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Dear Alumni and Friends:

Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed a festive holiday season, spent in many warm moments with family and friends. The Ducks' win at the Rose Bowl was a fabulous way to begin the New Year. At Oregon Law, we have much to celebrate and to be grateful for in 2020.

Grateful for Support

I am excited to announce that our Business Law Program received two major gifts: One from **Nancy and Dave Petrone** and the second from **Ronald and Linda Greenman**.



Join me in showing your Oregon Law pride!
#365greenandyellow challenge

These gifts will help ensure our [Business Law Program](#) achieves excellence by:

- enhancing our practical skills and clinical business law offerings
- building partnerships with the UO Lundquist College of Business
- expanding our moot court capacity
- providing fellowships and stipends to attract and retain new students
- supporting program administration

We are tremendously grateful for the impact these gifts will make on the quality of education we provide in business law. Our Business Law program received an A- from the National Jurist magazine as one of the top programs of its kind in the nation. Major investments in business law like these will also help build our reputation as the best in the region and in the Western United States.



We are also fortunate to receive [a major gift](#) to the Environmental and Resource Center from **Roger Worthington**. His investment will help ensure the Law School continues as a national leader on environmental and climate change issues, and to making a difference in the lives of Oregonians and beyond. The [ENR Center](#), ranked #8 in the nation by US News last year, prepares students for the legal profession while providing cutting-edge solutions to the most challenging environmental issues of our day.

Grateful for Trailblazers - Professors Forrell and Hildreth

This past fall marked the retirement of two of our professors known for their passion to drive change--Professors Caroline Forell and Richard Hildreth.

[Professor Forell](#) has helped shape state and international laws governing women in the law and has prepared a new generation of women lawyers to be advocates in the field. [Professor Hildreth](#) helped shape state and national laws governing ocean resources and activities and has prepared Oregon Law students to be advocates in the field. We are proud of both of these professors' legacy at the law school and will continue to blaze trails in their honor.

Celebrate! - Oregon Law Website Refreshed

I am pleased to announce that we launched our redesigned [website](#) in early December. I hope you will take a look and perhaps discover a few new stories and information about us through the site. Read this one about our [ENR students](#) travelling to Washington, DC, to present to Select Committee on the Climate Crisis in the US House of Representatives.

Scholars Program for Underrepresented Students

We received a \$300,000 grant from the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) in order to offer and host a PreLaw Undergraduate Scholars Program here at Oregon Law. The goal of this program is to provide intensive focus on the skills required to succeed--in law school, the law school admission process, and a legal career--to college students from groups that are underrepresented in the legal profession. This is a four-week, residential program that will entirely funded by LSAC. The program is designed for students who have completed one or two years of college and is provided at no cost to the participants. Room and board are provided, and all are eligible for a \$1,000 stipend. Assistant Dean of JD Admissions Sarah Keiski is serving as the Program Director. We are excited to partner with LSAC to help diversify the legal profession.

Hope you all have a great New Year!

Go Ducks!

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Events

February

7 – Oregon Law Students Public Interest Fund (OLSPIF) Auction, Silver Anniversary

5:30 pm, EMU Ballroom

10 – Derrick Bell Lecture: Guy-Uriel Charles, Edward and Ellen Schwarzman Professor of Law, Duke University

5:30 pm, 175 Knight Law Center

March

5-8 – Public Interest Environmental Law Conference - PIELC: "Move: Migration on a Changing Planet"

CLEs available

12 – Oregon Supreme Court Visits Oregon Law

Followed by Lane County Bar Association Luncheon

12 – Order of the Coif Lecture: Michael Gerhardt, Burton Craige Distinguished Professor of Jurisprudence, University of North Carolina School of Law

7:00 pm, 175 Knight Law Center

18 – San Francisco Alumni Reception

5:00 pm, Duane Morris LLP, Spear Tower, One Market Plaza, Suite 2200

April

17 – Frohnmayer Award for Public Service

Honoring Judge John Acosta

5:30 pm, Embassy Suites Downtown, Portland

May

14 – #DucksGive – Online Day of Giving

16 – Oregon Law Commencement – Peggy Nagae, Speaker

11:00 am, University of Oregon Moshofsky Center

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