father-khizr-khan-at-2020-immigration-symposiumtickets-91497406205>

For more information please see <https://commons.stmarytx.edu/scholarsymposium/> or contact lawscholar@stmarytx.edu or telephone 210.436-3525.

Events

South Texas/Border Connection Meeting

Monday, February 24 in the Alumni Room from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Externship Director Amanda Rivas is a 2009 alumna of St. Mary's Law School from the RGV who would like to connect with all students from the South Texas/Border Region (RGV, Corpus Christi, Laredo, El Paso, and all small towns in between). If you cannot make the meeting on Monday, please email her at arivas@stmarytx.edu to find out about the next meeting in late March/early April.

Clinical Course Application

The Clinical Program is now accepting applications for Fall 2020! The required online application may be found on the Clinical Program page of the Law School website and at <http://bit.ly/StMULawClinicFall2020>. Learn more about Clinic by speaking with current Clinic students and faculty tabling on **Tuesday, February 25, Thursday, February 27, and Tuesday, March 3, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**, in the Law Courtyard (or Law Commons, if bad weather). **Apply early** – spaces limited with rolling admission! All applicants must attend a required pre-registration session before they can be accepted (session dates provided upon application).

Ash Wednesday Mass and Distribution of Ashes

Mass with Distribution of Ashes for School of Law Faculty, Staff and Students will take place **Wednesday, February 26** at 12:00 p.m. in the Law Alumni room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. A Lenten luncheon will follow. A prayer service with distribution of ashes will be held in the Law School Courtyard at 5:00 p.m. *For more information, contact University Ministry at 210-436-3213 or university.ministry@stmarytx.edu.*

Lunch with the Brothers

Looking to make a difference but don't feel like you have time to leave campus? Have lunch with retired Marianist brothers and priests at the Marianist Residence on campus. They love seeing students and welcome the company, conversation, and friendship.

Lunchtime slots will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11:45 and 1:15. Sign-ups will be on CORE. Each lunch attended is eligible for one community service hour. With questions, contact Grace Erwin at gerwin@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Volunteers Needed for Catholic Arts and Academic Competition

On **March 28**, volunteer proctors, judges, graders, and contest managers are needed for the Catholic Arts and Academic Competition. To sign up, visit https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc4WNa-JaFNHT3FA-KMBfMn1QGmYxk5TK_s6hTmAKkEqNr1Dg/viewform. With questions, contact Cynthia Himstedt at cynthia.himstedt@archsa.org.

Flint Fest 2020

You're invited to Flint Fest! The event will take place **Friday, February 28** at 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 223 E. Summit Ave, San Antonio, TX 78212. Tickets are \$12, payable by cash, check, or credit card, and can be purchased any time at Sister Grace's table in Raba. Come enjoy Professor Flint's home-brewed beer and barbecue, have fun with past Innsbruck participants, and learn more about financial aid and scholarships. All Flint Fest 2020 proceeds will benefit the Flint Fund.

Deans' Challenge Food Drive Hunger Awareness Food Drive February 1–28

The Law School community is invited to give back this month by making a donation to the Deans' Challenge Food Drive. Sponsored by University Ministry, the Deans' Challenge Food Drive supports the Society of St. Vincent de Paul food pantry at Holy Rosary Catholic Church. The goal is to collect 2,000 pounds of non-perishable and canned food by **Friday, February 28**. Help us meet our goal by dropping off your donations at the Law Library, Office of Career Strategy and the Law Classrooms Building, Foyer. The deans of each school are challenging their students, staff and faculty to raise the most pounds of food. Donate to the locations in your school to help meet this challenge. *For more information, contact University Ministry at 210-436-3213 or univmin@stmarytx.edu.*

Board of Advocates Presents Wayne & Maxine Scott Negotiations Competition

The Wayne & Maxine Scott Negotiations competition will be held **Saturday, February 29**. The Board of Advocates will be tabling in the Law Classroom building this week. Stop by and see them to learn more about the competition.

Alternative Spring Break Send-Off

All students participating in the Alternative Spring Break program need to attend the Final Information Session before your departure. The Send-Off will be **Tuesday, March 3** at 4:00 p.m. at the Pub. Meet and greet with students volunteering in your city and law alumni, receive your gas card distributions, and have your questions answered about each work site. Other important information will be provided. Complimentary social food and drinks will also be provided. For more information please contact Raul Corrales at rcorrales@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Celebration of Women

Celebrate Women's History Month by highlighting important women in history. All students are invited to write a name and/or a quote of a woman in your life or in history who inspires you. Banners will be available in the **Law Commons all day, March 16-17**. Banners will also be available in the University Center Atrium, 11:00 – 2:00 p.m. on March 17. *This event is part of Women's History Month and is co-sponsored by the School of Law.*

Women In Law Leadership Awards

Nominations for Women in Law Leadership are now being accepted. The award recipients and nominees will be recognized at a luncheon with the Fourth Court of Appeals on **Thursday, March 26** at 12:00 p.m. in the Law Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Business casual attire.

Only 2L and 3L students may be nominated. The nomination application and award details can be found at here https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=8_HkCwrdSE2yKO03t2UggzBGsCJMhxdFoG1MDZXrBTtUODBPMkXJOTRWNVhaSjVSR0w3VDREVFNZSC4u. For questions or for more information, please contact Maria Faz at lawcampusministry@stmarytx.edu.

May 2020 Commencement

Students are asked to review all events for the May 2020 Commencement here  [grad_event_sheet_may_2020.pdf](#) 36.35 KB .PDF_.

Announcements

Federal Court Judicial Internships in San Antonio

Semesters: Summer 2020, Fall 2020, and Spring 2021

Deadline: 2:00 P.M. Monday February 24, 2020

Applications are now being accepted for pre-graduation judicial internships with five federal judges who have chambers in San Antonio. A detailed pamphlet, entitled "*Pre-Graduation Judicial Internships*," as well as an announcement of openings and application form, can be found on the judicial internship page of the law school website. Approximately fifteen internships positions are available. Submit your application to the Dean's Office in the Law Administration Building.

Eligibility of Full-Time and Part-Time Students: Students may apply for any internship that will commence in a semester after the student has completed 29 hours of course work. Thus, a first-year full-time student may normally apply for an internship that will take place in the summer between first and second year, or during any subsequent semester. A first-year part-time student may normally apply for a judicial internship that commences in the spring of the student's second year or later.

Lexis Digital Library Update

Join the Law Library on **Friday, February 28** to learn about recent changes and upgrades to the Lexis Digital Library. Faculty is invited to visit with Lexis representative Andrea Roberts from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and students are welcome to attend a session from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Both sessions will be held in the Alumni Room. Please contact [Professor Stacy Fowler](#) for additional information.

Dean's Research Fellows is Hiring

All rising 1Ls and 2L students are invited to submit their resume for consideration in becoming a Dean's Research Fellow. There will be six available upcoming openings starting this summer. The Dean's Research Fellows Program performs a variety of legal research for the Dean, law faculty, and the University. Researchers will need to work between 10 and 20 hours a week on writing or research projects at a rate of \$12.00 per hour. If interested, please submit a resume to Professor Mike Martinez at mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu no later than **February 29, 2020**. You may also see us on CORE.

FAFSA Reminder

Law students planning on applying for financial aid for the 2020-2021 academic year, or students planning on applying for financial aid for summer 2020 will need to renew their FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Students can now complete the 2020-2021 FAFSA and are encouraged to complete it early, in order to ensure that the required information is received by the Office of Financial Assistance by the **March 1 deadline**. You may complete the FAFSA at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> and make certain to include **St. Mary's school code 003623**. Please note that the 2020-2021 FAFSA will require 2018 tax year information. Should you have any questions, please contact the Office of Financial Assistance at (210) 436-3141.

Innsbruck Scholarships

Applications to the Institute on World Legal Problems are now being accepted. To apply for any of the Innsbruck Scholarships, please fill out the scholarship form at https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=8_HkCwrdSE2yK003t2Ugqxobj9jvH9xChRorjIBudj9UQkQ5M0haN0ZSTTAxWExFSEFEMlpMUzkySi4u

Please Note: In addition to applying for scholarships, you must also apply to participate in the Innsbruck Program via the University Website. All scholarships submissions are due **March 29**, 2020 at 5:00pm. For any questions, please contact Law Campus Ministry at lawcampusministry@stmarytx.edu.

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Health & Wellness

Chair Massages, Yoga and Meditation this Month

Enrich your mind, body and soul to enhance your academic performance. Live a healthier lifestyle and achieve a more balanced life. The Law School community is invited to take advantage of the health and wellness activities planned this semester. Mark your calendar for the next event.

- Yoga & Meditation Class – 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., **March 3** and April 7. Bring your own mat. Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Practicing yoga improves balance, endurance, flexibility, and strength, while meditation helps keep the mind sharp, relieves stress and anxiety, and strengthen your immune system. Keep your body and mind healthy and happy!
- Chair Massages – 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., and 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. – **March 18**, Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Future date is April 15. Don't miss out on the benefits of a chair massage. It reduces stress, tension, and anxiety. It improves blood flow, will boost your immune system, alleviate pain and headaches, improves posture and so much more.

San Antonio First Tuesday Lawyer Wellness Group

The Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) has started **San Antonio First Tuesday Lawyer Wellness Group**. Law students are invited to join this group. This is a monthly educational wellness group for lawyers and law students to learn about a variety of mental health and wellness issues that lawyers often face and how to address them. Their next meeting is **March 3**, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Alamo Heights Methodist Church, Room EAST 221, 825 Basse Road, San Antonio, Texas 78209. Food will be served. Please RSVP to 1.800.343.8527. Parking is free. Future 2020 meeting dates are: 4/7, 5/5, 6/2, 7/7, 8/4, 9/1, 10/6, 11/3, and 12/1.

University Sponsored Student Activities

Explore any or all events/activities sponsored by the University for all students across campus.

- Every Wednesday, Trivia Night, 8- 10 p.m. at The Pub

Take a Break and Exercise

One of the key aspects of being a successful law student is the ability to maintain a balance in all areas of life and a little exercise can go a long way. The AA & CC (Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center) is a great place to work out, do some open lap swimming, and find out about Intramural sports. Hours of operation are:

Monday - Thursday 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Friday 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 - 10:00 p.m.

If you would like to form a law school basketball or volleyball team please call 210.431.5046 to find out more information on availability and scheduling. For more information visit:

<https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/campus-life/play/campus-recreation>.

Recipe of the Week

Skinny Beef Enchiladas

<https://life-in-the-lofthouse.com/skinny-beef-enchiladas/>

Prep time: 20 mins

Cook time: 20 mins

Total time: 40 mins

Incredibly delicious beef enchiladas without all the fat and calories!

Author: Holly Lofthouse

Serves: 6

Ingredients

- 12 small corn tortillas
- 1 lb. extra lean ground beef or ground turkey
- 1 small yellow onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- ½ teaspoon ground cumin
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- 1 to 2 (10 ounce) cans red enchilada sauce
- 1 to 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese, divided

TOPPINGS

- sliced black olives
- chopped fresh cilantro
- salsa
- light sour cream

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease a 9x13-inch baking pan with non-stick spray.
2. In a large skillet, over medium-high heat, brown and crumble ground beef with the chopped onion. (There should not be any grease to drain if you used extra lean beef.) Add garlic, cumin and black pepper to beef. Cook and stir another 5 minutes or so until heated through. Remove from heat.
3. Wrap tortillas in a damp paper towel then warm in microwave for 15 to 20 seconds.
4. Pour enchilada sauce in a medium bowl. Dip each warm tortilla in enchilada sauce then place on a plate. Top tortilla with 3 Tablespoons of beef mixture and 1 Tablespoon of cheese. Roll up and place in prepared pan, seam-side down. Repeat with all tortillas and beef.
5. Pour enchilada sauce all over the enchiladas in pan. (You may not want to use all the sauce. It depends on how saucy you like your enchiladas. Sprinkle the tops evenly with remaining cheese.

6. Bake, uncovered, 20 to 25 minutes or until cheese is hot and bubbly. Remove from oven and let stand 5 minutes before serving. Serve with desired toppings and enjoy!

Notices

Law Students with Disabilities

Students who need accommodations for a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Office of Student Accessibility Services located in the Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139 (directly behind the Raba building). Their telephone number is 210.431.5080, email accessibility@stmarytx.edu or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the law *Student Handbook* on Gateway for more information. **Deadline** to apply for the Spring 2020 semester is **Thursday, April 9, 2020**.

Student E-mail Accounts

Each student is assigned a Law School e-mail account and is required to check this account daily. Faculty and the Administration use e-mail to communicate with students and to send official notices. Students are deemed to have knowledge of all communications from the Faculty and Administration sent to their Law School e-mail address. Therefore, not checking the school email account is not an acceptable defense for not responding to information disseminated by email. Additionally, various professors may have more specific requirements with respect to e-mail, TWEN, Blackboard and Canvas classrooms.

CLSJ in the Law Commons

Have questions on Clinic, Externships, or Pro Bono? The Center for Legal & Social Justice (CLSJ) will be taking over the Law Commons **every Wednesday** from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Drop by, say hello, and get some information on what we do and how you can benefit from it. Remember - Externship placements and Pro Bono opportunities are available on CORE.

Claim Your Free ABA Membership

As a law student, you need to focus on your studies while keeping an eye on your future. With so much to prepare, let the American Bar Association help. [Join the ABA today](#) for free and enjoy access to a multitude of resources to help you succeed.

- Complimentary membership in up to five Member Groups like the Law Student Division, Civil Rights & Social Justice, Family Law and other law practice areas
- 30-day Quimbee Gold Plan free trial with access to its entire library of case briefs, video lessons, multiple-choice quizzes, and outlines
- ABA Career Center access which gives you monthly articles, live and on-demand webinars, podcasts and a job board for law students
- ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ROLI) participation which promotes justice, economic opportunity and human dignity through the rule of law
- And more!

Take advantage of this opportunity to shape your future and join a community of hundreds of thousands of ABA lawyers, judges and law student members. [Join now for free!](#)

Want more from the ABA? For just \$25, upgrade your membership to Premium and gain access up to \$500 in discounts on Quimbee, Themis and Kaplan bar prep courses, access to leadership opportunities

and national competitions, instant resume review, and so much more. [Upgrade to Premium Membership, today!](#)

Lockers Now Available

The Student Bar Association is now renting lockers in the Law Library. You can rent a locker by completing the "Locker Rental Agreement Form" on the Student Bar Association's Rattler Tracks page. If you have any questions, please contact the SBA Treasurer, Jennifer Mendez Lopez, at jmendezlopez@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Community Service Requirement

All JD students who matriculate Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. Students must complete at least ten (10) hours toward the 30 hour requirement before the end of their first year of law school and at least twenty (20) hours before the end of their second year of law school.

No more than fifteen (15) of the service hours may be general community service hours with a qualifying non-profit or public entity. At least fifteen (15) hours must be law school-approved hours.

For more information, please reference the [Community Service Requirement](#) section of the School of Law website. With questions, please contact Gregory Zlotnick at gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu.

Navigating Law School

If you are a first generation law student and would like to speak with Dean Haynes about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment with Dean Haynes at calendly.com/ahaynes5.

Film and the Law

If you enjoy movies and would be interested in working with Dean Haynes to set up a "Film and the Law" series during the Fall semester, please contact Dean Haynes at ahaynes5@stmarytx.edu.

University Policies and Procedures on Non-Discrimination

St. Mary's University is committed to providing a safe, equitable, and fair environment where students can pursue academic excellence. Policies and procedures have been developed to foster and sustain such an environment and apply to all courses offered at the university. Students need to be aware of these policies and procedures, which can be found in *Gateway* (<https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/>). Please become familiar with these important policies and procedures, which include:

- Nondiscrimination, Sexual and Other Forms of Harassment <https://www.stmarytx.edu/about/title-ix/>
- Students with Disability <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/disability-rights/>
- Human Subjects Research <https://www.stmarytx.edu/compliance/research-compliance/>

Need a Break?

Tired of sitting and reading? Do you need a break? Need some fresh air? Well we have a solution: GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY. Now available at the law library circulation desk you can check out a football (nerf or regular), soccer ball, volleyball, kickball or basket toss with more options on the way. You will need your student ID to check out equipment.

Noise Levels in the Law Classrooms Building

Please remember that classes are in session during most hours, day and evening in the Law Classrooms building. Please be mindful, courteous and quiet when exiting classes and help keep noise levels in the hallways to a minimum.

Inviting Dignitaries to Campus

All law school student organizations are reminded to submit a request for approval prior to inviting a dignitary to the School of Law. **The form must be completed prior to contacting and inviting a dignitary to campus. Requests should be made 45 days prior to the scheduled event.** A Visiting Dignitary includes, diplomats, local public figures including but not limited to, the Archbishop of San Antonio, judges, and other elected officials. Forms can be found online on Gateway at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/university-communications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>.

Tobacco Use Policy On Campus

Smoking and smokeless tobacco products will be allowed only within designated locations on the St. Mary's University campus. Visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/administration-finance/tobacco-use-on-campus/> to learn more.

Do Not Remove Classroom Chairs

Please note that chairs should not be removed from their existing row or from any of the classrooms. This causes problems with class delays and professors seating charts for attendance purposes. If a chair must be removed, please ensure you return it to its original location.

Academic Support

Law School Resources

The Student Counseling Center
Center for Life Directions Building
(Next to the RABA Building)
(210) 436-3135
Emergency (after-hours and weekends):
(210) 825-3622

ileana Velazquez, M.A., LPC
(210) 431-4225
RABA 208
ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Ministry
(210) 436-3063
RABA 105
gwalle@stmarytx.edu

Office of Student Accessibility Services (SAS)
Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139
(210) 431-5080
accessibility@stmarytx.edu

Student Health Center
Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor
(210) 436-3506—office line
(210) 436-3656—fax line
healthcenter@stmarytx.edu

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center
Campus Recreation AACC 2145
210-436-3997
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation>

National Suicide Prevention Line
1-800-273-8255

Veterans Crisis Line
1-800-273-8255 and press 1

Food Bank at Holy Rosary

Running short on finances? Need a little help with groceries? Holy Rosary Church along with St. Vincent de Paul Society is open to students on Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The church is located at 155 Camino Santa Maria. Please have your St. Mary's ID ready. For more information contact Ileana Velazquez at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu.

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program
Chris Ritter
1-800-343-8527
www.tlaphelps.org

Texas Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers (LCL) Meetings
CALL IN:
Fridays at Noon: 800-393-0640, enter code 676745
Third Thursday at Noon: 800-393-0640, enter code 676745

If you need assistance in accessing any resources or referrals to other resources, please contact Ileana Velazquez at (210) 431-4225 or by email at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu.

Bible Class with Professor Addicott

Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." Bible classes are non-denominational and are held in the conference room at the Warrior Defense Project (LF 102B) in Raba. Class times are 0700 AM and 12:00 PM each Tuesday and 10:00 AM and 11:00 AM on Sunday. Class is about 40-minutes long and cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching methodology. Bring your Bible, pen, and notebook. For more information, contact Katie Salinas at ksalinas2@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Liturgy and Worship Schedule

University Ministry invites the St. Mary's University community to weekly Liturgy and worship. Weekday mass is offered for all members and friends of the St. Mary's University community. The schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 12:15 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Sunday 11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, and Sunday evening, 9:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel. For more information, contact University Ministry at 210.431.2053 or msmith6@stmarytx.edu.

Writing Competitions and Scholarships

If a link is not provided for detailed information to any of the writing competitions or scholarships described below, please email Bebe Gonzalez at bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu.

The Pinkerton Law Firm.
<https://www.law.uh.edu/financialaid/Pinkerton%20Law%20Review%20Letter.pdf>. Write articles for the Pinkerton Law Review. \$2,500 top writer awards (five). \$10,000 writer of the year award (one).

The National Law Review is now accepting submissions. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

State Bar of Texas Women and the Law Section's [2020 Texas Law Student Writing Competition](#). \$1,000 and \$500. Deadline to apply is February 28, 2020.

Arnold & Porter Diversity and Inclusion Scholarship. To apply [please click here](#). \$10,000 scholarships to qualified first-year law students. Deadline to apply is March 6, 2020.

Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP. Annual Diversity Scholarship for 1Ls. <https://www.bradley.com/careers/law-students?tab=summer-program>. \$10,000. \$5,000. Deadline to apply is March 15, 2020.

Amarillo Area Bar Foundation. www.amarillobar.org. Four \$2,500 scholarships. Deadline to apply is no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 1, 2020.

Aviation Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. <https://aviationlawtx.com/scholarship/>. One \$1,000 scholarship. Deadline to apply is April 1, 2020.

Tax Section of the State Bar of Texas. <http://www.texasbar.org/uploads/SBOT%20Tax%20Section%20Scholarship%20Application%202020.pdf>. Three \$2,000. Deadline to apply is April 4, 2020.

National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees. <http://www.nactt.com>. \$1,000. Deadline to apply is April 30, 2020.

Intellectual Property Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. www.texasbar.org/ip-law. Two \$5,000 scholarships. Deadline is May 1, 2020.

Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Fund. <https://www.brownsims.com/about-brown-sims/affiliations/judge-john-r-brown-award/>. \$10,000, \$5,000, \$3,000, \$1,000. Deadline to apply is May 29, 2020.

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Submitting an Event for Publication in the Witan?

Please [click here](#) to submit events and news items for inclusion in the Witan.

Congratulations

St. Mary's National Moot Court Team Crowned ABA Regional Champion, Qualifies for National Finals

Over the weekend, the St. Mary's National Moot Court Team traveled to Washington, DC for the American Bar Association's National Appellate Advocacy Competition. The ABA NAAC is the largest moot court tournament in the United States, with approximately 200 law schools competing in six regions for the opportunity to reach Chicago, Illinois and participate in the National Finals of this most prestigious event. Two St. Mary's teams: Natsumi Covey (3L) and Emily Reed (3L) **and** Melissa Fullmer (2L), Rachel Garza (2L), and Lance Kimbro (2L) competed in the Washington, DC Regional against some of the top advocacy programs in the country, with 32 teams from such schools as: Georgetown, Stetson, University of Georgia, and Liberty competing against St. Mary's and vying for a chance to win a national title. Kelsey Liu (3L) served as a bailiff for the team. **The 2L team of Fullmer, Garza and Kimbro reached the semi-final round of the competition. The team of Covey and Reed went undefeated in the preliminary rounds, was the top team in the Round of Eight, and defeated Duquesne University School of Law in the Final Round, earning the title Regional Champion.** St. Mary's mooters were further recognized for their exemplary individual skills, with **Natsumi Covey** ranking as a **Top-10 oralist** and **Emily Reed** receiving the **Second Best Brief in the Region**. Please join Moot Court Coach Ricky J. Poole in congratulating all of these students for a successful advocacy weekend and wishing **Covey and Reed** well as they prepare to represent St. Mary's yet again at the ABA national competition this April in Chicago!

Congratulations to the Wayne and Maxine Scott Negotiations Competition Winners

This past weekend, the Board of Advocates hosted the annual Wayne and Maxine Scott Negotiations Competition. Twenty students from the law school participated in the competition with the team of Sarah Berlanga and William Cafferata facing off against Carroll McHaney III and Znohea Williams in a negotiation for two companies working together to bring products to the fictitious country of Zazamora in South America. Congratulations to Carroll and Znohea whose teamwork won the prestigious Scott Cup and to all of the competitors.

OCS News You Can Use

3Ls, It's Bingo Time!

It's Bingo with a twist. 3L Bingo is a fun way to make sure you are prepping yourself for employment post-grad. Come see us in OCS to get your Bingo Sheet, and get one, two, or even three slots filled in one visit.

We have three grand prizes. The first student to win in each of three categories (traditional Bingo, 4 Corners, and Blackout) wins tickets to Alamo Drafthouse. But everyone who does this wins, so come into OCS with your completed Bingo Sheet to claim your prize. 3L Bingo starts on **Monday, March 2**, and ends on Tuesday, March 31.

Apply Sooner Rather Than Later for Jobs You are Interested In

If you see a job posting for a job you really want, apply as soon as possible. Many legal employers have rolling applications and may hire someone well in advance of the application deadline. Waiting until the last minute may mean you miss your chance to be considered.

Exploring Health Law Careers

Today, students are invited to meet Health Law Attorneys in our "Exploring" series at 12:00 p.m. in the Atrium. Bring your lunch and cookies will be provided.

Equal Justice Works Presentation on Student Debt Repayment

Equal Justice Works will host a presentation on Student Debt Repayment open to all law students. Mark your calendar for tomorrow, **March 3**, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. in Law Library Room 217.

Courthouse Scavenger Hunt

If you would like to learn more about what happens at the courthouse, join SAYLA for its Courthouse Scavenger Hunt on **Thursday, March 5**, at 2:00 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for various categories. Everyone will be divided into teams of 4. When you register, please indicate if you have any requested teammates. [To Register Click Here](#). This event is free for all SAYLA members. A joint happy hour with SABA will take place after the event at Backyard on Broadway.

Two for One: Networking and Community Service at the San Antonio Food Bank

All students can work side-by-side with local attorneys for a good cause, and earn community service hours, on **Wednesday, March 25**, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the San Antonio Food Bank for its annual "Food from the Bar." Spots are limited; reserve your spot in CORE now.

St. Mary's Public Service Fellowship Now Open

OCS is pleased to announce that the application period for the St. Mary's Public Service Fellowships is now open.

The St. Mary's Public Service Fellowships provide financial assistance to a limited number of law students who have secured a position for the summer of 2020 with a legal services provider serving low-income clients or a governmental agency.

Your [Application](#) and the [Agency Agreement](#) form (filled out by your employer) must be submitted no later than **Monday, March 23, 2020**.

Blask Fellowship for Southern District of Texas

The Southern District of Texas Chapter of the Federal Bar Association is accepting applicants for the 2020 Blask Fellowship. Grants of at least \$3000 are available for a limited number of law students who serve as legal interns for a minimum of 6 weeks during the summer of 2020 in the offices of a federal court or agency located within the Southern District of Texas. More information on how to apply is posted in the job postings section on CORE under 2020 Blask Fellowship. The deadline is **April 17, 2020**.

Summer Stipend for Communications Law

The FCBA Foundation awards stipends to selected law students employed as unpaid summer interns through its Law School Summer Internship Stipend Program. The program provides stipends to students dedicating their time and talent over the summer to government agencies in areas related to communications law, including broadcasting, cable, information technology, television, telephony, satellite, and wireless. The deadline is **March 31, 2020**.

Post-Graduate Honors and Fellowships

The following post-graduate honors and fellowship opportunities have approaching deadlines. Check CORE for more information.

IRS Honors Attorney Program, Fall 2020

Internal Revenue Services, Department of Treasury

Deadline: March 4

Save the Date for these Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, March 18 – Exploring Government and Policy Law Careers
- Monday, March 23 – Exploring Real Estate and Construction Law Careers
- Monday, March 23 – Exploring the Compliance Certification Program
- Wednesday, April 1 – Exploring Labor and Employment Law Careers

Announcements

Attention All 1Ls – MANDATORY TOWN HALL MEETING

Dean Lampley will hold a mandatory town hall regarding the upper level curriculum on **Thursday, March 19** at 3:00 p.m. in LC101-102. Dean Lampley will discuss very important information regarding your curriculum requirements. You must attend this meeting to be prepared for summer and fall registration.

Order of Barristers Applications

The **Order of Barristers** is a national honorary organization whose purpose is the encouragement of oral advocacy and brief writing skills. The Order — which is open only to third-year law students — provides national recognition for individuals who have excelled in advocacy and service at their respective schools. St. Mary's University School of Law is permitted to select up to ten new members each year. If you are interested in being considered for The Order of Barristers, application forms are posted on the office door of Professor Zoe Niesel, Chair of the Faculty Advocacy Committee.

The Faculty Advocacy Committee will review and select the new members and announce their names at the **Barristers' Banquet** on **April 16, 2020**. These applications will also be used, in part, to determine the recipients of the various faculty awards for outstanding advocacy. Please note that seeking or obtaining advice or assistance from any faculty member (full-time, visiting, or adjunct) other than the Chair of the Advocacy Committee, Professor Zoe Niesel, concerning your application or its contents is strictly prohibited. The other committee members include Professors Coltharp, Grenardo, Reamey, Rice, Scott, Summers, and Bellido de Luna (ex officio). **All applications must be completed and returned to Professor Niesel before March 18, 2020, by 5:00 p.m.**

Innsbruck Scholarships

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Please Note: In addition to applying for scholarships, you must also apply to participate in the Innsbruck Program via the University Website. All scholarships submissions are due **March 29, 2020** at 5:00pm. For any questions, please contact Law Campus Ministry at lawcampusministry@stmarytx.edu.

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Student Organizations

APALSA Welcomes Shari Mao

The Asian and Pacific American Law Student Association (APALSA) will be hosting another event on **Friday, March 20, 2020** from 12:30 - 1:15 p.m. in the Atrium, Law Administration building. Their guest speaker will be Ms. Shari Mao. Ms. Mao is a corporate attorney at Jackson Walker in San Antonio. She will discuss her corporate practice and experiences as a corporate attorney. APALSA will provide pizza, soft drinks, and water for attendees. Anyone from the St. Mary's Law community is welcome to come. Please contact Ankit Saggi, APALSA President, email: asaggi@mail.stmarytx.edu for more information or any related questions.

Events

Clinical Course Application

The Clinical Program is now accepting applications for Fall 2020! The required online application may be found on the Clinical Program page of the Law School website and at bit.ly/StMULawClinicFall2020. Learn more about Clinic by speaking with current Clinic students and faculty tabling on **Tuesday, March 3, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**, in the Law Courtyard (or Law Commons,

if bad weather). **Apply early** – spaces limited with rolling admission! All applicants must attend a required pre-registration session before they can be accepted (session dates provided upon application).

Alternative Spring Break Send-Off

All students participating in the Alternative Spring Break program need to attend the Final Information Session before your departure. The Send-Off will be **Tuesday, March 3**, 4:00 p.m. at the Pub. Meet and greet with students volunteering in your city and law alumni, receive your gas card distributions, and have your questions answered about each work site. Other important information will be provided. Complimentary social food and drinks will also be provided. For more information please contact Raul Corrales at rcorrales@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Celebration of Women

Celebrate Women's History Month by highlighting important women in history. All students are invited to write a name and/or a quote of a woman in your life or in history who inspires you. Banners will be available in the **Law Commons all day, March 16-17**. Banners will also be available in the University Center Atrium, 11:00 – 2:00 p.m. on March 17. *This event is part of Women's History Month and is co-sponsored by the School of Law.*

Women In Law Leadership Awards

Nominations for Women in Law Leadership are now being accepted. The award recipients and nominees will be recognized at a luncheon with the Fourth Court of Appeals on **Thursday, March 26** at 12:00 p.m. in the Law Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Business casual attire.


Only 2L and 3L students may be nominated. The nomination application and award details can be found at here

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=8_HkCwrdSE2yKO03t2UggzBGsCJMhxdFoG1MDZXrBTtUODBPMkXOTRWNVhaSjVSR0w3VDREVFNZSC4u. For questions or for more information, please contact Maria Faz at lawcampusministry@stmarytx.edu.

Volunteers Needed for Catholic Arts and Academic Competition

On **March 28**, volunteer proctors, judges, graders, and contest managers are needed for the Catholic Arts and Academic Competition. To sign up, visit https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc4WNa-JaFNHT3FA-KMBfMn1QGmYxk5TK_s6hTmAKkEqNr1Dg/viewform. With questions, contact Cynthia Himstedt at cynthia.himstedt@archsa.org.

May 2020 Commencement

Students are asked to review all events for the May 2020 Commencement here  [grad_event_sheet_may_2020.pdf](#) 36.35 KB · PDF_.

Lunch with the Brothers

Looking to make a difference but don't feel like you have time to leave campus? Have lunch with retired Marianist brothers and priests at the Marianist Residence on campus. They love seeing students and welcome the company, conversation, and friendship.

Lunchtime slots will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11:45 and 1:15. Sign-ups will be on CORE. Each lunch attended is eligible for one community service hour. With questions, contact Grace Erwin at gerwin@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Student Competitions

1L Moot Court Competition

The 1L Moot court competition is just around the corner!

1Ls- The Board of Advocates will be presenting information in your LCAP classes on **Thursday, March 5**. You can find more information on the 1L Moot Court Competition TWEN page.

2Ls and 3Ls- Interested in judging? Please sign up at <https://volunteersignup.org/ADYKA>. We would love to have your help

If you have any questions, please email the Competition Director, Joseph Casseb at jcasseb2@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Do you want to be an International Moot Court Champion? Try Out for Jessup

St. Mary's will be selecting individuals to represent the Law School in the prestigious Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. **This year, members of The National Team WON the regionals and will be advancing to the international rounds!**

Candidates should be self-motivated and possess an interest in oral or written advocacy. If you are interested in adding your name to a distinguished list of advocates, **please submit a resume and writing sample to Professor Marion M. Reilly, marionmreilly@gmail.com, by Friday, March 20.** Tryouts dates and times will be announced after submission. Selected Jessup members are expected to enroll in a 2 credit hour course held once weekly on Wednesdays. The course will also satisfy your writing requirement. Members are also encouraged to enroll in Public International Law, though it is not required.

Sample oral arguments, briefings, and the problem will be distributed to all interested participants.

Please direct any questions regarding the competition and tryouts to Marion Reilly, marionmreilly@gmail.com, (925) 980-9998.

About Jessup:

Now in its 61st year, the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition is the world's largest moot court competition, with participants from over 746 law schools in more than 100 countries. The Competition is a simulation of a fictional dispute between countries before the International Court of Justice, the judicial organ of the United Nations. One team is allowed to participate from every eligible school. Teams prepare oral and written pleadings arguing both the applicant and respondent positions of the case vying to earn the right to advance to the White & Case International Rounds held every spring in Washington, D.C.

Further details regarding the competition are available at <http://www.ilsa.org>.

Health & Wellness

Law Wellness Week 2020

Enrich your mind, body and soul to enhance your academic performance. Live a healthier lifestyle and achieve a more balanced life. The Law School community is invited to take advantage of the health and wellness activities planned this week. Mark your calendar for the next event.

Monday, March 16

Breakfast & Blessing by Fr. Jim Tobin

What: Breakfast

When: 8:00am-10:00am

Where: Law Commons in the Law Library

San Antonio Blood Bank-Blood Drive

What: Give blood and receive 1 pro bono hour ([pro bono hour is only for blood drive donation event](#))

When: 9:00 a.m – 2:00 p.m.

Where: Law Library Alumni Room

[PLEASE REGISTER](#)

AT: https://donor.southtexasblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/112702

Tuesday, March 17

Delta Pet Partners of San Antonio

What: Come de-stress and visit with doggies from our local DPP-SA

When: 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Where: Law School Courtyard

Texas Lawyer Assistance Program (TLAP) Shawna Storey-Lovin & Allan DuBois, Past President

Texas Bar Association

What: "Tips for Law Students and Staying Well in the Practice of Law"

When: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Where: Law Library Alumni Room – Lunch will be provided

Wednesday, March 18

Chair Massages

What: Lulu Sosa, LMT, is offering de-stressing chair massages!

When: 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Where: Law Library Alumni Room

Amy Tien-Gordon, AccessLex representative

What: "Road to Zero – A Strategic Approach to Student Loan Repayment"

When: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Where: LC 105 - Lunch will be provided

20-minute individual financial counseling times available from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. in LAB Atrium.

Sign-up sheet is posted outside the SBA office in the Commons.

Thursday, March 19

Amy Tien-Gordon, AccessLex representative

What: "The Importance of Credit for Law School Students"

When: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Where: Law Library Alumni Room - Lunch will be provided

20 minute individual financial counseling times available from 9:00 am to 12:00 p.m. in the Alumni room.

Sign-up sheet is posted outside the SBA office in the Commons.

Paletas, Paletas, Paletas

When: 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Where: Law School Courtyard

Activities sponsored by SBA and Law School Academic & Student Affairs. Questions? Contact ileana Velazquez, ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu or 210.431.4225

San Antonio First Tuesday Lawyer Wellness Group

The Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) has started **San Antonio First Tuesday Lawyer Wellness Group**. Law students are invited to join this group. This is a monthly educational wellness group for lawyers and law students to learn about a variety of mental health and wellness issues that lawyers often face and how to address them. Their next meeting is **March 3**, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Alamo Heights Methodist Church, Room EAST 221, 825 Basse Road, San Antonio, Texas 78209. Food will be served. Please RSVP to 1.800.343.8527. Parking is free. Future 2020 meeting dates are: 4/7, 5/5, 6/2, 7/7, 8/4, 9/1, 10/6, 11/3, and 12/1.

Take a Break and Exercise

One of the key aspects of being a successful law student is the ability to maintain a balance in all areas of life and a little exercise can go a long way. The AA & CC (Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center) is a great place to work out, do some open lap swimming, and find out about Intramural sports. Hours of operation are:

Monday - Thursday 6:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Friday 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 - 10:00 p.m.

If you would like to form a law school basketball or volleyball team please call 210.431.5046 to find out more information on availability and scheduling. For more information visit: <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/campus-life/play/campus-recreation>.

Recipe of the Week

Chicken and Asparagus Lemon Stir Fry

<https://www.skinnytaste.com/chicken-and-asparagus-lemon-stir-fry/>

Prep Time: 5 mins

Cook Time: 25 mins

Total Time: 30 mins

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 pounds skinless chicken breast (cut into 1-inch cubes)
- Kosher salt (to taste)
- 1/2 cup reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 2 tablespoons reduced-sodium shoyu or soy sauce (Coconut aminos for GF, W30)
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch (arrowroot powder or tapioca starch for whole30)
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1 tbsp canola or grapeseed oil (divided)
- 1 bunch asparagus (ends trimmed, cut into 2-inch pieces)
- 6 cloves garlic (chopped)

- 1 tbsp fresh ginger
- 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- fresh black pepper (to taste)

Instructions

1. Lightly season the chicken with salt.
2. In a small bowl, combine chicken broth and soy sauce.
3. In a second small bowl combine the cornstarch and water and mix well to combine.
4. Heat a large non-stick wok over medium-high heat, when hot add 1 teaspoon of the oil, then add the asparagus and cook until tender-crisp, about 3 to 4 minutes.
5. Add the garlic and ginger and cook until golden, about 1 minute. Set aside.
6. Increase the heat to high, then add 1 teaspoon of oil and half of the chicken and cook until browned and cooked through, about 4 minutes on each side.
7. Remove and set aside and repeat with the remaining oil and chicken. Set aside.
8. Add the soy sauce mixture; bring to a boil and cook about 1-1/2 minutes.
9. Add lemon juice and cornstarch mixture and stir well, when it simmers return the chicken and asparagus to the wok and mix well, remove from heat and serve.

Nutrition Information: 11/4 cups | Calories 268kcal | Carbohydrates 10g | Protein 41g | Fat 7.5g | Saturated Fat 0.5g | Cholesterol 98mg | Sodium 437mg | Fiber 2.5g
 Blue Smart Points: 1
 Green Smart Points: 4
 Purple Smart Points: 1
 Points +: 6

Notices

Law Students with Disabilities

Students who need accommodations for a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Office of Student Accessibility Services located in the Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139 (directly behind the Raba building). Their telephone number is 210.431.5080, email accessibility@stmarytx.edu or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the law *Student Handbook* on Gateway for more information. **Deadline** to apply for the Spring 2020 semester is **Thursday, April 9, 2020**.

Student E-mail Accounts

Each student is assigned a Law School e-mail account and is required to check this account daily. Faculty and the Administration use e-mail to communicate with students and to send official notices. Students are deemed to have knowledge of all communications from the Faculty and Administration sent to their Law School e-mail address. Therefore, not checking the school email account is not an acceptable defense for not responding to information disseminated by email. Additionally, various professors may have more specific requirements with respect to e-mail, TWEN, Blackboard and Canvas classrooms.

CLSJ in the Law Commons

Have questions on Clinic, Externships, or Pro Bono? The Center for Legal & Social Justice (CLSJ) will be taking over the Law Commons **every Wednesday** from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Drop by, say hello, and get some information on what we do and how you can benefit from it. Remember - Externship placements and Pro Bono opportunities are available on CORE.

Claim Your Free ABA Membership

As a law student, you need to focus on your studies while keeping an eye on your future. With so much to prepare, let the American Bar Association help. [Join the ABA today](#) for free and enjoy access to a multitude of resources to help you succeed.

- Complimentary membership in up to five Member Groups like the Law Student Division, Civil Rights & Social Justice, Family Law and other law practice areas
- 30-day Quimbee Gold Plan free trial with access to its entire library of case briefs, video lessons, multiple-choice quizzes, and outlines
- ABA Career Center access which gives you monthly articles, live and on-demand webinars, podcasts and a job board for law students
- ABA Rule of Law Initiative (ROLI) participation which promotes justice, economic opportunity and human dignity through the rule of law
- And more!

Take advantage of this opportunity to shape your future and join a community of hundreds of thousands of ABA lawyers, judges and law student members. [Join now for free!](#)

Want more from the ABA? For just \$25, upgrade your membership to Premium and gain access up to \$500 in discounts on Quimbee, Themis and Kaplan bar prep courses, access to leadership opportunities and national competitions, instant resume review, and so much more. [Upgrade to Premium Membership, today!](#)

Lockers Now Available

The Student Bar Association is now renting lockers in the Law Library. You can rent a locker by completing the "Locker Rental Agreement Form" on the Student Bar Association's Rattler Tracks page. If you have any questions, please contact the SBA Treasurer, Jennifer Mendez Lopez, at jmendezlopez@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Community Service Requirement

All JD students who matriculate Fall 2018 or later are required to complete thirty (30) hours of service before graduation. Students must complete at least ten (10) hours toward the 30 hour requirement before the end of their first year of law school and at least twenty (20) hours before the end of their second year of law school.

No more than fifteen (15) of the service hours may be general community service hours with a qualifying non-profit or public entity. At least fifteen (15) hours must be law school-approved hours.

For more information, please reference the [Community Service Requirement](#) section of the School of Law website. With questions, please contact Gregory Zlotnick at gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu.

Navigating Law School

If you are a first generation law student and would like to speak with Dean Haynes about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment with Dean Haynes at calendly.com/ahaynes5.

Film and the Law

If you enjoy movies and would be interested in working with Dean Haynes to set up a "Film and the Law" series during the Fall semester, please contact Dean Haynes at ahaynes5@stmarytx.edu.

University Policies and Procedures on Non-Discrimination

St. Mary's University is committed to providing a safe, equitable, and fair environment where students can pursue academic excellence. Policies and procedures have been developed to foster and sustain such an environment and apply to all courses offered at the university. Students need to be aware of these policies and procedures, which can be found in *Gateway* (<https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/>). Please become familiar with these important policies and procedures, which include:

- Nondiscrimination, Sexual and Other Forms of Harassment <https://www.stmarytx.edu/about/title-ix/>
- Students with Disability <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/disability-rights/>
- Human Subjects Research <https://www.stmarytx.edu/compliance/research-compliance/>

Need a Break?

Tired of sitting and reading? Do you need a break? Need some fresh air? Well we have a solution: GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY. Now available at the law library circulation desk you can check out a football (nerf or regular), soccer ball, volleyball, kickball or basket toss with more options on the way. You will need your student ID to check out equipment.

Noise Levels in the Law Classrooms Building

Please remember that classes are in session during most hours, day and evening in the Law Classrooms building. Please be mindful, courteous and quiet when exiting classes and help keep noise levels in the hallways to a minimum.

Inviting Dignitaries to Campus

All law school student organizations are reminded to submit a request for approval prior to inviting a dignitary to the School of Law. **The form must be completed prior to contacting and inviting a dignitary to campus. Requests should be made 45 days prior to the scheduled event.** A Visiting Dignitary includes, diplomats, local public figures including but not limited to, the Archbishop of San Antonio, judges, and other elected officials. Forms can be found online on Gateway at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/university-communications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>.

Tobacco Use Policy On Campus

Smoking and smokeless tobacco products will be allowed only within designated locations on the St. Mary's University campus. Visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/administration-finance/tobacco-use-on-campus/> to learn more.

Do Not Remove Classroom Chairs

Please note that chairs should not be removed from their existing row or from any of the classrooms. This causes problems with class delays and professors seating charts for attendance purposes. If a chair must be removed, please ensure you return it to its original location.

Academic Support

Law School Resources

The Student Counseling Center

ileana Velazquez, M.A., LPC

Center for Life Directions Building
(Next to the RABA Building)
(210) 436-3135
Emergency (after-hours and
weekends):
(210) 825-3622

(210) 431-4225
RABA 208
ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Ministry
(210) 436-3063
RABA 105
gwalle@stmarytx.edu

Office of Student Accessibility Services (SAS)
Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139
(210) 431-5080
accessibility@stmarytx.edu

Student Health Center
Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor
(210) 436-3506—office line
(210) 436-3656—fax line
healthcenter@stmarytx.edu

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center
Campus Recreation AACC 2145
210-436-3997
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation>

National Suicide Prevention Line
1-800-273-8255

Veterans Crisis Line
1-800-273-8255 and press 1

Food Bank at Holy Rosary

Running short on finances? Need a little help with groceries? Holy Rosary Church along with St. Vincent de Paul Society is open to students on Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The church is located at 155 Camino Santa Maria. Please have your St. Mary's ID ready. For more information contact ileana Velazquez at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu.

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program
Chris Ritter
1-800-343-8527
www.tlaphelps.org

Texas Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers (LCL) Meetings
CALL IN:
Fridays at Noon: 800-393-0640, enter code 676745
Third Thursday at Noon: 800-393-0640, enter code 676745

If you need assistance in accessing any resources or referrals to other resources, please contact ileana Velazquez at (210) 431-4225 or by email at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu.

Bible Class with Professor Addicott

Anyone interested in an expository teaching of the Bible is invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." Bible classes are non-denominational and are held in the conference room at the Warrior Defense Project (LF 102B) in Raba. Class times are 0700 AM and 12:00 PM each Tuesday and 10:00 AM and 11:00 AM on Sunday. Class is about 40-minutes long and cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching methodology. Bring your Bible, pen, and notebook. For more information, contact Katie Salinas at csalinas2@mail.stmarytx.edu.

Liturgy and Worship Schedule

University Ministry invites the St. Mary's University community to weekly Liturgy and worship. Weekday mass is offered for all members and friends of the St. Mary's University community. The schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 12:15 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Assumption Chapel; Sunday 11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel, and Sunday evening, 9:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel. For more information, contact University Ministry at 210.431.2053 or msmith6@stmarytx.edu.

Writing Competitions and Scholarships

Students are invited to apply for one of the below named scholarships. Deadline to apply is **March 16, 2020**.

Please apply by using this link: bit.ly/LawScholarshipApp

Campus Ministry of St. Anthony (up to \$3300)

Awarded to a full or part-time single parent presently attending classes. Must demonstrate financial need. Must be willing to make a contribution to help other single parents at St. Mary's (e.g. projects developed according to applicant's time, interests, and needs of single parents. While we do not want to overburden the already busy schedule of single parents, we ask that the recipient of the St. Anthony Project choose one activity that might benefit other single parents. Some of the activities might include, but would not be limited to the following: organizing a seminar, discussion or support group, listing licensed day care centers in the area, sponsoring an activity for single parent children, or identifying legal issues involving single parents.

Ford Endowed Law Scholarship (up to \$3800)

For the benefit of law students, who are single parents and who exhibit financial need.

Latham David Mills Memorial Scholarship (up to \$3400)

Law students who were raised by single parents employed in the legal community; A law student who is a single parent and was employed in the legal sector prior to entering law school

Carol Haverman Memorial Endowed Law Scholarship (Up to \$2600)

To provide financial assistance for a single, self-supporting female attending law school

Nancy Lambeth Townsend Law Scholarship (up to \$2050)

This scholarship is for a law student in good standing with demonstrated need. First preference will be given to a single-parent law student. If an eligible application is not received from a single-parent law student, the award will go to a law student in good academic standing with demonstrated need.

Below are additional available scholarships:

The Pinkerton Law Firm.

<https://www.law.uh.edu/financialaid/Pinkerton%20Law%20Review%20Letter.pdf>. Write articles for the Pinkerton Law Review. \$2,500 top writer awards (five). \$10,000 writer of the year award (one).

The National Law Review is now accepting submissions. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

Arnold & Porter Diversity and Inclusion Scholarship. To apply [please click here](#). \$10,000 scholarships to qualified first-year law students. Deadline to apply is March 6, 2020.

Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP. Annual Diversity Scholarship for 1Ls.

<https://www.bradley.com/careers/law-students?tab=summer-program>. \$10,000. \$5,000. Deadline to apply is March 15, 2020.

Amarillo Area Bar Foundation. www.amarillobar.org. Four \$2,500 scholarships. Deadline to apply is no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 1, 2020.

Aviation Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. <https://aviationlawtx.com/scholarship/>. One \$1,000 scholarship. Deadline to apply is April 1, 2020.

Tax Section of the State Bar of Texas.
<http://www.texasbar.org/uploads/SBOT%20Tax%20Section%20Scholarship%20Application%202020.pdf>. Three \$2,000. Deadline to apply is April 4, 2020.

National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees. <http://www.nactt.com>. \$1,000. Deadline to apply is April 30, 2020.

Intellectual Property Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. www.texasbar.org. Two \$5,000 scholarships. Deadline is May 1, 2020.

Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Fund. <https://www.brownsims.com/about-brown-sims/affiliations/judge-john-r-brown-award/>. \$10,000, \$5,000, \$3,000, \$1,000. Deadline to apply is May 29, 2020.

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Submitting an Event for Publication in the Witan?

Please [click here](#) to submit events and news items for inclusion in the Witan.

OCS News You Can Use

Welcome back! We hope you had a safe Spring Break, and are making the most of this added time off. We remain open for business, and are excited to work with all of our students in new and creative ways. Send us your documents to review or schedule an appointment and we will “meet” by phone or video conference. Please let us know how we can continue to help you in your career and professional development.

3Ls: Revised, REMOTE Bingo

Finding your post-grad job will feel less daunting if you take steps now to work on building professional relationships, creating or updating your LinkedIn profile, and revising your resume and cover letters, among other things. 3L Bingo is a fun way to make sure you do all you can now to advance your post-grad job search.

Beginning on Wednesday, e-mail OCS at lawcareerstrategy@stmarytx.edu for your updated Bingo card to make the most of the next few weeks (yes, we’re extending the time to play). Everyone wins! Submit your completed Bingo Sheet to OCS at the e-mail above to claim your prize by **April 10, 2020**.

St. Mary's Public Service Fellowship Now Open

The St. Mary's Public Service Fellowships provide financial assistance to a limited number of law students who have secured a position for the summer of 2020 with a legal services provider serving low-income clients or a governmental agency.

Your [Application](#) and the [Agency Agreement](#) (filled out by your employer) must be submitted no later than **Monday, March 23, 2020**.

Public Interest Summer Funding Opportunities

If you have secured an unpaid public service internship for Summer 2020, congratulations! We encourage you to apply for any and all summer funding opportunities to help minimize the financial burden of working without pay. For a list of summer funding opportunities, visit the Resource Library in CORE under “Public Interest Careers” and click on the “Summer 2020 Public Interest Funding Opportunities – Nationwide” document for more information about each organization as well as how to apply.

The Equal Justice America Summer 2020 Fellowship Deadline is March 25

Students who accept a job with a non-profit organization that provides civil legal assistance to the poor are eligible to apply for an EJA Fellowship. The Fellowship pays up to \$4,000 for 10 weeks of full-time work. To apply, visit <http://equaljusticeamerica.org/summerapplication.htm>. The deadline is **March 25, 2020**.

Summer Stipend for Communications Law

The FCBA Foundation awards stipends to selected law students employed as unpaid summer interns through its Law School Summer Internship Stipend Program. The program provides stipends to students working over the summer with government agencies in areas related to communications law, including broadcasting, cable, information technology, television, telephony, satellite, and wireless. The deadline is **March 31, 2020**.

Blask Fellowship for Southern District of Texas

The Southern District of Texas Chapter of the Federal Bar Association is accepting applicants for the 2020 Blask Fellowship. Grants of at least \$3000 are available for a limited number of law students who serve as legal interns for a minimum of 6 weeks during the summer of 2020 in the offices of a federal court or agency located within the Southern District of Texas. More information on how to apply is posted in the job postings section on CORE under 2020 Blask Fellowship. The deadline is **April 17, 2020**.

Apply Sooner Rather Than Later

If you see a job posting for a job you really want, apply as soon as possible. Many legal employers have rolling applications and may hire someone well in advance of the application deadline. Waiting until the last minute may mean you miss your chance to be considered.

Student Organizations

Law Journal Comments Selected for Publication and Credit with Honors

The *St. Mary's Law Journal* Volume 51 Editorial Board is excited to announce the following comments selected for publication and credit with honors:

PUBLICATION:

- Christine Alyson Cortez, *Bitcoin Searches and Preserving the Third-Party Doctrine*, 52 ST. MARY'S L.J. (forthcoming 2021).
- Daniel G. Esquivel, *Punishing the Victim: Model Rule 1.16(a)(2) and its Relation to Lawyers with Anxiety, Depression, and Bipolar Disorder*, 11 ST. MARY'S J. LEGAL. MAL. & ETHICS (forthcoming 2021).
- Melissa Fullmer, *Judicial Deference to the Board of Immigration Appeals' Regulatory Interpretations in Light of Kisor v. Wilkie*, 52 ST. MARY'S L.J. (forthcoming 2021).

- Nicholas B. Goddard, *With Actual Knowledge Comes Lack of Materiality: Offering a Reasonable Bright-Line* (forthcoming 2021).
- Ashley B. Huron, *The Bumble Bill: A Critical Analysis on Texas' Bill Taking Indecent Exposure Regulations Online*, 52 ST. MARY'S L.J. (forthcoming 2021).
- Lauren R. Howell, *Alexa Hears with Her Little Ears—But Does She Have the Privilege?*, 52 ST. MARY'S L.J. (forthcoming 2021).
- Hannah Mery, *The Dangers of Doxing and Swatting: Why Texas Should Criminalize These Malicious Forms of Cyberharassment*, 52 ST. MARY'S L.J. (forthcoming 2021).
- Zachary P. Olvera, *Gundy v. United States: How Justice Gorsuch's Dissent and Changing Judicial Philosophy in Federal Courts May Lead to a Revised Nondelegation Doctrine and Diminish the Purpose of the Administrative Procedure Act*, 52 ST. MARY'S L.J. (forthcoming 2021).
- Farid "Freddy" Seyyedi-Ahari, *When Mental Health Meets "The One-Armed Man" Defense: How Courts Should Deal with McCoy Defendants*, 11 ST. MARY'S J. LEGAL MAL. & ETHICS (forthcoming 2021).
- Kayley Viteo, *"We" the Jury: The Problem of Peremptory Strikes as Illustrated by Flowers v. Mississippi*, 52 ST. MARY'S L.J. (forthcoming 2021).

CREDIT WITH HONORS:

- Kenneth "Kam" M. Culbreth, *Municipal Optimization of Short-Term Rental Regulations: The Reality of Airbnb in South Texas Communities* (credit with honors).
- Lindsey Laielli, *Bolstering Juliana: Enforceability of Environmental Claims Through International Treaty Obligations in U.S. Courts* (credit with honors).
- Taylor Newman, *First Amendment Challenges to Occupational Licensing of Nutrition and Dietetics* (credit with honors).

Announcements

Order of Barristers Applications

NOTE: The Order of Barristers Application may be accessed and submitted online at <https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/order-of-the-barristers-application/>

NEW DEADLINE: Applications are due March 20, 2020, by 5:00 p.m.

The **Order of Barristers** is a national honorary organization whose purpose is the encouragement of oral advocacy and brief writing skills. The Order — which is open only to third-year law students — provides national recognition for individuals who have excelled in advocacy and service at their respective schools. St. Mary's University School of Law is permitted to select up to ten new members each year. If you are interested in being considered for The Order of Barristers, application forms are posted on the office door of Professor Zoe Niesel, Chair of the Faculty Advocacy Committee, or at <https://stmarytx.wufoo.com/forms/order-of-the-barristers-application/>.

The Faculty Advocacy Committee will review and select the new members of the Order of the Barristers. These applications will also be used, in part, to determine the recipients of the various faculty awards for outstanding advocacy. Please note that seeking or obtaining advice or assistance from any

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Zoom Meetings with Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs

The unprecedented events we face now will have a lasting impact on all of us. It is Dean Haynes belief that we will look back on this as a time when we looked inward, searched our souls, and came out perhaps a slightly better and more caring people.

In times such as these, it is important that we appreciate friends and family, and the rest of those special people who remain important components of the building blocks of our individual lives.

There is no question that these events today will have ramifications for years to come. How we treat each other is of the utmost importance. We must remember our commitment to understanding, compassion, community, and caring for all of those around us.

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Student Competitions

Do you want to be an International Moot Court Champion? Try Out for Jessup

St. Mary's will be selecting individuals to represent the Law School in the prestigious Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. **This year, members of The National Team WON the regionals and will be advancing to the international rounds!**

Candidates should be self-motivated and possess an interest in oral or written advocacy. If you are interested in adding your name to a distinguished list of advocates, **please submit a resume and writing sample to Professor Marion M. Reilly, marionmreilly@gmail.com, by Friday, March 20.** Tryouts dates and times will be announced after submission. Selected Jessup members are expected to enroll in a 2 credit hour course held once weekly on Wednesdays. The course will also satisfy your writing requirement. Members are also encouraged to enroll in Public International Law, though it is not required.

Sample oral arguments, briefings, and the problem will be distributed to all interested participants.

Please direct any questions regarding the competition and tryouts to Marion Reilly, marionmreilly@gmail.com, (925) 980-9998.

About Jessup:

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Further details regarding the competition are available at <http://www.ilsa.org>.

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Gymnasium and Swimming Pool Hours

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Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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Saturday - Closed

Sunday - Closed

Recipe of the Week

Spicy Shrimp Fried Rice

<https://www.skinnytaste.com/spicy-shrimp-fried-rice/>

Prep Time: 5 mins

Cook Time: 15 mins

Total Time: 20 mins

Ingredients

- 3 cups leftover brown rice cooked
- 1 lb large shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1/2 tsp each of chili powder and paprika
- 1/8 tsp cayenne pepper, or more to taste
- 2 large egg whites, beaten
- 1 large whole egg, beaten
- 1/2 medium onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, diced
- 5 medium scallions, chopped, whites and greens separated
- oil spray
- 1 tbsp sesame oil
- 1 tsp crushed red pepper flakes, or more to taste
- 4 tsp soy sauce, or more to taste
- 1 tsp Asian fish sauce, (or more soy sauce)

Instructions

1. In a bowl, season shrimp with cayenne pepper, chili powder, paprika, salt, pepper and garlic powder.
2. In a hot wok, over medium high heat, spray a little oil and cook the eggs, when cooked, remove from pan and set aside, 1 to 2 minutes.
3. Increase the heat to high, when hot add the sesame oil and saute onions, scallion whites, garlic and hot pepper flakes for about 1-2 minutes.
4. Add shrimp and sauté until no longer translucent, 2 to 3 minutes.
5. Add rice and leave in the skillet to let the bottom brown, 2 to 3 minutes, stir and add the egg, soy sauce and fish sauce, mixing well for about 2 minutes.
6. Add greens of the scallions and serve.

Nutritional Information: Calories 307 kcal | Carbohydrates 37.5g | Protein 23g | Fat 7g | Saturated Fat 1.5g | Cholesterol 191mg | Sodium 500mg | Fiber 3.5g | Sugar 0.5g

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Chris Ritter
1-800-343-8527
www.tlaphelps.org

Texas Group Support & LCL Meetings

Call in Meetings: 800-393-0640, enter code: 676745
LCL – Friday's at Noon and 3rd Thursday at Noon
TLAP MH Lunch & Learn – 4th Wednesday at Noon

TLAP Website information

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/stress-anxiety>
<https://www.tlaphelps.org/depression-bipolar>
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Bible Class with Professor Addicott

Professor Addicott has cancelled his Bible study classes until further notice.

Liturgy and Worship Schedule

University Ministry is not conducting weekday or Sunday masses until further notice. For more information, you may contact University Ministry directly at 210.431.3213 or university.ministry@stmarytx.edu.

Writing Competitions and Scholarships

The Pinkerton Law Firm.
<https://www.law.uh.edu/financialaid/Pinkerton%20Law%20Review%20Letter.pdf>. Write articles for the Pinkerton Law Review. \$2,500 top writer awards (five). \$10,000 writer of the year award (one).

The National Law Review is now accepting submissions. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP. Annual Diversity Scholarship for 1Ls. <https://www.bradley.com/careers/law-students?tab=summer-program>. \$10,000. \$5,000. Deadline to apply is March 15, 2020.

Amarillo Area Bar Foundation. www.amarillobar.org. Four \$2,500 scholarships. Deadline to apply is no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 1, 2020.

Aviation Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. <https://aviationlawtx.com/scholarship/>. One \$1,000 scholarship. Deadline to apply is April 1, 2020.

Tax Section of the State Bar of Texas. <http://www.texastaxsection.org/uploads/SBOT%20Tax%20Section%20Scholarship%20Application%202020.pdf>. Three \$2,000. Deadline to apply is April 4, 2020.

National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees. <http://www.nactt.com>. \$1,000. Deadline to apply is April 30, 2020.

Intellectual Property Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. www.texasbariplaw.org. Two \$5,000 scholarships. Deadline is May 1, 2020.

Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Fund. <https://www.brownsims.com/about-brown-sims/affiliations/judge-john-r-brown-award/>. \$10,000, \$5,000, \$3,000, \$1,000. Deadline to apply is May 29, 2020.

WITAN St. Mary's University School of Law

Issue 26 – March 23, 2020

Submitting an Event for Publication in the Witan?

Please [click here](#) to submit events and news items for inclusion in the Witan.

OCS News You Can Use

OCS is still open for business, albeit in a whole new way. Send us your documents to review at lawcareerstrategy@stmarytx.edu or schedule an appointment in CORE and we will “meet” by phone or video conference. Please let us know how we can continue to help you in your career and professional development.

3L REMOTE Bingo

You can still win at 3L Bingo! E-mail OCS today at lawcareerstrategy@stmarytx.edu for your updated Bingo card to make the most of the next few weeks (yes, we’re extending the time to play).

Everyone wins! Submit your completed Bingo Sheet to OCS at the e-mail above to claim your prize by **April 10, 2020**.

The Deadline for the St. Mary’s Public Service Fellowship Is Extended

In light of recent events, we have extended the deadline to apply for the St. Mary's Public Service Fellowship, which provides financial assistance to a limited number of law students who have secured a position for the summer of 2020 with a legal services provider serving low-income clients or a governmental agency.

Your [Application](#) and the [Agency Agreement](#) (filled out by your employer) must be submitted by **March 30, 2020** at noon.

Stay Tuned for Rescheduled Programming

We are working to reschedule the Exploring Real Estate and Construction Law Careers, Exploring Government and Policy Law Careers, and Exploring the Compliance Certificate Program. The programs will now be presented over Zoom.

Please look for specific details in the next few days in CORE and in next week’s Witan.

Student Organizations

***The Scholar* Volume 22 Award Winners Announced**

Due to the unforeseen circumstances of COVID-19, *The Scholar* Banquet had to be cancelled. However, this did not stop them from celebrating the hard work, dedication, and passion of Volume 22.

In lieu of a Banquet at The DoSeum, Volume 22 of *The Scholar* had a Banquet via Zoom, where they were able to announce the names of those selected for publication, credit with honors, the Staff Writer of the Year Award, and the Lee J. Terán Humanitarian Award.

Although these are difficult times for us all, *The Scholar* still wishes to recognize all the hard work of its staff writers and board members this year, who continue to strive to give a voice to the voiceless.

Please congratulate the following award winners:

Comments Selected for Publication

- *House Bill 3: An IOU Texas Public Schools and Communities of Color Cannot Afford* by Candace Castillo
- *Justice for Venezuela: The Human Rights Violations that are Isolating an Entire Country* by Andrea Matos
- *Barred by Their Brains: Inmates with Traumatic Brain Injury* by Claire Mikita
- *The Termination of Parental Rights in Texas: The Long Run Cut Short for Parents in Bexar County* by Gabriel Narvaez
- *Undocumented Domestic Workers: A Penumbra in the Workforce* by Abigail Roman
- *Modernizing Discrimination Law: The Adoption of an Intersectional Lens* by Marisa Sanchez

Comments Selected for Credit with Honors

- *Young Decisions Turned into Second Chances* by Elizabeth Duggan
- *Texas Education: Where Equality is Only a Goal and NOT a Right* by Todd Tagami
- *Liability for Another's Suicide: Is It Just?* by Kassady Thomas

Staff Writer of the Year Award

- Bernardo Paredes

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- Lusa Tshibangu

St. Mary's Law Journal
Vol. 52 Write on Competition

Town Hall via Zoom

Attention 1L class! Despite this semester being somewhat untraditional, the Volume 52 Board is excited to continue the *St. Mary's School of Law Journal* Write on Competition. While you do not need to worry about writing until after finals are complete, they would like to answer any questions or concerns you may have regarding the write on competition. They plan to have a Zoom town hall on **March 30, 2020** at noon. If you have any questions before then or cannot attend please do not hesitate to email Walker Bauer at wbauer@mail.stmarytx.edu.

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First-year students expecting to complete the 29 credit hours of the first-year curriculum this spring will now have until **October 1, 2020** to complete the 10-hour community service requirement.

Second-year students expecting to complete 60 credit hours this spring or summer will also have until **October 1, 2020** to complete the 20-hour community service requirement. Note that at least five (5) of those hours are required to be law-related, as defined in the *Student Handbook*.

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110 Calories

Prep Time: 10 mins

Total Time: 10 mins

Yield: 2 servings

A great source of vitamins and minerals and a great way to boost your immune system.

Ingredients

- 3/4 cup coconut water, or water
- 2 green apples, cored and quartered
- 1/4 English cucumber, chopped
- 1/2 bunch flat leaf parsley, leaves only, chopped
- 1 slice piece of ginger, 1 inch thick
- 1 medium lemon, peeled and seeded
- 1 cup ice cubes

Instructions

1. Place all ingredients in a blender, starting with the liquids and blend until smooth. Optional - run through a mesh sieve if you don't like pulp.
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Serving: 1 1/2 cups | Calories: 110kcal | Carbohydrates: 30.5g | Protein: 2g | Fat: 0.5g | Sodium: 20mg | Fiber: 6.5g | Sugar: 18g
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Current JD students are eligible to obtain the Compliance Certificate. This program will explore the benefits of a Compliance Certificate and the requirements to obtain it. If your summer plans are in limbo and you are considering an alternative career, don't miss this Zoom! Check CORE for the Zoom Meeting ID.

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- Outstanding Staff Writer Award: Melissa Fullmer
- Outstanding Senior Associate Editor Award: Austin Laws
- Editor's Excellence Award: Sarah Louise Vollmer

Thank you for your commitment to excellence, and congratulations on a job well done.

Student Bar Association

Congratulations to the 2020-2021 Student Bar Association (SBA) Executive Board.

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***St. Mary's Law Journal* Vol. 52 Write on Competition Town Hall via Zoom**

Attention 1L class! Despite this semester being somewhat untraditional, the Volume 52 Board is excited to continue the *St. Mary's School of Law Journal* Write on Competition. While you do not need to worry about writing until after finals are complete, they would like to answer any questions or concerns you may have regarding the write on competition. They plan to have a Zoom town hall on **March 30, 2020** at noon. If you have any questions before then or cannot attend please do not hesitate to email Walker Bauer at wbauer@mail.stmarytx.edu.

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Need a Break?

Tired of sitting and reading? Do you need a break? Need some fresh air? Well we have a solution: GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY. Now available at the law library circulation desk you can check out a football (nerf or regular), soccer ball, volleyball, kickball or basket toss with more options on the way. You will need your student ID to check out equipment.

Inviting Dignitaries to Campus

All law school student organizations are reminded to submit a request for approval prior to inviting a dignitary to the School of Law. **The form must be completed prior to contacting and inviting a dignitary to campus. Requests should be made 45 days prior to the scheduled event.** A Visiting Dignitary includes, diplomats, local public figures including but not limited to, the Archbishop of San Antonio, judges, and other elected officials. Forms can be found online on Gateway at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/university-communications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>.

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Law School Resources

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Center for Life Directions Building
(Next to the RABA Building)
(210) 436-3135
Emergency (after-hours and weekends):
(210) 825-3622

ileana Velazquez, M.A., LPC
(210) 431-4225
RABA 208
ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Ministry
(210) 436-3063
RABA 105
gwalle@stmarytx.edu

Office of Student Accessibility Services (SAS)
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(210) 431-5080
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Student Health Center
Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor
(210) 436-3506—office line
(210) 436-3656—fax line
healthcenter@stmarytx.edu

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center
Campus Recreation AACC 2145
210-436-3997
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation>

National Suicide Prevention Line
1-800-273-8255

Veterans Crisis Line
1-800-273-8255 and press 1

Food Bank at Holy Rosary

Running short on finances? Need a little help with groceries? Holy Rosary Church along with St. Vincent de Paul Society is open to students on Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The church is located at 155 Camino Santa Maria. Please have your St. Mary's ID ready. For more information contact ileana Velazquez at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu.

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Easter Mass

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Super Brief Award - Best Overall: Mark Stevens, Section D (Instructor Jennifer Spreng)

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A huge thanks to our loyal sponsors, Ms. Laveta Casdorff '99, Bryan Jones '03 in memory of Eric Riester, the Appellate Practice Section of the San Antonio Bar Association, and Langley & Banack.

Women in Law Leadership Awards

Congratulations to the 2020 Women in Law Leadership Award recipients. Our Women in Law Leader Awards recognize outstanding St. Mary's School of Law women student leaders. These nominees were testified to by their peers, faculty, or staff and will receive a certificate indicating their achievement as recipients of the Women in Law Leader Awards. The 2020 Chief Justice (Ret. 2008) Alma Lopez Woman in Law Leader **recipient is Ashley De La Garza**, 3L and the 2020 Chief Justice (Ret. 2014) Catherine Stone Rock of Justice award **recipient is Ann Bright**, 3L. Please join in congratulating them in this honor. [women_in_law_leadership_awards_2020.pdf](#) 1.21 MB .PDF

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The Committee was impressed by every applicants' commitment to public service, but financial constraints prevented awarding fellowships to all applicants. The Committee and OCS staff commend all applicants for their dedication.

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Click here  [max_foundations_of_insurance.pdf](#) 106.23 KB PDF for details on how to join the Webinar.

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Students who need accommodations for a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Office of Student Accessibility Services located in the Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139 (directly behind the Raba building). Their telephone number is 210.431.5080, email accessibility@stmarytx.edu or visit the webpage on Gateway at <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/group/mycampus/services/disability-services>. Please refer to the law *Student Handbook* on Gateway for more information. The deadline to apply for the Summer I and Summer II semesters is **Thursday, July 23, 2020**.

Student E-mail Accounts

Each student is assigned a Law School e-mail account and is required to check this account daily. Faculty and the Administration use e-mail to communicate with students and to send official notices. Students are deemed to have knowledge of all communications from the Faculty and Administration sent to their Law School e-mail address. Therefore, not checking the school email account is not an acceptable defense for not responding to information disseminated by email. Additionally, various professors may have more specific requirements with respect to e-mail, TWEN, Blackboard and Canvas classrooms.

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Navigating Law School

If you are a first generation law student and would like to speak with Dean Haynes about navigating the first year of law school, please schedule an appointment with Dean Haynes at calendly.com/ahaynes5.

University Policies and Procedures on Non-Discrimination

St. Mary's University is committed to providing a safe, equitable, and fair environment where students can pursue academic excellence. Policies and procedures have been developed to foster and sustain such an environment and apply to all courses offered at the university. Students need to be aware of these policies and procedures, which can be found in *Gateway* (<https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/>). Please become familiar with these important policies and procedures, which include:

- Nondiscrimination, Sexual and Other Forms of Harassment <https://www.stmarytx.edu/about/title-ix/>
- Students with Disability <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/disability-rights/>
- Human Subjects Research <https://www.stmarytx.edu/compliance/research-compliance/>

Need a Break?

Tired of sitting and reading? Do you need a break? Need some fresh air? Well we have a solution: GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY. Now available at the law library circulation desk you can check out a football (nerf or regular), soccer ball, volleyball, kickball or basket toss with more options on the way. You will need your student ID to check out equipment.

Inviting Dignitaries to Campus

All law school student organizations are reminded to submit a request for approval prior to inviting a dignitary to the School of Law. **The form must be completed prior to contacting and inviting a dignitary to campus. Requests should be made 45 days prior to the scheduled event.** A Visiting Dignitary includes, diplomats, local public figures including but not limited to, the Archbishop of San Antonio,

judges, and other elected officials. Forms can be found online on Gateway at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/university-communications/inviting-dignitaries-to-campus/>.

Tobacco Use Policy On Campus

Smoking and smokeless tobacco products will be allowed only within designated locations on the St. Mary's University campus. Visit <https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/administration-finance/tobacco-use-on-campus/> to learn more.

Academic Support

Law School Resources

The Student Counseling Center
Center for Life Directions Building
(Next to the RABA Building)
(210) 436-3135
Emergency (after-hours and weekends):
(210) 825-3622

ileana Velazquez, M.A., LPC
(210) 431-4225
RABA 208
ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu

Sr. Grace Walle, Law Campus Ministry
(210) 436-3063
RABA 105
gwalle@stmarytx.edu

Office of Student Accessibility Services (SAS)
Center for Life Directions Building, Room 139
(210) 431-5080
accessibility@stmarytx.edu

Student Health Center
Charles Francis Hall, 1st floor
(210) 436-3506—office line
(210) 436-3656—fax line
healthcenter@stmarytx.edu

Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center
Campus Recreation AACC 2145
210-436-3997
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation>

National Suicide Prevention Line
1-800-273-8255

Veterans Crisis Line
1-800-273-8255 and press 1

Food Bank at Holy Rosary

Running short on finances? Need a little help with groceries? Holy Rosary Church along with St. Vincent de Paul Society is open to students on Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The church is located at 155 Camino Santa Maria. Please have your St. Mary's ID ready. For more information contact ileana Velazquez at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu.

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)

Texas Lawyers Assistance Program
Chris Ritter
1-800-343-8527
www.tlaphelps.org

Texas Group Support & LCL Meetings

Call in Meetings: 800-393-0640, enter code: 676745

LCL – Friday’s at Noon and 3rd Thursday at Noon
TLAP MH Lunch & Learn – 4th Wednesday at Noon

TLAP Website information

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/stress-anxiety>

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/depression-bipolar>

<https://www.tlaphelps.org/substance-abuse>

If you need assistance in accessing any resources or referrals to other resources, please contact ileana Velazquez at ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu.

Liturgy and Worship Schedule

University Ministry is not conducting weekday or Sunday masses until further notice. For more information, you may contact University Ministry directly at 210.431.3213 or university.ministry@stmarytx.edu.

Writing Competitions and Scholarships

The Pinkerton Law Firm.

<https://www.law.uh.edu/financialaid/Pinkerton%20Law%20Review%20Letter.pdf>. Write articles for the Pinkerton Law Review. \$2,500 top writer awards (five). \$10,000 writer of the year award (one).

The National Law Review is now accepting submissions. <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees. <http://www.nactt.com>. \$1,000. Deadline to apply is April 30, 2020.

Intellectual Property Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. www.texasbariplaw.org. Two \$5,000 scholarships. Deadline is May 1, 2020.

Max by AccessLex. <https://www.accesslex.org/scholarship-incentives>. Six \$25k and three \$40k scholarship incentives. Deadline to apply is May 1, 2020.

Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Fund. <https://www.brownsims.com/about-brown-sims/affiliations/judge-john-r-brown-award/>. \$10,000, \$5,000, \$3,000, \$1,000. Deadline to apply is May 29, 2020.