

Commencement

2024



DICKINSON LAW

Friday, May 10, 2024

2:00 p.m.

Carlisle, Pennsylvania



PennState

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

PRELUDE

Dickinson College Brass Ensemble

PROCESSIONAL

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OPENING BY VERGER PRO TEM

Samantha J. Prince, Assistant Professor of Law and Director of Legal Analysis and Writing

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Danielle M. Conway, Dean and Donald J. Farage Professor of Law

OPENING REMARKS

Provost Designate, The Pennsylvania State University

LL.M. STUDENT SPEAKER REMARKS

Yashaswi Khanal, LL.M. Candidate

INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Dean Conway

ADDRESS

Michelle Henry, Pennsylvania Attorney General

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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Michelle Henry



Michelle Henry is a life-long public servant, 26-year veteran prosecutor, and Pennsylvania's Attorney General.

Raised in Westmoreland County, Michelle is a graduate of Greensburg-Salem public schools, Allegheny College, and the Widener University School of Law. Michelle dedicated over 20 years of her career to the Bucks County District Attorney's Office – taking on critical jobs including Chief of Major Crimes, Chief of Child Abuse, and First Assistant. She was appointed Bucks County District Attorney in 2008. In 2017, Michelle became First Deputy Attorney General, overseeing all of the Office's legal matters, including criminal cases, civil suits, and public protection cases.

Since becoming Attorney General, Michelle continues to pursue critical efforts to protect Pennsylvanians. She recently announced the 28th county in Pennsylvania to join the Law Enforcement Treatment Initiative which allows those suffering from opioid substance abuse disorder to access treatment without fear of arrest. In the past year, she also announced the arrests of more than 14 members of Jehovah's Witness congregations across the Commonwealth who are accused of crimes related to sexual assault and the exploitation of children. Also in 2023, the Office's Bureau of Consumer Protection saved consumers over \$24.5 million in mediation and legal efforts at the direction of Attorney General Henry.

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The American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Eric D. Turner Award

— Given by the Pennsylvania Chapter of the Academy to the third-year student who best exemplifies the positive attributes of a matrimonial lawyer.

Brandon Shepherd

The American Law Institute Continuing Legal Education Scholastic and Leadership Award

— Given to a third-year student who best represents a combination of scholarship and leadership.

Sophia Adams

The Thomas A. Beckley Prize for Legal Writing

— Given to the student author of the best writing submitted to the *Dickinson Law Review*.

Sophia Adams

The Carter Prize Award

— Given to a third-year student with the highest combined grades in the environmental law curriculum.

Recipient to be selected after spring semester grades are available

The Clinical Legal Education Association Outstanding Student Award

— Given to the third-year student who has demonstrated excellence in a clinical course and has made positive contributions to the clinical community.

Kysia Jones

The Commonwealth Court Historical Society Judge Alexander F. Barbieri Award for Excellence in Administrative Law

— Given to a third-year student who has excelled in Administrative Law and has demonstrated an interest in pursuing a career in administrative law.

Natasha Rappazzo

The Dickinson Law Vision and Leadership Award

— Recognizes students who advance the vision of the Dean, engage current and prospective students in the life and culture of the Law School, foster a sense of community and support, and contribute to the learning and growth of students in and out of the classroom.

Jaiden Moore

Eli Yemzow

The George F. Douglas Jr. Memorial Prize

— Given to the student with the highest grade in the Advocacy I course.

Samuel H. Roos

The Joseph Leyburn Kramer Award

— Given to the third-year student who has demonstrated academic excellence, strict ethical standards, fidelity and loyalty to other students and the profession, and involvement in extracurricular activities.

Lauren Kylie Hillegas

The Conrad A. and Rocco C. Falvello Memorial Award

— Given to a student who made significant academic progress during their 1L year.

Maggie Huang

PRIZES, AWARDS, AND HONORS CONTINUED

The Robert J. and Mary Ellen Landy Award

— Given by the Landy children in honor of their parents, Robert J. '52 and Mary Ellen, to the student who has demonstrated excellence in the areas of ethics and professional responsibility, and overall devotion to the highest ideals of the legal profession.

Vinanti Krupang Pandya

The D. Arthur Magaziner Human Services Award

— Given to the third-year student who has demonstrated good character, sound academic performance, high ethical standards, fidelity to the highest goals of the profession, and commitment to human service.

Samuel H. Roos

The Edward N. Polisher Endowed Award: Federal Estate Tax Curriculum

— Given to a third-year student for high academic achievement in the tax law curriculum.

Nikolajs V. Gaikis

The Montgomery and MacRae Award for Nontraditional Students

— Given to the student who is considered both nontraditional and whose background contributes to the diversity of the Law School student body. This student also has demonstrated excellence in Wills, Trusts and Estates, and Administrative Law.

Lauren Kylie Hillegas (2023 Recipient)

Brandon Shepherd (2024 Recipient)

The Lee Popp Award

— Given to the student selected by the third-year class who exemplifies excellence in service, extracurricular activities, and devotion to the class.

Rachel L. James

The National Association of Women Lawyers Recognition Award

— Given by the National Association of Women Lawyers for academic achievement and advancement of women in the legal profession.

Natasha Rappazzo

The Monroe E. Trout Legal Medicine Award

— Given to a third-year student who has earned the highest grades in courses relating to the study of law and medicine or law and health care.

Natasha Rappazzo

The Harry E. Kalodner Memorial Award

— Given to a third-year student with the highest combined grades in Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure.

Jaden Harding

The Professor Louis Del Duca Memorial Award in Business Law

— Given to a third-year student who excels academically, especially in courses related to business law, and who intends to practice law in Pennsylvania.

Jonah Mallow

The Frank & Dorothy J. Sinon Scholarship

— Given to a third-year student who has demonstrated excellence in the study of Tax Law.

Jonah Mallow

Laura Davis Jones Award for Excellence in Bankruptcy Law

— Given to a third-year student with the highest combined grade in bankruptcy law curriculum.

Hannah Pasco

John B. Hannum Federal Practice Award

— Given to the student who has achieved the highest grade in the Federal Practice course.

Samuel H. Roos

M. Fletcher Gornall & Elsie O. Gornall Scholarship

— Given to support an outstanding student with shown evidence of a propensity to provide meaningful service to the community.

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George I. Bloom Scholarship Endowed Fund

— Given to support an outstanding student who is a Pennsylvania resident and aspires to serve as an attorney in government.

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— Given to a second-year student who demonstrates potency for superior achievement as a legal scholar and member of the legal profession.

Andrea Faulknor

Katz Scholars

— Katz Scholars are recipients of the Katz Foundation Scholarship made possible by the generosity of the late Lewis Katz '66. Mr. Katz was a great champion of education and Dickinson Law and his legacy lives on through the Katz Scholar awards.

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Membership in the Order of Barristers, a national honorary organization, is conferred upon students who have exhibited excellence in the art of courtroom advocacy.

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