



STUDENT FEATURE: JACKIE SAYERS

Jackie Sayers says she ended up in the LPS program by accident. She was drawn to Drake because one of her high-school basketball teammates signed to play for the women's basketball team. "She is the reason I applied in the first place," Sayers says. She then chose to major in LPS because she thought it would prepare her for law school. However, Sayers has since decided against law school is not the right fit for her: "I am eternally grateful to LPS for showing me that as much as I love the Supreme Court and strong badass women lawyers like Hillary Clinton, Kamala Harris, and RBG, law school is not where I belong." Instead of law school, Sayers hopes to pursue a career in politics, where she plans to use her LPS degree to elect progressive and queer candidates to public office.

One of Sayers' favorite LPS memories happened when she was directing canvassing efforts for a presidential candidate during the 2020 Iowa caucus and Professor Cramer showed up to knock doors. "Canvassing is very difficult - especially during the cold of an Iowa winter - and this experience reminded me how lucky LPS students are to have such cool faculty," she says.

Her favorite class in the major is LPS 035: The Supreme Court's Role. The class introduced Sayers to her love for the Supreme Court and her best friend, Eli Jost. "I remember reading Erwin Chemerinsky's *The Case Against the Supreme Court* in that class," she says. "Chemerinsky argued that the purpose of the Supreme Court is to protect the rights of minorities who cannot rely on the political process and to uphold the Constitution against any repressive desires of political majorities. This argument made complete sense to me, and this is the reason I love the Court so much. It has guided my studies of the Court for the past three years." LPS has also taught Sayers how to recognize and analyze narratives of law in Taylor Swift's (her favorite artist) songs. "Long story short," she says, "it is the best major ever."

ALUM FEATURE: HANNAH ALBRECHT

Hannah Albrecht was instantly drawn to the LPS program as a first-year in LPS 002 with Professor Cramer. However, she still had other ideas about what she wanted to do for a career at the time, so she hopped around majors before landing back with LPS at the end of her sophomore year. "No other classes could recreate how I felt in my LPS class. I felt like I was continually learning something new while also growing as a student," Albrecht says. She says that LPS classes provided her with the perfect balance of challenge and support.

Albrecht is now a first-year student in the Student Affairs and Higher Education M.Ed. program at Iowa State University, where she has an assistantship with the International Students and Scholars Office (ISSO) as their Programming Graduate Assistant. "I can say that LPS was the perfect major to prepare me for grad school," she says. "When we first started classes, I was one of the few people prepared for the reading load and the synthesizing needed for class discussion. I also was one of the few equipped with the tools to write a graduate-level paper (note: I still use Professor Holdren's worksheet for paper drafts)."

Albrecht shared a few pieces of advice for LPS students post-graduation: "Don't be afraid to take a gap year and figure out what you want. I took a year off to rejuvenate and refocus myself on what I wanted from life." Albrecht spent that year working at a brewery and nanny to make money, but she also took trips and pursued her hobbies. Albrecht says she genuinely believes she would not be as successful in graduate school had she not taken the time away from school. If any LPS students are thinking about higher education as a career, or if they're unsure about what they want to do after graduation, they should feel free to reach out to her, she says. While she notes that LPS is an excellent fit for understanding the intricacies of higher education and student affairs, Albrecht admits that she graduated having no idea what she wanted to do with her degree: "I understand how stressful it can be when everyone is asking, 'what's next?'"



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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUPREME COURT TRIVIA NIGHT!

- Tuesday, March 9
from 5:30-6:30 PM
on zoom
- Please find the
registration link
attached to this
email!

LPS ZOOM HANGOUTS

- Keep your eyes
peeled for upcoming
hangouts on Friday
afternoons! These
informal meetings
will be a great chance
to connect with your
peers outside of class
and find some much
needed socialization
during the
pandemic.



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