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**THIS WEEK**

**Public Interest Law Society:** The NIU College of Law Public Interest Law Society will be selling pizza and pop to raise money for public interest internship opportunities for law students. Come by and enjoy a delicious and inexpensive lunch from your friends at PILS on **Wednesday, February 10, from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Marshall Gallery!**

**LOVE Presentation on Domestic Violence:** Please join members of Lawyers Opposing Violence Everywhere (LOVE) on **Thursday, February 11 at noon in Room 188** for the Safe Passage Presentation on Domestic Violence. Lunch will be provided.

**Black Law Student Association Valentine’s Events:**
Between now and **February 11**, the Black Law Student Association will be hosting several events:

- A sale of raffle tickets for a chance to win a Valentine’s Day Gift Basket. The basket will be filled with all kinds of nice goodies not just candy! The tickets are 1 for $2 or 3 for $5. The winner will be announced on February 11, 2016 at Molly’s where BLSA will be hosting BarReview. You do not have to
be present to win.

• A t-shirt pre-sale in honor of Valentine’s Day. The t-shirt will say, “Keep Calm and Date a Future Lawyer.” The pre-sale price is $15, which ends on February 11. After February 11, the price for t-shirts will go up to $20. Also, BLSA will be selling “Straight Outta Law School” t-shirts for $20. There will be a sheet circulating, so that you can place your order.

**DuPage County Bar Association Pizza Party:** All NIU Law students are invited to join the DuPage County Bar Association for a free pizza party on **Thursday, February 11, at 5:30 p.m.,** at Pizza Villa (824 W. Lincoln Highway, DeKalb). The evening will start with a presentation from a recently admitted attorney who will talk about the first day as a new attorney and share everything she wished she knew and was told before that first day. Following the presentation will be free beer, wine, pizza and of course, networking with alumni.

**PLANNING AHEAD**

**Annual Minority Reception:** Interim Dean Mark Cordes and alumni host Vincent F. Cornelius (‘89) cordially invite you attend the 13th Annual Minority Reception. Please join us as we present Richard Irvin (‘98) and Doressia Hutton (‘01) with Excellence in Service and Leadership Awards and honor retired Professor John Walton. The event will be held **Tuesday, February 16, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.** at Carnivale, 702 W. Fulton Street in Chicago. Please rsvp by February 10 to lawevents@niu.edu or (815) 753-9655.

**Courtroom as Classroom Panel:** The NIU College of Law is pleased to sponsor “Courtroom as Classroom,” a panel discussion intended for law students put on by the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. The discussion will be held at the Chicago Federal Plaza on **Wednesday, February 17, from 12:45 p.m.-5:00 p.m.** A bus to the event will leave the College of Law at 12:45 p.m.. Please sign up in Greg Anderson's office (Room 280) for a spot on the bus.

**Interview Boot Camp:** PAD, Delta and BLSA are hosting an interview boot camp on **Thursday, February 25, from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.** in the Marshall Gallery. Please sign up by **February 23** in Greg Anderson's office (Room 280).

**NIU Leadership Academy Event.** The NIU Pucino Leadership Series is sponsoring a program by Michael Allosso entitled “You OnYour Best Day” that presents 35 “secret weapons” for being at your best and most successful every day of the week. The program is open to all junior, senior and graduate students at NIU, including law students. The program will be held on **Tuesday, March 1, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the Barsema Alumni & Visitors Center.** Check-in begins at 5:00 pm. Attendance is free but you must register by **Wednesday, February** at go.niu.edu/pucino. For more information, call 815-753-5088.
PUBLIC INTEREST LAW OPPORTUNITY

Rural Summer Legal Corps Stipends Available: Equal Justice Works has announced a Rural Summer Legal Corps program designed to connect law students interested in public interest law with civil legal aid organizations devoted to addressing legal issues facing rural communities. There are 31 positions available for this summer, focused on building legal skills in areas such as direct legal services, outreach and education, and capacity building. Applications for the open positions are due by February 29, 2016. Participants must complete 300 hours of service by August 31, 2016 to be eligible to receive a $4000 stipend. For more information, see www.rurallegalcorps.org.

FROM THE LAW LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Spring 2016 Announcements: Please let us know if there is anything that we can do to make your studying and research more comfortable in the law library. We always look forward to assisting you with any research requests at the reference desk. You should never hesitate to email us or stop by if you are struggling with a research issue or sources while conducting research this term. Also keep in mind:

- Our “Mindfulness and the Law” display at the entrance of the law library or available virtually (http://niu.beta.libguides.com/lawlibdisplays) -- when you need a break from your studying in January.

- Our virtual reference service. Please email your questions to lawreference@niu.edu, and a reference librarian will promptly reply to your research requests during our regular reference hours.

- The current books alcove, popular reading collection, and new periodicals display as you enter the law library. We offer comfortable seating near the books and journals, so you may peruse recent issues at your leisure. Happy reading!

OFFICE OF BUDGET AND RECORDS

May 2016 Graduates:

- If you have not done so already, please email Julie Mahoney-Krzyzek (jmahoney@niu.edu) ASAP to set up an appointment to complete your Statement of Candidacy. This is your first step in applying for graduation, and must be completed between January 19 and February 19, 2016. The second step of the process will be to apply online. This must be done between February 22 and February 29, 2016.

Reimbursement Process:

- Purchases: For purchases on behalf of NIU College of Law events, expenses must be approved by Office of Budget & Records before purchase is made. NIU Accounting
reimbursement procedures change occasionally, so to ensure your reimbursement will be able to be processed, please contact us even if you have prior permission of faculty or staff members.

- Travel: For reimbursement for travel on behalf of NIU College of Law, you will need the approval of the Dean before the travel occurs. You must also see Julie (SP285) or Christina (SP280A2) before travel occurs to ensure that your reimbursement will be processed with appropriate required documentation.

OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Winter Weather Alerts: Winter closing information is available on the university web site and is updated as weather conditions change. The university urges all students, faculty and staff to use caution and personal judgment in their travels to and from campus during winter months and to dress appropriately for protection from cold temperatures and wind.

The university also provides detailed (and often entertaining) weather forecasts from university meteorologist, Gilbert Sebenste, on a regular basis during the semester. To see what information is available and subscribe for regular weather updates by e-mail, you should go to http://weather.admin.niu.edu/contact/subscribe.shtml.

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