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NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

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## DICKINSON LAW HOSTS VIRTUAL JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION ON FREEDOM DAY



More than 100 members of the Penn State Dickinson Law community came together on Zoom to mark the Juneteenth holiday on Friday, June 19, 2020. Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day, commemorates June 19, 1865—a day that celebrates enslaved black people being freed. Organized by Dickinson Law Dean and Donald J. Farage Professor of Law Danielle M. Conway, the Dean's Diversity and Inclusion Trusted Advisors, the Black Law Students Association, and the Dickinson Law Alumni Society, the virtual event celebrated community, culture, and conversation. [Full story](#)

## CONWAY CURATES ANTI-RACIST CLEARINGHOUSE PROJECT



In the weeks after the killing of George Floyd, law school deans from around the country addressed their law school communities. Soon after, the Association of American Law Schools Law Deans Anti-Racist Clearinghouse Project came to fruition. Dean and Donald J. Farage Professor of Law Danielle M. Conway is one of five Black women law deans responsible for curating the Project webpage, which provides space for the collective voices of law school leaders to engage their institutions in the fight for justice and equality. [Learn more](#)

## ALUMNI LEAD IN UNPRECEDENTED TIMES



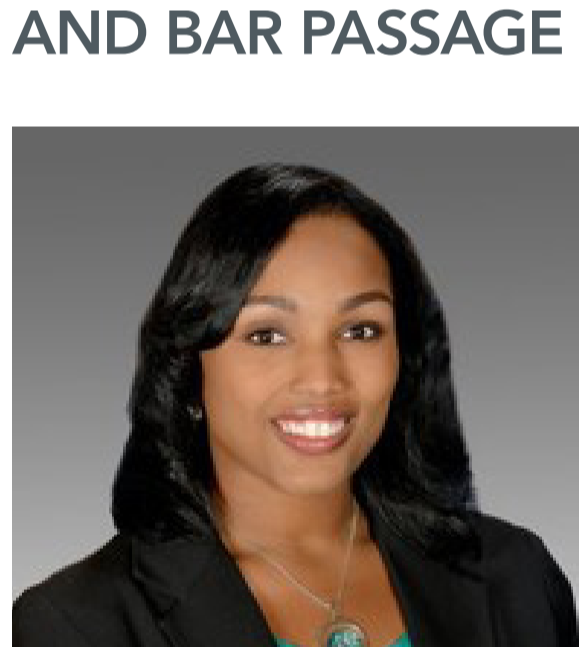
COVID-19 posed no shortage of challenges for Dickinson Law alumni Mark J. Cutrona '06 and Holly Vaughn Wagner '08, who together lead the Legislative Council Division of Research in Dover, Delaware—one of only 50 legislative research bureaus in the country. They have dealt with numerous, novel legal issues resulting from COVID-19, particularly as they relate to the powers of and constitutional limitations on the branches of government in an emergency. [Full story](#)

## REYNOSO '09 NAMED ENTREPRENEUR OF THE MONTH



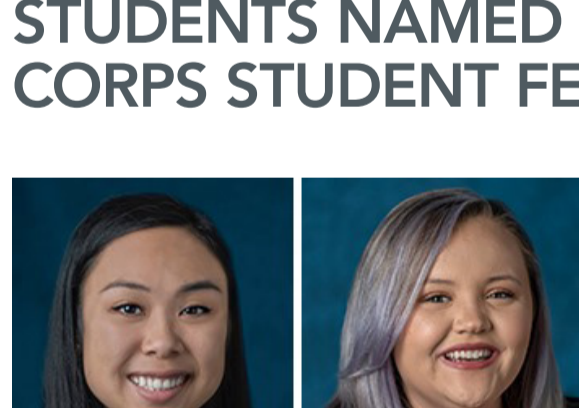
Topher Reynoso '09 has long held a passion for helping small businesses, specifically within the health industry. Rising 3L Lauren Shelby spoke with Reynoso for this month's Entrepreneur of the Month feature published on "Inside Entrepreneurship Law." Currently head of insurance and benefits compliance for Gusto, a cloud-based software for businesses, Reynoso shared more about his non-traditional career path following law school, advice for entrepreneurs, and more. [Full story](#)

## DICKINSON LAW WELCOMES ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF LAWYERING SKILLS AND DIRECTOR OF ACADEMIC SUCCESS AND BAR PASSAGE



Titichia M. Jackson, Esq., former director of bar preparation and support for North Carolina Central University School of Law, has joined the faculty of Penn State Dickinson Law as assistant professor of lawyering skills and director of academic success and bar passage. Jackson will develop, teach, and support substantive bar preparation courses and courses that provide academic and law-specific skill development, including Dickinson Law's supplemental bar preparation program this summer and Fundamental Skills for the Bar Exam during the academic year. She will also provide individual academic success counseling to students. [Full story](#)

## RISING SECOND-YEAR DICKINSON LAW STUDENTS NAMED RURAL SUMMER LEGAL CORPS STUDENT FELLOWS



Myla Garcia '22 and Kendell Wilson '22 were recently named Student Fellows as part of the 2020 Rural Summer Legal Corps Fellowship. Selected from an applicant pool of 446, Garcia and Wilson are two of the 35 law students who will serve in the 2020 class of Rural Summer Legal Corps and help address the effects of COVID-19 in rural communities across the nation. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, Student Fellows will work remotely this year to support the efforts of their host organization. [Full story](#)

## GIHORSKI '20 JOINS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE



Zachary Gihorski '20 continues his journey to practice greatness as the newly appointed associate director, public policy, for the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture in Arlington, Virginia. "This is an exciting time to join NASDA as state departments of agriculture lead the boots on the ground recovery from COVID-19," said Gihorski. "I look forward to leveraging my legal expertise and hands-on experience working in state departments of agriculture food systems to advocate policy that establishes a more resilient U.S. food and agriculture system." [Full story](#)

## Alumni in Action: COVID-19

We are interested in hearing stories of how our alumni are being affected—personally or professionally—by the global health pandemic. Share how you are responding to the current situation by emailing [dickinsonlawalum@psu.edu](mailto:dickinsonlawalum@psu.edu). We may feature your story in an upcoming newsletter or a social media post.



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