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PennState Dickinson Law

NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

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## ANNUAL DONOR RECOGNITION DINNER HIGHLIGHTS LOYAL DONORS, STUDENT SCHOLARS



On September 29, the Penn State Dickinson Law community gathered to celebrate its most generous donors at the Annual Donor Recognition Dinner held at Allenberry Resort in Boiling Springs. The evening paid tribute to new members of the John Reed Society, the Law School's lifetime giving society, including Patrick Hewitt '83 and Jennifer Hewitt '85, Ann Kramer Hoffer and the late Hon. George E. Hoffer '86, the John G. Williams Foundation (Cornie Williams Jack '85 and Kurt E. Williams '95), George J. Berry II '84 and Kathleen M. Hale, John F. Duggan '94 and Michelle F. Duggan '95, Andrew R. Eisemann '01 and Kristen C. Eisemann, James J. Gilotti '79 and Cynthia P. Gilotti, Jared L. Hock '74 and Elaine Hock, and Gary S. Tarol '79 and Kathleen B. Tarol. Attendees heard remarks from Dean and Donald J. Farage Professor of Law Danielle M. Conway as well as student scholarship recipients Rachel James '24 and Amber Paulino '25. The evening concluded with the presentation of Golden Lawyers Society pins to classmates Michael A. Fetzner '72 and Theodore A. Adler '72 in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the graduation of the class of 1972. [See photos](#)

## STUDENTS AND ALUMNI PARTICIPATE IN ALUMNI WEEKEND 2023 AND ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE



Penn State Dickinson Law welcomed back alumni and friends for Alumni Weekend 2023, which took place in conjunction with the Professional Development Conference held by the Office of Career Services on Saturday, September 30. Well over 200 alumni, practitioners, and students participated in a morning of professional development and continuing legal education before adjourning to an outdoor picnic barbecue. Later in the day, a reception was held for alumni in Ridge Commons. Tours of the Law School and school merchandise sales took place throughout the day. Several reunion classes took advantage of the opportunity to gather to celebrate their milestone years. [See photos](#)

## CIVIL RIGHTS LAWYER SHERRILYN IFILL'S KEYNOTE HIGHLIGHTS ANTIRACIST DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE'S "ENERGIZING" INAUGURAL CONVENING



Former president and director-counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund Sherrilyn Ifill provided the keynote address at the Antiracist Development Institute's Inaugural Convening at Penn State Dickinson Law. The convening, which took place Oct. 12-14, was titled "Building an Antiracist Law School, Legal Academy, and Legal Profession." The event — which included sessions on admissions, teaching and learning, and leadership — took deep dives into systems design and design thinking, while creating space and ample time for networking by students, staff, faculty, administrators, community members, book series chapter contributors, lawyers, documentary film makers, publishers, and more. [Learn more](#)

## DICKINSON LAW STUDENTS ORGANIZE 2ND ANNUAL DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT BENEFITTING THON



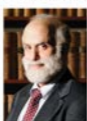
On October 3, nine teams of Dickinson Law students, faculty, and staff played in the Second Annual THON Dodgeball Tournament at the Stuart Community Center in Carlisle. Funds raised benefitted Four Diamonds/THON to help the fight against childhood cancer. The tournament allowed community members to register to play or to watch. Teams were comprised of 4-6 players, and all registrants were entered to win various raffle prizes from tournament sponsors such as the YMCA, Denim Coffee, and Home Depot. The Attractive Nuisances team took home the gold for the second year in a row! Congratulations to all who participated, but especially to the Attractive Nuisances! [See photos](#)

## ASSOCIATE DEAN BEKAH SAIDMAN-KRAUSS '12 DELIVERS PRESENTATIONS TO NORWEGIAN LAW SCHOOLS



Bekah Saidman-Krauss, associate dean for admissions and financial aid at Penn State Dickinson Law, presented at two Norwegian law schools last month on how, under the dearship of Danielle Conway, Dickinson Law has emerged as a leader in institutional antiracism within the U.S. legal academy. On September 26, Saidman-Krauss spoke to an audience of roughly a dozen colleagues from the faculty of law at University of Stavanger (UIS). On September 28, she offered similar remarks to an audience comprised of faculty, students, and staff at University of Oslo (UIC). [Read more](#)

## PROFESSOR EMERITUS ROBERT E. RAINS NAMED TO NEWLY FORMED EMERITUS ACADEMY AT PENN STATE



Professor Emeritus Robert E. Rains has been named to the newly formed Emeritus Academy at Penn State University and awarded the title of Academy Professor. The Emeritus Academy's mission is to recognize and promote the scholarly and creative activities of Penn State's emeriti faculty while fostering engagement within the University. It also aims to support professional growth and collegiality among its esteemed members. In September, Professor Rains participated in a Zoom meeting with the inaugural class of 33 academy professors from various branches of the University. [Learn more](#)



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