From the Dean: Good Tidings

As the new year unfolds, we step back and look at the many accomplishments during 2019. Our mission is advancing, and the contributions we have received from alumni, students, faculty, and friends have been heartwarming to reflect on. From the Dean: Good Tidings

Events and Milestones

This past year has been particularly eventful and celebratory, and we have much to celebrate in 2020.

In 2019, we welcomed to Tallahassee the College of Law’s 70th anniversary. More than 400 attendees celebrated together at a homecoming reception on the Rotunda Green on May 11. We also celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Florida State University Law Review, which was founded in 1970. The review is the leading journal for legal scholars and is published three times a year by the College of Law’s student editorial board.

When three new Florida Supreme Court justices joined the court, we hosted a reception to welcome them to Tallahassee and the College of Law. Sadly, this year we also mourned the loss and celebrated the impressive life of President Emeritus, Dean Emeritus and Professor Sandy D’Alemberte. We hope to see you with us in 2020!

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Graduate Accomplishments

Student success could be seen just about everywhere we looked this year. The highest percentage of graduates who pass the bar exam in Florida and the 28th nationally for the July sitting, with our July 2019 bar passage rates for the third consecutive year. We are incredibly proud of our students and the work they do.

Student Bar Association received the ABA Law Student Division’s Student Bar Association SBA of the Year Award for their work. And our Criminal Punishment Code Task Force. Professor Emeritus Fernando Tesón was awarded with the 2019 Law Faculty/Administrator Professionalism Award from The Florida Bar’s Henry Latimer Center for Professionalism and Standing Committee on Professionalism. The award is presented to a law school faculty for his pioneering work on the Summer for Undergraduates Program. Dean Weidner received the 2019 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Distinguished Service Faculty Award.

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