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2022 #GIVINGTUESDAY CHALLENGE OPENS NOVEMBER 16

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On November 29 Dickinson Law will participate in Penn State's seventh annual #GivingTuesday Challenge. We invite you to join the Dickinson Law community in making a gift between now and November 30 to the Dickinson Law Future Fund, which supports our most critical annual needs. We are especially grateful for the support of our Matching Donors: LeRoy Zimmerman '58, Michael Gang '77, Kathy Douglas '90, John '94 and Michelle '95 Duggan, Peter Andrews '96, Erin Varley '18, Zach Gihonski '20, and Professor Emeritus Bob Itains. Thanks to their generosity the first \$25,000 in gifts will be matched 3:1. [Learn more about the impact of your gift here.](#)

PENN STATE DICKINSON LAW BOASTS 2ND HIGHEST PA BAR PASS RATE



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90.57%

The second highest bar passage rate in Pennsylvania for first time test takers

Dickinson Law students had the second highest bar passage rate in Pennsylvania for first time test takers during the July 2022 exam.

[Congratulations to our grads!](#)

DICKINSON LAW FACULTY, STAFF RECEIVE THE PHILLIP M. SCOTT TEACHING, LEADERSHIP, AND STAFF EXCELLENCE AWARD



A desire to recognize faculty, staff, and administrators for their positivity and inspiration inspired led recent LL.M. graduate Phillip Scott '22 to create an annually-funded award at Dickinson Law. The Phillip M. Scott Teaching, Leadership, and Staff Excellence Award recognizes the contributions of professors, administrators, and staff to cultivate and nurture an environment of learning. The inaugural recipients were Anthony Ogden, director of international programs and graduate education; Andrea Martin, visiting assistant professor; Sarah Williams, assistant professor; Dawn Stephens, maintenance; Deb Marpos, maintenance; Jeffrey Dodge, associate dean for academic and student services; and Samantha Prince, assistant professor. [Learn more](#)

CLASSICA PROJECT WELCOMES POST-DOCTORAL FELLOW TO PENN STATE DICKINSON LAW



Penn State Dickinson Law is pleased to welcome Mindy Nunez Duffourt as a postdoctoral fellow for the CLASSICA project, which will clinically validate an AI-based clinic support system to rapidly identify cancerous tumors and map their distribution. Spearheaded by Dickinson Law Assistant Professor of Law Sara Gerke, who serves as co-principal investigator, CLASSICA's AI-based technology will assist surgeons in real time during operations by accurately identifying cancerous versus healthy tissue. The four-year project is funded through a €6 million grant from Horizon Europe, the European Union's funding program for research and innovation. [Read more](#)

FIFTH ANNUAL O'SAVIO MOOT COURT COMPETITION HELD AT DICKINSON LAW



Tianna Anderson and Melanie Brahm, second-year law students at Penn State Dickinson Law, claimed the championship during the fifth annual O'Savio Moot Court Competition, held Friday, October 21 in the Applebaum Family Courtroom and Auditorium. The pair defeated fellow second-year law students Lucille Sherman and Sophia Adams in the championship round, which was judged by Federal Public Defender for the Middle District of Pennsylvania Heidi Freese (class of 2001), Pennsylvania Superior Court Judge Victor P. Stabile (class of 1982), and United States Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania Jennifer P. Wilson. [Read more](#)

HUMAN TRAFFICKING: A MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION (NOVEMBER 21)



On November 21 the Middle Eastern and South Asian Law Students Association (MESALSA) will host a panel discussion on the investigation and prosecution of human and sex trafficking cases in Central Pennsylvania. The Dauphin County Human Trafficking Task Force, including Erin Varley '18 (Dauphin Co. Deputy District Attorney), Kim Sourbeer (Dauphin Co. Victim Witness and Crime Victim Advocate), and Autumn Lupey (Patrolman with Lower Paxton Township), will elaborate on each step in the process and answer questions from the audience. CLE credit is available. This program is sponsored by the Steele Family Leadership Program on Gender & Racial Equity, which was established in 2020 by the late J. Rodman "Rod" Steele, class of 1966, and; his wife, Karen; Kevin Steele, class of 1992; and Tracy Steele, class of 1995. The program provides funds to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives; support victims' rights, particularly those of women of color; and seek solutions to race and gender injustice and inequities through programming and research focused on the intersectionality of gender and race.

[Register online](#)

HOLIDAY ORNAMENT SALE BENEFITTING DICKINSON LAW FUTURE FUND



Dickinson Law is holding its second annual holiday ornament sale through Noon on Friday, December 9. This year's design features the historic facade of Trickett Hall built in 1918. This sentimental ornament symbolizes Dickinson Law's longstanding reputation that unites generations of alumni young and old. The cost per ornament is \$20 (shipping via USPS included in the cost). All proceeds of the sale will benefit the Dickinson Law Future Fund, which supports the Law School's most vital needs. Inventory is limited, so be sure to buy yours today! [Purchase an ornament](#)



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