

# *Drake Law Announcements*

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## **Security Reminder**

Remember that Opperman and Cartwright Halls are open to the public during posted library hours. Please do not leave laptops or other valuables unattended. Also, if the building is locked, do not open the door for someone you do not recognize. Public Safety reports that unauthorized individuals have been let into the building after hours. Do not hesitate to contact a staff member or call Public Safety at 515-271-2222 anytime you have concerns.

## **Last Day to Drop a Class**

Welcome to spring semester! Some important deadlines for class changes:

Last day to drop a class without a W – Tuesday, February 3

Last day to drop a class *with* a W – Sunday, March 22

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## **Attention 3Ls – You are eligible to apply for the Order of the Barristers**

The Order of the Barristers application period will open on **Monday, Feb. 2 at 8 a.m. and close on Monday, Feb. 9 at 5 p.m.** The National Order of the Barristers recognizes law students who have made outstanding contributions to advocacy programs and demonstrated exceptional skill in oral advocacy during law school. Drake Law School may select up to twelve honorees. Eligibility is limited to graduating 3Ls, including members of the Class of 2026 who graduated in December 2025. Honorees are selected by a vote of all members of the Moot Court Board, appellate teams, mock trial teams, and skills teams. The selected students will be announced at the Moot Court Banquet on Wednesday, March 25, at 6 p.m. in Kern Commons.

**Applications will be emailed to all eligible students at 8 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 2.** Please contact Tiffany Contreras ([tiffany.contreras@drake.edu](mailto:tiffany.contreras@drake.edu)) if you have any questions.

## **Nominations open for K.M. Waggoner Peer Mentoring Award – Due Mon., February 2**

Nominations are now being accepted for the annual K.M. Waggoner Peer Mentoring Award! The Waggoner award recognizes a Drake Law student who has made a significant positive impact on his or her fellow students through peer mentoring.

All students are eligible and encouraged to nominate someone for this award.

[CLICK HERE](#) to submit a nomination.

Nominations will be compiled and presented to the Drake Law faculty for final selection.

The award will be presented at the 2026 Supreme Court Celebration Banquet on March 28. (Be on the lookout for more information about our annual Supreme Court Celebration! We'll be sending invitations and registration information next week!)

The DEADLINE for nominations is Monday, Feb. 2 at 5 p.m. Questions? Contact [Tiffany Contreras](#).

## **Black History Month Breakfast – Tuesday, February 3**

Join us for a Breakfast Open House to celebrate Black History Month! It will be held in **Kern Commons on Tuesday February 3rd from 7:30-8:30 a.m.** This event is open to all Drake Law alumni, students, faculty and staff. Please register [here](#).

## **Brownbag Lunch with EPA Administrator – Tuesday, February 10**

The Regional Administrator of EPA Region VII will visit Drake Law on February 10 and DAELA is hosting a brown-bag with students from **11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** in the Faculty/Staff lounge (Opperman 151). The visiting group will include Regional Administrator Jim Macy, Chief of Staff Julie Linck, and Ag Advisor Doug Jones.

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## **Historical Discrimination and Cultural Cleansing CLE – Friday, February 27**

In honor of Holocaust Remembrance Day, this CLE examines the concepts of cultural cleansing and historical discrimination, exploring how laws, policies, and institutional practices have been used to diminish the histories, identities, and cultural experiences of many marginalized communities. Join together on **Friday, February 27 from 12-1:30 p.m. in Cartwright, Room 202 (Courtroom)** for this CLE. The program will trace recent federal and state laws, regulations, policies, actions, and executive orders that expand efforts to erase protections for and contributions by members of marginalized communities. Webinar CLE sponsored by the ISBA. Pizza sponsored by the SBA DEI committee. See attachment.

## **Food Security Survey**

Drake University Food Security Coalition is conducting a campus-wide survey to better understand students' access to fresh, nutritious food. The law school has included a few questions specific to our Law School Food Pantry. We hope you'll share your experiences to help Drake respond to student need. [https://drake.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0rpGD3ai72807D8](https://drake.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0rpGD3ai72807D8) Questions or suggestions about the food pantry may be directed to Lyra Halsten, [lyra.halsten@drake.edu](mailto:lyra.halsten@drake.edu), or Dean Battles, [liz.battles@drake.edu](mailto:liz.battles@drake.edu).

## **Food Insecurity Resources Available**

Here is a link to resources to assist those who are facing food insecurity:

<https://t.e2ma.net/webview/r64lwj/03b7ffd51b70cfe31c075bcd1657d24b>

## **AccessLex Law School Scholarship Databank**

Numerous postings for national law student scholarships and writing competitions are available at <https://www.accesslex.org/databank>. Students can search by scholarship details and deadlines.

## **TimelyCare – Drake's new virtual health and well-being platform**

Drake recently partnered with [TimelyCare](#) to deliver a new virtual health and well-being platform for students. (Please note that TimelyCare replaces the previous virtual platform, Uwill.) With TimelyCare you can access free, 24/7 virtual care from anywhere. See attached flyer for more detail or scan the QR code to get started.



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## **Join Drake Law Connect - exclusively for members of the Drake Law community**

All students are invited to join Drake Law Connect, a professional development platform for students, alumni, faculty and staff focused on making connections. It's never been easier to connect with Drake Law alumni and build your network. [Click here to get started.](#)

Questions? Please contact [Tiffany Contreras](#).

## **Religious Observance Accommodations**

If an academic deadline or exam conflicts with your religious observance, please contact Dean Battles before the conflict to arrange reasonable accommodations.

## **ADA accommodation renewal**

Remember that accommodations must be renewed annually! To establish or renew accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), contact the [Office of Access and Success](#) for an appointment. Drake provides reasonable accommodations, as required by federal law, so that students' success is not hindered by disabilities.

## **Drake Law Women Emergency Fund**

The DLW Emergency Fund offers confidential financial assistance to any Drake law student experiencing unforeseen emergencies. Applications for funding are anonymous and are open to all students. For more details and to fill out an application, visit the Resources tab of SBA's website here: <https://drakelawsba.org/dlw-emergency-fund/>. Questions can be directed to [roxsanna.allen@drake.edu](mailto:roxsanna.allen@drake.edu).

## **Drake Public Safety Carries Naloxone (Narcan)**

Naloxone (Narcan) can potentially save someone's life by reversing the effects of an Opioid emergency, such as Fentanyl. Drake Public Safety (DPS) carry Narcan when patrolling campus, and their typical response time is 2-3 minutes. In addition, Narcan dispensary kits are now available in all residence halls and at Olmsted Center Student Services. DPS can be contacted 24/7 by calling 515-271-2222.