



STUDENT FEATURE: RUWAYDA EGAL

First-year Drake student Ruwayda Egal does not shy away from leadership and responsibility. Egal was elected as Senator of the first-year class, and she also serves as Spirit Co-Chair for the Student Activities Board and as the ACSA Unity Representative. She is also the winner of the "Most Engaged First Year" award at the CBS annual banquet.

Egal says that law and politics are topics that have always captivated her. "I have always enjoyed law and politics and now learning about the effects it has on society is something that drew me into this program." After receiving her LPS degree, Egal hopes to pursue a Juris Doctorate and then practice as a lawyer.

Last semester, she took Professor Cramer's class on the Supreme Court. The class focused on dissecting the justices' various jurisprudences, and at the end of the course, each student had to present how they believed their chosen justice would vote in a certain case. Egal enjoyed hearing her fellow students' arguments, and she counts this process as "one of my favorite moments in LPS."

Egal has also experienced personal "aha" moments in her time with the LPS department. Last semester, she learned about Critical Race Theory. "I always understood that law and politics have affected the society we live in today, but taking it a step further and learning about how it affects people of color was when it all clicked." She says that the framework of Critical Race Theory has been especially helpful to her in discussing certain amendments and historical events.

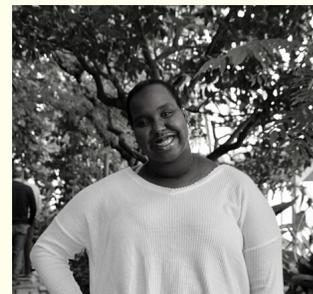
ALUM FEATURE: DOMENIC LAMBERTI

Domenic Lamberti was first drawn to the LPS program because of its interdisciplinary nature. "Coming out of high school, I had pretty broad academic interests and was not really sure how to bring together my interests in law, history, political science, etc." LPS provided him with an outlet to consider the intersections of these topics. His older sister was also an LPS major at Drake, which influenced his decision to enter the program.

While Lamberti has trouble remembering specific insights from his LPS studies, he says that LPS has deeply informed his worldview: "I could point to many ways that LPS has impacted how I think, but most of all the program challenged me to be elastic in my worldview – to re-evaluate what I thought I knew about myself and the world around me and to see that process of re-evaluation as an opportunity to for personal/academic growth." His classes and the conversations he had with faculty and students forced him to confront many of his assumptions about the world, and he feels grateful for the learning environment he experienced through LPS.

Lamberti chose not to go to law school but instead pursued a graduate degree in Higher Education Administration & Policy. He says that LPS prepared him well for this program because it too was wide-ranging and interdisciplinary in focus. "I often found myself pulling material directly from LPS courses into discussion in classes such as the History of Higher Education or Legal Issues in Higher Education." Lamberti's master's thesis research was also conducted in a law school and was inspired by his LPS studies.

If he has any advice for undergraduate LPS students, it's to know that "you are really only as far from Drake as you choose to be." He suggests that recent graduates reach out to the Drake alumni office in their region. He's maintained a close relationship with many of his college friends and he's met many fellow Drake alums through his work in higher education. Lamberti currently serves as the Senior Assistant Director of Admissions for the University of Chicago. While he oversees undergraduate admissions, he has many colleagues from graduate school working in higher education. Lamberti says he would be happy to offer advice on grad school, working in higher education, career outcomes, and more. His email address is dlamberti@uchicago.edu.



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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Crip Camp

DOCUMENTARY WATCH PARTY

- Wednesday, April 7th, at 7:30
- Please look for a zoom link on Facebook or in an upcoming email to a Netflix party. You'll need Netflix access to participate or to watch with someone who has access.

LPS ZOOM HANGOUTS

- Hangouts on Friday afternoons from 3-4 PM. You can sign up via the LPS Facebook page or through Department emails.



LPS Alum Domenic Lamberti