



Seattle University School of Law Student Life

How To Post An Announcement

Please send all announcements to lawstudentevents@seattleu.edu by Thursday at 5pm.

I will now also send out daily announcements regarding events that are occurring that day. I will include all announcements that are received for the "Weekly" but just in case you did not submit your announcement in time for the "Weekly," you can submit to the "Daily" by 5pm on the day before the event.

Don't forget to put your announcement on the Docket and add it to the Docket calendar! To request an announcement on the docket, please go to www.law.seattleu.edu/Office_and_Administration/Event_Administration/Events_and_Announcements.xml.

What you can expect in this announcement

1. Student Events for the week of February 9, 2009
2. Upcoming Events
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Student Events for the Week of February 9, 2009

Monday, February 9

Justice For Darfur: A Story of Survival

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12:00 - 12:50 p.m.
Sullivan Hall, Room C5

Come learn more about the current situation in Darfur and current advocacy efforts.

Refreshments will be provided.

For more information, please contact James Tan at tanj@seattleu.edu.

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KARAOKE NIGHT IS COMING!!!!

Karaoke Night will be held on February 20 from 7 to 11 pm on the Court Level in Sullivan Hall. As always, APILSA will provide an open bar and light appetizers.

Tickets for Karaoke Night on Sale from February 2nd-20th on the Court Level.
Tickets: \$10 for the general public / \$5 for APILSA members / \$15 at the door.

We will also be accepting bids for professors who are competing to sing on stage that night. One bid costs \$1.

So come by the APILSA table on the Court Level and get your tickets and put in your bids!

LLSA Tamale Sale!!!

Chicken, pork, or veggie (cheese and chile). \$3 each \$7 for 2 and a soda. \$2.50 each for a purchase of 10 or more.

Great to freeze and save for later. Proceeds support L.L.S.A. and a local church which provides outreach to immigrants and the Hispanic community!

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A Message from Bon Appetit: Take a Break

Save 50 cents on any espresso beverage. Discount available Monday thru Thursday from 3:00pm to 5:00pm.

Tuesday, February 10

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Application materials will be available February 12-13 at a table on the Court Level and are due March 30.

Visit the Environmental Law Society TWEN site or contact Anne Powell at powella@seattleu.edu for more information.

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3L 100 Day Party

Please join your fellow May 2009 graduates to countdown your final days of law school at La Spiga Osteria on Friday, February 13th, from 5PM to 8PM. Appetizers and drinks will be served! La Spiga is located at 1429 12th Ave, between Pike and Union.

Upcoming Events

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5pm to 9pm

Sign up: DR Office between Feb. 9th and 20th

Questions: Hayley Montgomery montgom7@seattleu.edu

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Student Hurricane Network Bake Sale

Come get a treat while doing good! The Student Hurricane Network will be selling cookies on Tuesday February 17th from 10:00am- 12:30pm on the Court Level of Sullivan Hall. Cookies will be delicious, and all proceeds will fund our service trip to New Orleans this spring.

SBA Election Meet and Greet

Interested in running for an SBA position? Elections are coming up, so attend the meet and greet to learn more about the position you're interested in!

When: February 17th, 4PM to 6PM

Where: Room C-6

Pizza and Refreshments will be provided!

LSRJ Panel: Stormans v. Selecky

Thursday, February 19th, 12:00pm, Courtroom.

Stormans v Selecky, pharmacist refusal in WA State. Please join the Law Students for Reproductive Justice to learn more about pending litigation regarding a pharmacist's right to refuse to dispense emergency contraception. Co-Counsel in the litigation will be discussing this timely case and the implications of potential decisions.

APILSA Presents a Roundtable Discussion: API Perspectives on Diversity in the Workplace

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

6-8pm

Please join Judge Mary Yu (King County Superior Court), Marcine Anderson (King County Prosecuting Attorney), and Twyla Carter (The Defender Association) in an open-ended conversation on the API perspectives regarding diversity in the workplace. This is a Diversity Week event.

Diversity Week Reception

With remarks from Jeff Robinson of Schroeter Goldmark & Bender

Thursday, February 26, 2009

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Seattle University School of Law

Sullivan Hall, 12th and Columbia

2nd Floor Gallery

RSVP: Students kindly RSVP by February 19th by email to lopezf@seattleu.edu.

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When: Thursday, February 26, 2009

Time: 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Where: Seattle University, School of Law, Sullivan Hall, Room C6

A reception hosted the Seattle University School of Law will follow this event.

For more information, please see "General Announcements" below and the attachment to this email.

General Announcements

Congratulations to the Thurgood Marshall BLSA Mock-Trial Competitors!

The Moot Court Board would like to extend the most sincere congratulations to the competitors who took first place in the Thurgood Marshall Black Law Student Association Western Regional Mock-Trial Competition this past weekend in Portland, Oregon. The competitors are: David Baker, Pascal Herzer, LaKeysha Miles-Washington, Ama Okoro, with adjunct professor and coach, Craig Sims. The team is now advancing to the Thurgood Marshall National Black Law Student Association National Convention in Irvine, California. Congratulations and the best of luck at the national competition.

JUSTICE FOR DARFUR:
A STORY OF SURVIVAL

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Bushara Dosa was born and raised in Northern Darfur. He is the current President and one of the founders of the Darfur People's Association of New York, a Brooklyn-based non-profit which raises public awareness of the crisis in Darfur and advocates for the protection of the Darfuri people.

His work includes campaigning so that those most responsible for crimes in Darfur are held accountable.

Come learn more about the current situation in Darfur and current advocacy efforts.

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Please note that if you are unable to attend a Social JusticeMonday event, all events are being audio-recorded. These recordings will soon be uploaded to our website as podcasts.

Are you planning on working in a public interest job for the summer?
If so, a PILF grant may help fund your summer.

Beginning on FRIDAY, 2/6/09 pick up an application at the Peterson Law Clinic reception desk during regular clinic hours M-F 8:30a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

PILF defines public interest broadly and looks to the individual applicant to demonstrate how the proposed project serves the public interest. Students must contact employers themselves, arrange for potential summer positions, and then apply for grants.

Applications are due Monday, 3/9/09 by 4:00 p.m.

Questions? Need further information?

****Attend a Grant Q&A session****

Wednesday, 2/18 at 12:00pm (in C6) & 5:00pm (in C6)

If you have questions and cannot attend the Q&A session, you can:

- 1) Check out the PILF TWEN page
- 2) Visit the PILF Website: <http://students.seattleu.edu/lawclubs/pilf>
- 3) Contact Therese Norton, Summer Grants Coordinator: nortont@seattleu.edu

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Heather Wells Jarvis is an attorney specializing in student debt and the author of Equal Justice Works' 2006 study Financing the Future, Responses to the Rising Debt of Law Students. Currently, she serves as Senior Program Manager for Law School Advocacy at Equal Justice Works and Vice chair of the American Bar Association Section of Legal Educations Committee on Government Relations and Student Financial Aid. She has been a leading player nationally in advocating for and now interpreting the College Cost Reduction and Access Act.

Interested in proposing a "Social Justice Monday" event?

We invite students, student organizations, faculty, and/or staff to contact ATJI if you are interested in proposing a program/event idea for Social Justice Mondays. All proposals will be evaluated by the Social Justice Mondays Coordinating Group which was created in collaboration with the Social Justice Coalition and the Access to Justice Institute. The goal of the Coordinating Group is to keep the Social Justice Mondays programming vibrant, relevant, and diverse. The Coordinating Group will consider the following criteria when reviewing proposals:

- Unique and/or novel additions to the conversation on social justice at the law school
- Addressing a present need or concern in the community
- Touching on issues faced by marginalized communities (e.g., race, class, gender, ability)
- Conversations based on intersectionality of issues and/or collaborations between different communities

All proposals should include at least a brief description of the event, suggested speakers, type of event format, any technical support needed, and a plan for a moderator if needed.

If you are interested in proposing an idea for Social Justice Monday program, please contact ATJI Associate Director, Monika Batra Kashyap at batram@seattleu.edu.

The Access to Justice Institute
and the Society for Immigration and Refugee Justice present

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Jeanne Butterfield is the Executive Director for the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) in Washington D.C.. Since joining the AILA staff in 1993, Ms. Butterfield has worked extensively on a range of

immigration policy issues facing our nation, from employment and family-based immigration, to refugee and asylum protection. She meets frequently with the various government agencies that implement our immigration laws, and works with them to assure that our laws and procedures are applied and implemented efficiently and fairly. She is a leading member of a broad-based coalition working closely with both Republican and Democratic allies on Capitol Hill and in the Administration to bring about comprehensive immigration reform.

Ms. Butterfield serves on the Board of the American Immigration Law Foundation (AILF), a non-profit organization that educates the public about the value of immigration to our country through its Immigration Policy Center, and that provides litigation and legal advocacy through its Legal Action Center. She also served for many years on the Board of the National Immigration Forum, and served as an expert resource to the bipartisan Independent Task Force on Immigration Reform co-chaired by former U.S. Senator Spencer Abraham and former Congressman Lee Hamilton. Ms. Butterfield is AILA's principal spokesperson in Washington D.C., appearing frequently in the print and broadcast media.

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On Friday, February 13, Judge Mary Yu of the King County Superior Court will be hearing her motion calendar in the law school courtroom, and students are encouraged to attend. Students who have attended these hearings in the past have found them to be tremendous learning experiences, and several faculty members have used tapes of these hearings to illustrate points relevant in their classes.

While the docket is not yet finalized, three matters presently set for hearing are described below. It is likely that the hearings will begin at approximately 9:00 a.m., but students should check the final docket prior to attending the hearing. Students should read Judge Yu's memorandum regarding courtroom decorum prior to attending the hearings. That memorandum, the docket, and the motion briefs, will be posted on the law school's web page at <http://www.law.seattleu.edu/x5132.xml>.

The following three matters are presently scheduled to be heard during Judge Yu's motion calendar. This list will be updated with the times of each hearing, as well as any further matters that may be heard.

Fisher v. Wash. State Dept. of Employment Security, No. 08-2-21976-3 SEA

This case involves the agency termination of a school district employee's unemployment benefits. Petitioner Ms. Fisher was an employee of the Seattle School District who was terminated in November 2007 for allegedly aiding and abetting a non-Seattle School District family in attempting to defraud the District. After a hearing with the Employment Security Department (ESD) that set aside Ms. Fisher's unemployment benefits, she filed an appeal, which was consequently denied. Ms. Fisher is now seeking an order to reinstate her unemployment benefits and require ESD to pay all retroactive benefits.

Grey v. Leach, No. 07-2-29393-1 SEA

The defendants in this property damages case are moving for partial summary judgment as to plaintiffs' claims based on the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA). Plaintiffs Mark and Kristina Grey became the owners of a home bought from defendants James and Sue Leach in 2000. The Greys sued the Leaches after discovering an oil leak on the property. According to the Leaches, the oil leak was the result of pipe corrosion that occurred prior to their purchase of the home in 1966. The defendants claim that they were "innocent purchasers," that is, that they had no knowledge of the release of hazardous substances and that they made reasonable inquiries about the condition of the property while they retained ownership. As innocent purchasers, the Leaches allege that the

Greys' MTCA claims are invalid because of a statutory exemption, and thus, that partial summary judgment as to these claims is appropriate.

Equity Residential v. ACE American Insurance, et al., No. 08-2-15092-5 SEA

This case involves the defendant insurance company's alleged duty to defend the plaintiff, a residential properties trust, against suit by homeowners at four condominiums. Plaintiff Equity Residential has moved for partial summary judgment as to defendant ACE American Insurance Company, requesting that the court issue an order that ACE has a duty to defend Equity Residential from the underlying lawsuits on the basis of ACE's liability insurance policy. At issue in this motion for partial summary judgment is whether (1) ACE's policy insures Equity Residential, (2) the underlying lawsuits are covered, (3) ACE has a duty to pay Equity Residential's defense costs only beyond a retained limit, and (4) an exclusion applies exempting ACE from any potential duty to defend.

Questions about the motions hearings may be addressed to Professor Lori Bannai, at bannail@seattleu.edu.

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In partnership with the Washington State Bar Association's Young Lawyer Division, Seattle University School of Law's Student Bar Association will host the Diversity Week Reception. This reception will cap off our Annual Diversity Week, which provides opportunities for our law school community to learn and dialogue about important diversity-related issues and to celebrate academic excellence and education for justice achieved through diversity.

Jeffery Robinson is one of the leading criminal defense attorneys on the West Coast and has been listed in *Best Lawyers in America* since 1993. He was selected as one of the top 100 black lawyers in America by Black enterprise magazine, and is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. Jeffery spent 7 years as a public defender in state and federal courts. In private practice at SGB since 1988, he has successfully represented individuals and corporations in state and federal court on charges ranging from first-degree murder to health care fraud. He has experience representing clients in lengthy grand jury investigations that have resulted in no indictment. Jeffery has extensive trial experience and has lectured on trial skills in numerous states across the country. He is a member of the faculty of the National Criminal Defense College in Macon, Georgia.

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The WYLD Membership Committee will be hosting Part 4 of their Election Law Series on February 26, 2009 at Seattle University with noted speaker and SU professor Joaquin Avila. Professor Avila is a nationally recognized expert on minority voting rights. Professor Avila has taught courses at the University of California, Berkeley, University of Texas, and UCLA schools of law. He has received numerous awards in recognition of his work in the voting rights area.

When: Thursday, February 26, 2009

Time: 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Where: Seattle University, School of Law, Sullivan Hall, Room C6

CLE: 1.5 CLE credits

Cost: \$25 includes CLE and reception

A reception hosted the Seattle University School of Law will follow this event.

Law students RSVP to Fe Lopez at lopezf@seattleu.edu.

Composting Food Waste is now available

You can now compost your food waste just outside the double-doors to the dining/meeting/Sidebar area. The compost bin is outside until staffing is adequate to ensure daily pick-up.

Many thanks to Rebecca Parker-O'Neil, Associate Director of Event Administration, and Kati Ortiz, ELS member, for attending composting meetings on behalf of the Law School.

Academic Resource Center

ARC offers a number of academic support services designed to maximize students' success in the pursuit of legal studies, and is supported by a full-time director and faculty member, Prof. Paula Lustbader, who is nationally recognized as an expert on learning strategies for law students, Brendon Taga, Assistant Director, and 24 Teaching Assistants (TAs) who are second- and third-year students.

Who Can Get Assistance?

Anyone. The Director, Assistant Director, and TAs (Civil Procedure, Contracts, Criminal Law, and Property) hold office hours and provide individual academic assistance (and moral support) to all students. TA office hours may be found on your Section's ARC TWEN site.

Spring 2009 Workshops

As shown below, there are three workshops in the Spring semester, which include exam review and what to make of the lessons learned from the Fall semester. This workshop schedule will also be posted on the ARC TWEN site.

	Sections A, B &C	Section E
Rebooting: Making the Most of Spring Semester	Thursday, January 29 4-5pm C6	Wednesday, January 28 7:30-8:30pm Courtroom
Outlining & Legal Analysis	Thursday, February 12 4-5pm C6	Wednesday, February 18 7:30-8:30pm Courtroom
Making the Most of Spring Break: Exam Preparation	Tuesday, March 10 4-5pm C6	Wednesday, March 11 7:30-8:30pm Courtroom

Contact Information, Location & Resources

The ARC TA Office (where TAs hold office hours) is located in Room 312B at the top of the stairs on the 3rd Floor, adjacent to the ARC Assistant Director's office. Located in the same room

are various study guides for each of the 1L classes and for some 2L & 3L classes. If there is only one copy of a book, it is available for check out for 24 hours. If there are multiple copies, you can keep the book an entire week. Be sure to properly sign books in and out of the resource room!

Paula Lustbader, Director (206) 398-4021 lusty@seattleu.edu Room 432
Brendon Taga, Asst. Director (206) 398-4076 tagab@seattleu.edu Room 312C

ATJI ANNOUNCES THE LEADERSHIP FOR JUSTICE FELLOWSHIP

The Leadership For Justice (LFJ) Fellowship strives to build upon the leadership capacity of future lawyers who are committed to social justice by creating opportunities for new lawyers to work on behalf of traditionally underserved populations and causes. The LFJ Fellowship demonstrates in a tangible way Seattle University School of Law's commitment to educating outstanding lawyers who are leaders for a more just and humane world.

The Fellowship provides a salary of \$40,000 for one year to one Seattle University (SU) law graduate to work with a "host organization" on a social justice project. The candidate is an SU law student who will graduate in 2009 or recently graduated in December 2008. LFJ Fellowship applications are due by **March 9, 2009**.

The social justice project is to be designed in collaboration with a host organization and involve effective advocacy on behalf of underserved or marginalized individuals or groups, or address issues that are not adequately represented by some aspect of the legal system. The project should also provide the LFJ Fellow with the opportunity to exercise leadership and introduce new legal services or significantly expand upon services already provided by the organization. Finally, the project should be designed to include the potential for opportunities for SU law students to do meaningful social justice work. The Fellow will work with ATJI to develop, offer and oversee these student opportunities.

All applications for a Leadership For Justice Fellowship will be judged according to the quality of the proposed project, the qualifications of the individual Fellowship candidate, and the suitability of the host organization.

For all necessary information about the LFJ Fellowship, including information about the application process, click [here](#).

If you have any questions about the Fellowship and/or the Fellowship Application process *after viewing the website*, contact ATJI Associate Director, Monika Batra Kashyap at batram@seattleu.edu.

Attention Out-of-State Bar takers - FREE MPRE COURSE!

Kaplan PMBR, the leader in MBE preparation for the bar exam, is currently offering a completely free MPRE course to help students prepare for this important ethics exam. Don't know what the MPRE is? Want to know more about the free course? Read the FAQ's below:

[What is the MPRE?](#)

The MPRE is the Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam and you are required to take this exam in every state in the US to become a licensed attorney except Washington, Wisconsin, or Maryland. If you plan on taking the bar in any state besides the three listed above then you must take the MPRE exam. The majority of these states allow you to take the MPRE exam while you are a 2L or 3L in order to get it out of the way before you take the bar exam. The MPRE is a *separate* exam from the bar exam and both are required to become a licensed attorney in all the states except the three listed above.

When is the MPRE offered?

The MPRE exam is offered three times a year in March, August, and November. The upcoming exam is on Saturday, March 7, 2009. Please be sure to check with your state Bar Examiners to find out how long your score is valid so that you know if you can take the MPRE as a 2L.

How do I sign up for the MPRE?

To register to take the MPRE exam go to www.ncbex.org. The deadline for the upcoming March 7th MPRE exam is Tuesday January 27th, 2009 and the cost is \$60. After 1/27 you can still register for the March MPRE but the price will go up to \$120.

What if I haven't taken the Professional Responsibility/Ethics class yet?

It's okay if you haven't taken the course offered by your school; it is not required to sign up and take the MPRE, though some students find that it helps. The materials that Kaplan PMBR provides to you are more than enough for you to prepare and pass the MPRE exam.

What is this Free Course that Kaplan PMBR is offering?

The free online MPRE course includes an *online video* that you can watch whenever you want from the comfort of home, online Qbank practice questions, personalized performance analysis, a full-length practiced exam, and a *free outline book!* You don't have to show up on a Saturday morning to watch a video at school and no need to pick up your book – it will be shipped directly to you!

Okay, so how do I sign up to get the FREE online MPRE course?

To sign up for the free MPRE course by go to www.kaplanpmbr.com, click on the MPRE tab, then click on the green "Enroll in a Course" button and following the instructions. Alternatively, you can just call 1-800-523-0777 and ask to be enrolled in the Free MPRE course.

More questions?

Call 1-800-523-0777 or email student rep Jaspreet Chowdhary at chowdhar@seattleu.edu

MAMAS Mentoring Program

Welcome to law school in Seattle! The Mother Attorney Mentoring Association of Seattle (“MAMAS”) is starting a mentoring program which will match attorneys with law students who are mothers.

MAMAS was founded in 2006 and now has over 600 members. We advocate for the interests of mother attorneys and provide support and networking opportunities. Associate membership is free and is available to law students. We hope you'll join and take advantage of our listserv, monthly networking events (kids welcome!) and panel discussions.

The mentoring program will match you with a mentoring attorney. We expect that you will meet with your mentor at least twice during the academic year.

To take part in the mentoring program, follow these steps:

- (1) Become an associate MAMAS member by following the directions at <http://www.mamaseattle.org/html/membership.html>
- (2) Fill out the interest form (below) and send it to Sandy Cairns at cairnss@seattleu.edu.
- (3) Look for an email containing the contact information for your mentor!

MAMAS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM
INFORMATION SHEET

Name

Address

Phone

E-mail

Practice Areas of Interest

Name(s) of Child(ren) and Age(s)

Other Interests

Upcoming Events

February

Tuesday, February 3: Interviewing Seminar
Wednesday/Thursday, February 4 and 5: 1L Mock Interview Program
Thursday, February 5: WABLS Kick-Off Party at Poco Wine Room
Friday, February 6: Northwest Public Interest Job Fair
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Monday, February 16: President's Day-No classes, Offices closed
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Thursday, February 19: LSRJ Panel
Thursday, February 19: IPLS Meet and Greet
Friday, February 20: Public Interest Seminar
Friday, February 20: APILSA Karaoke Night
Monday, Feb 23-26: Diversity Week
Wednesday, February 25: Interviewing Seminar
Thursday, Feb. 26: Diversity Reception
Friday, February 27: Mock Trial Competition
Saturday, February 28: Mock Trial Competition

March

Tuesday, March 3: Public Interest Seminar
Tuesday, March 3: CJS Speaker Series
Tuesday, March 3: Town Hall Meeting
Wednesday, March 4: Town Hall Meeting
Thursday, March 5: Small Firm Job Fair
Friday, March 6: Negotiation Competition
Saturday, March 7: PILF Auction
Tuesday, March 10: SALSA Samosa Sale
Wednesday, March 11: CJS Speaker Series

Thursday, March 12: CPD Speed Networking Event

March 16-20: Spring Break

Tuesday, March 24: CJS Speaker Series

Thursday, March 26: Strawberries and Champagne Reception

Saturday, March 28: Diversity Training Session: Safe Spaces (LGBTQ Training)

Saturday, March 28: ABLIS 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament (tent.)

Monday, March 30: CJS Speaker Series

April

Saturday, April 4: Lawyering in a Divers World: Courtroom Bias-Training

Saturday, April 4: Barristers' Ball

Thursday, April 9: Passover/Holy Thursday-No Events

Friday, April 10: Good Friday, No Classes, Law School Offices Closed

Saturday, April 11: RELSA Habitat for Humanity Service Day

Thursday, April 16: Law Review Book Launch

Saturday, April 18: Korematsu Center for Law and Equality Event

Friday, April 24: SJSJ Annual Alumni Dinner

Wednesday, April 29: Last Day of Classes

May

May 4-May 15: Final Exams

Friday, May 15: Baccalaureate Mass and Reception

Saturday, May 16: Graduation

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