Fellow students of the law,

Please see below for all the student announcements. Included in this email:

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PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING ANNOUNCEMENTS: If you would like to include an announcement in the weekly student announcements email, you must submit it (with the exact heading and wording you want to appear in the email) to Terri Kroll (Terri_Kroll@Baylor.edu) by 12:00 p.m. noon on the Friday preceding the Monday when you would like the announcement to be sent. If you have an event that is on a Monday, send your email a week ahead of time, so it can run in the previous week’s announcements. You must also copy Stephen Rispoli (Stephen_Rispoli@Baylor.edu) and the SBA Executive Secretary (Mattie_Dalton1@baylor.edu)
on the email to Ms. Kroll. Failure to comply with this procedure may preclude your announcement from being included in Monday’s email. You may petition for a late/non-conforming submission to be included or sent in a separate email by sending Stephen Rispoli an email showing good cause for the late or non-conforming submission.

Good luck on your finals!

-SLR

1.

**COVID Update**

You should have received an email from President Livingstone on Thursday, July 1, with updated COVID-19 guidance. At the current time, faculty, staff and students are no longer required to wear a mask while in the Law School building. However, the University does recommend that those who are unvaccinated wear a face covering indoors, as well as for individuals working within labs and other settings that require this level of protection.

We recognize we have some faculty, staff, and students who will not be seeking a vaccination for a variety of reasons and we respect your decision. Knowing that some of our faculty, staff and students will continue to be required to wear masks in the building, we want to make sure everyone feels comfortable while in the building. Please know that we will respect your decision to wear a mask for any reason.

The University, including the Law School, continues to prepare for normal operations in the fall. We look forward to seeing all students back on campus fully in person in August. We do not anticipate offering any exceptions to in-person learning and operations as we have done throughout the past year. This return to a pre-Covid normal applies to all students, faculty and staff.

The University does plan to conduct weekly COVID-19 testing for unvaccinated students, faculty, and staff for at least the first four weeks of the fall semester.

The University will not require COVID vaccinations for attendance this fall. However, to keep COVID-19 at bay on our campus, we continue to encourage vaccination, which protects against severe illness and exempts you from weekly testing and quarantine if exposed to a positive case, which we know is very disruptive to the academic experience. If you have not been vaccinated yet but plan to do so, our Health Services team recommends that you complete your vaccination wherever you are this summer prior to arriving to campus. If you are not able to do so, you are encouraged to start your vaccine where you are and then receive your second dose on campus. You can find a vaccine site in your area at vaccines.gov or schedule an appointment at the Health Center in the McLane Student Life Center at baylor.edu/vaccine. If you are a fully vaccinated student, faculty or staff member, please upload a photo of your completed vaccine card through the HIPAA-protected form at baylor.edu/vaccine. This process will provide exemption from
weekly testing and quarantine and will help us know how well protected Baylor is as a community as we get ready for a normal fall.

We are eager to return to normal in the fall, but we will continue to make the safety and health of students, staff, and faculty our priority. If CDC and University COVID-19 guidelines evolve and require changes to our fall plans, we will notify you as soon as possible.

**Law School Building Hours**

- Library Hours: Beginning today, Friday, July 9 through Tuesday, July 20, the Law Library will have extended hours for final exams:
  - Monday-Friday: 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
  - Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
  - Sunday: 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

- The exterior doors are unlocked M – F, 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
  - Law students do not need to use their ID cards to enter the building when it is unlocked.

- The exterior doors are locked during nights and weekends for security reasons.
  - On weekends, students have daily access to the law school from 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
  - Law students must use their ID card to swipe into the building during night and weekend library hours.
  - The exterior doors may be unlocked on limited weekends due to law school events such as law competitions.
    - If your card is denied, try the handle and make sure the door is not already unlocked.

**SBA Announcements**

a. **Food for Finals:** All lunches will be delivered by 11:00am each day and will be outside the Student Lounge
   - Monday, July 12 – Chick Fil A
   - Tuesday, July 13 – Jimmy John’s
   - Wednesday, July 14 – No Exams
   - Thursday, July 15 – Chick Fil A
   - Friday, July 16 – McAlister’s
   - Monday, July 19 – Chick Fil A
   - Tuesday, July 20 – Firehouse Subs
   - Wednesday, July 21 – Jimmy John’s
b. **Summer Quarter Concerns:** If you have any suggestions, comments, or concerns about this quarter, please use this form to notify SBA, or email Peyton Maddox (peyton_maddox1@baylor.edu) or Megan Baumhardt (Megan_Baumhardt1@baylor.edu).

c. **Volunteer Opportunity:** The Salvation Army Community Kitchen needs volunteers, especially this summer! Please consider helping out if you have free time. Volunteers are needed every day for the **4:30 - 6:30 PM** shift. You can volunteer in groups of 6 or less. If interested, contact Diana Barrett (volunteer coordinator) at 254-756-7271 or email: diana.barrett@uss.salvationarmy.org. Address: 300 Webster Ave, Waco, TX 76706.

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**GREATER WACO LEGAL SERVICES**

**DO YOU HAVE UNANSWERED LEGAL QUESTIONS?**

**DO YOU FIND YOURSELF WITH A LEGAL SITUATION AND NEED SOME HELP?**

If so, please join Greater Waco Legal Services, Baylor Law students, and local attorneys for the

**FIRST MONDAY LEGAL ADVICE CLINIC**

**MONDAY, JULY 12, 2021**

**6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

**LOCATION:**

**EL CALVARIO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

3100 N. 19th St.

WACO, TX 76708

Appointments are strongly recommended (but not strictly required).

To make an appointment please call:

254 - 733 - 2828

We will provide 20-30 minute consultations on a first-come, first-served basis.

There is no cost for these services, but we do ask that you “Pay It Forward” – in return for these services that you receive, give something of your time, talents, or treasures to someone else in need.

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**CO-CREATING LOVE AND JUSTICE WITH OUR COMMUNITY**

Mail: 22130 Waco Drive, Suite 1000

Phone: 254-540-0400

Office: 22130 Waco Avenue

Waco, Texas 76707
Fully Furnished 2 bedroom, 2 bath gated quiet condo with electric and water included in price. $1500 a month. 1401 Bagby #6.

Prefer law students or grad students. Just bring your clothes and books.
Dishes, pots, pans and kitchen appliances provided as well as washer and dryer and TV.
Black granite countertops in kitchen. Private outdoor seating area with small outdoor closet.
2nd story end condo. Has security system if you want to order and pay for. Condo does not have a Pool or common area so it is very quiet and across the street from Council Acres Park.
Close to Viteks and several other restaurants in Baylor's close-in southeastern neighborhoods.
Condo was home to previous solo law student who set up 2nd bedroom as a study. If you have a roommate I can furnish a bed for that room or you can bring your own. You purchase WIFI and cable.
To see the unit, please e-mail or call at liznewatson@gmail.com 512 750-5003
Liz Watson
Black granite kitchen

Bedroom 1

Study/Bedroom 2

Mudroom/laundry room entrance

Bathroom 1 of 2 (Identical layout in #2 as well)

Mudroom/Laundry entrance and patio with outdoor storage closet
Take a Mental Health Break!

During the recent PDP session on mental health, Prof. Pasierb, Katherine Sims, and the Student Wellness Organization (SWO) asked what things the law school could do **right now** to support students and their mental health. The two most overwhelming answers were more Bruiser and to get you outside! Bruiser obviously agrees about wanting to get outside. We also know that being active is a great way to improve mental health and keep your brain sharp. With all of that in mind, here are some things we’ve planned for the month of June:

- **Bruiser guaranteed on campus:** 8th, 9th, 15th, 16th, 22nd, 23rd, 29th. (For those who don’t know Bruiser, he’s Katherine’s miniature dachshund. He loves visiting with students! You can find him roaming to halls and you can stop by Katherine’s office in the Dean’s Suite to get your puppy fix.)

- **Bear Trail walks:** Meet Katherine in the courtyard at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th for a mid-week pick-me-up walk around the Bear Trail. The group will decide whether to do the whole thing or to take an abbreviated path. We’ll definitely stop to see the bears on campus!

- **Lunches on the back patio:** It will obviously be hot, so you don’t have to stay long or even bring a lunch! Just take a short break to visit with friends and enjoy the beauty of our view from the back patio. Join Katherine each Tuesday 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th at noon!

We received many more suggestions that we will continue to work on, so stay tuned for additions! Please let us know if you have any ideas you’d like to add! You can reach Katherine at katherine.sims@baylor.edu or (817) 254-3775, Prof. Pasierb at ingrid.pasierb@baylor.edu or (409) 728-2870, and SWO President Kayla Dietrich at kayla_dietrich1@baylor.edu
6.  
**Westlaw Virtual Office Summer Hours**

Looking for help with Westlaw, Practical Law, training resources, or any other questions? Be sure to check out the Baylor Westlaw Teams space! You can ask questions via chat, access Quick Reference Guides for frequently used tools, and find links to Westlaw law student resources.

Click here to join the [Westlaw Team](#).  

Need additional assistance? Email [Julie_Matsen1@Baylor.edu](mailto:Julie_Matsen1@Baylor.edu)

7.  
**Join the Humane Society of Central Texas’ “Legal Beagle” Team!**

I am Victoria Collins, the Community Outreach Specialist for The Humane Society of Central Texas. We are trying to get our “Legal Beagle” program off the ground and would like to work with our local law students. The “Legal Beagle” program will consist of volunteers to help create and present legislation changes to our local government regarding Animal Rights and Laws. If this is something students in your program would be interested in, I would love to be able to post flyers in common areas, or have a small informational presentation on the volunteer opportunities we offer.

Thank you and have a great day!

Victoria Collins  
Community Outreach Specialist  
Phone (254) 754-1454  
Web [www.hsctx.org](http://www.hsctx.org)  
Email [VCollins@HSCTX.org](mailto:VCollins@HSCTX.org)  
2032 Circle Rd, Waco, TX 76706  

#EveryWacoAnimalDeservesAChance
8.

**SLC Access for no fee this Summer!**

For the first time in over 20 years, Baylor has restructured their fees. The major change for law school students is that this includes access to the McLane Student Life Center. By simply swiping your Baylor ID, you can workout, swim laps, run on the indoor track, climb the rock wall, or shoot some baskets. There are additional services available such as massage therapy or personal trainers you may also choose. Your ID also gets you access to the Baylor Marina where you can check out a kayak, canoe, sailboat, or paddle board. We look forward to helping you be a healthier you.


Please check the website for hours of operation: [www.baylor.edu/CampusRec](http://www.baylor.edu/CampusRec).

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**Baylor Masters of Public Health Study to Assess Preventative Health Behaviors in College-Age Women**

Hello,

I am Cheyenne Ryals, and I am a Master of Public Health candidate at Baylor University, working alongside Dr. Matt Asare. I am currently conducting a study to assess preventative health behaviors in college-age women. We are recruiting female respondents over 21 years of age to complete a brief survey regarding opinions about novel methods of cervical cancer screening access such as mail-in self-sampling devices. The incentive for individuals to complete the survey is the option to be entered in a raffle to receive one of several $50 gift cards. This study is supported by Baylor University.

The purposes of the study are to examine the low income and undeserved women’s understanding about cervical cancer, what they know about cervical cancer self-screening and their willingness to participate in self-screening, if self-screening opportunities become available to them. If you decide to participate in the study, you will be asked to complete an online survey about your perception of cervical cancer and self-screening. It will take about 20 minutes to complete the survey. We do not anticipate any risk for participating in the study. However, if you do not feel comfortable answering any of the question on the survey, you can skip that question.

Your participation in this study is voluntary. You may choose not to participate without any penalty.

You will have the option to be entered into a raffle drawing for an opportunity to win one of several $50 gift cards. We will ask you to provide your phone number OR email so that we can contact you for your gift card. However, we will be careful to keep data collected in this study
confidential. Your study information will be kept in a secure computer at Baylor University. Three years after the study is completed, we will delete all study information collected. If you chose to answer the questions, you are providing consent for the information provided to be used in the study.

If you have any questions or concerns about this research study, you should contact the researchers at

Cheyenne Ryals
Phone: 214-728-1787
Cheyenne_ryals1@baylor.edu

If you have questions about your rights as a research participant, or wish to obtain information, ask questions, or discuss any concerns about this study with someone other than the researcher(s), you may contact the Baylor University IRB through the Office of the Vice Provost for Research at 254-710-3708 or irb@baylor.edu.

The survey may be completed by following this link: https://baylor.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9XEfGwCNDdp6NOC

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Cheyenne Ryals
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Animal Legal Defense Fund Announcement

Do you want to use your legal education to protect animals? The Animal Legal Defense Fund, a national non-profit organization that works to protect the lives and advance the interests of animals through the legal system, offers law students the opportunity to make a real difference in animals’ lives. Animal Legal Defense Fund Student Chapters are law student organizations that share our mission and strive to make this world a better place for animals. Please consider starting a chapter at your school today!

Benefits to starting a student chapter at your school include:

- Animal law clerkship, scholarship, and fellowship opportunities
- Free tabling and advocacy materials
• Emails about animal law events and educational opportunities
• Grants for projects and holding or attending events

Be a leader in the fight to win animals the legal protection they so desperately need and deserve. **Learn more and start a chapter at your school: [www.aldf.org/startachapter](http://www.aldf.org/startachapter).** You can also contact Kelly Levenda, Animal Legal Defense Fund Senior Student Programs Attorney, at [klevenda@aldf.org](mailto:klevenda@aldf.org) for more information.

### 11.

**AcademicBlue**

Baylor has partnered with AcademicBlue to offer students free access to myStrength, a behavioral health solution that provides evidence-based activities to bolster mental health and wellness. The program includes activities to support working through challenges related to COVID-19, depression, anxiety, stress, chronic pain and other issues. Students who sign up can engage via the web or mobile app, allowing 24/7 access to self-help resources. Students can [sign up for a free account online](http://www.aldf.org/startachapter). To learn more about the service, watch this brief [video](http://www.aldf.org/startachapter).
Student Support Sessions with TLAP: Anytime!

STUDENT SUPPORT SESSIONS WITH TLAP

***THE TEXAS LAWYERS’ ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IS NOW OFFERING CONFIDENTIAL, INDIVIDUAL, SUPPORT SESSIONS TO LAW STUDENTS.***

REASONS TO SIGN UP FOR A SUPPORT SESSION:
- EXPERIENCING ANXIETY, DEPRESSION, BURNOUT
- FEELING OVERWHELMED WITH THE DEMANDS OF LAW SCHOOL
- WORRYING ABOUT GETTING A JOB OR PASSING THE BAR
- THINKING ABOUT STARTING A WELLNESS ROUTINE & NEED IDEAS HOW TO DO IT

CALL OR TEXT 1-800-343-8527 (TLAP)
REQUEST DATE, TIME, AND PROFESSIONAL (IF PREFERENCE)

AVAILABLE PROFESSIONALS:
SHAWNA STOREY-LOVIN, LPC-S, TLAP CLINICAL PROFESSIONAL
ERICA GRIGG, JD, TLAP ATTORNEY
CHRIS RITTER, JD, MED., TLAP DIRECTOR
13.

The Store – Baylor Food Pantry for Students in Need

The Paul L. Foster Success Center – Student Success Initiatives hosts a student food pantry called The Store. While The Store staff supports reducing the risk of increased exposure to COVID-19, we are also dedicated to providing the high level of support needed for our students that need to remain on campus and the Waco area as classes move online. Stay connected with our office with these opportunities:

1. The Store remains open 8 am-5 pm, Monday-Friday, but is now located in the lobby area of the McLane Student Life Center (SLC). Students who have recently utilized The Store were notified of our continued services email, text, and through social media posts.
2. Virtually connecting via our social media outlets for the latest news. Follow us on Facebook through The Store, or follow us on Instagram @TheStoreBU.
3. Students who are struggling to get food, please contact The Store team at thestore@baylor.edu We will work with you to determine a plan of action based on your specific circumstances.

As we encounter the rapidly changing events caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19), the Student Success Initiatives team will be supporting the prevention efforts as outlined by Baylor University officials: https://www.baylor.edu/coronavirus.

To learn more, visit: https://www.baylor.edu/ssi/index.php?id=947350.

14.

It's on us to prevent.
It's on us to intervene.
It's on us to care.

Please be sure to take the Title IX Online Course. Through the course, students, faculty and staff learned about building healthy relationships, preventing sex-based discrimination and intervening safely should they become bystanders in an unhealthy situation.

It is important that everyone is aware of the Title IX policies and understand their role in supporting those who encounter sexual or gender-based harassment.
Sincerely,

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