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Law and Wells Scholars Program announce accelerated law degree

The Law School and the Indiana University Wells Scholars Program have announced a program that enables IU students who are Wells Scholars to earn both a bachelor's degree and a juris doctor degree in just six



years instead of seven. The program includes a full scholarship and living stipends of more than \$175,000 for Indiana residents and \$300,000 for nonresidents.

Students accepted to the Maurer-Wells 3+3 Program will be able to complete their first year of law school during their fourth and final year of undergraduate education. Eligible students will receive scholarship funding and living stipends from the Wells Scholars and IU Pathways programs, along with a tuition scholarship from the Law School. As a result, Maurer-Wells students are expected to incur no college or law school tuition expense, and they will receive other substantial assistance to offset the cost of their education. [Read more about this accelerated law program.](#)

Bloomington hosts inaugural Dean's Global Advisory Board meeting

Alumni and friends of the Law School from all over the world returned to Bloomington last

week for the inaugural meeting of the [Dean's Global Advisory Board](#). The 17-member board is a new initiative designed to both strengthen the Law School's connections with its international alumni and help provide Dean **Austen Parrish** with insight and strategies to bolster the school's international presence. Alumni from Japan, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Taiwan, Mongolia, South Korea, India, China, Vietnam, and Kazakhstan participated in the meeting, which included a luncheon with IU President **Michael A. McRobbie**.

Class of 2020 takes professionalism oath from California justice

Indiana Law's Class of 2020 completed 1L orientation with the administration of the school's professionalism oath by California Supreme Court Justice Mariano-Florentino Cuéllar. Cuéllar, visiting at the invitation of Dean Parrish, told students about his journey as a first-generation American citizen to the highest state bench in California. Justice Cuéllar said he was impressed by the Indiana Law alumni and leaders he's had the opportunity to work with over the years, including Dean Parrish, IUB Provost and Executive Vice



1L students take the professionalism oath at the conclusion of orientation.

President **Lauren K. Robel**, and **Alicia DeCoudreaux**. The Class of 2020 is made up of 161 students from 22 states representing 86 undergraduate institutions. The class is more than 45 percent female, and 22 percent are minorities. The entering class had a median LSAT score of 161 and a median undergraduate GPA of 3.75. We've had the opportunity to get to know some of your future colleagues and are impressed with their skills, passion, and enthusiasm.

In brief...

- Prof. **Christiana Ochoa** has been named our new associate dean of research and faculty affairs while Prof. **Aviva Orenstein** has assumed the role of associate dean for academic affairs. Congratulations to both!
- Prof. **Rob Fischman** spent two days last week teaching U.S. Fish & Wildlife officers who attended the Advanced Refuge Academy at the National Conservation Training Center. Professor Fischman helps teach parts of the academy concerning public land management and wildlife conservation law. These federal officials are responsible for managing the 570 million-acre national wildlife refuge system. Engaging directly with the people whose feet fill the "boots on the ground" helps Prof. Fischman identify new research projects and challenge his understanding of how law influences actual conservation activities.
- In June, Dean of Students **Catherine Matthews**, Director of Student Affairs **Liz Ferrufino**, and **Johnny Pryor**, '02, assistant dean of student affairs at the IU McKinney School of Law, made a presentation at the National Association of Law Student Affairs Professionals annual conference titled, "Law School Mentoring Model: How Student Affairs Professionals Can Use Mentoring Principles to Support Marginalized Students." Dean Matthews also presented the opening plenary session on legal issues in student affairs.
- In July, the Conservation Law Center's **Jeffrey B. Hyman** presented a talk at the

Upcoming alumni events

- **Indianapolis** -- Thursday, August 31. BLSA Happy Hour. 5 - 7 p.m. [Yard House](#).
- **Evansville** -- Thursday, September 7. Annual Dean's Luncheon. Noon. [Just Rennie's](#).
- **Bloomington** -- Saturday, September 16. Annual BLSA and Latino alumni and student reception. 3:30 p.m. Prof. Kevin Brown's home.
- **Crown Point** Dean's Reception -- Tuesday, September 26. 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. [Prime Steakhouse](#).
- **Chicago** -- Wednesday, September 27. 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. [Locke Lord LLP](#).
- **Indianapolis** -- Thursday, September 28. 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. [Sheraton at Keystone Crossing](#) (Suites 11 and 12).

Visit the [events calendar](#) for details as they become available and to RSVP. Contact lawalum@indiana.edu for further information.