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Texas Bar Foundation 50th Anniversary



Dean Dannye Holley Host Alumni & Friends Breakfast at NBA Conference in St. Louis



The Office of External Affairs hosted an alumni & friends reception and breakfast during the National Bar Association 91st Annual Convention in St. Louis, MO. The Honorable Harrison Gregg served as the Master of Ceremonies again this year. TMSL alum and well known and respected criminal attorney, Jerryl Christmas welcomed everyone to St. Louis during the breakfast program and his fellow office mate and TMSL alumna Felicia Ezell-Gillespie delighted us with her spectacular

vocal skills as she sang “Lift Every Voice and Sing.” Several members of the Dean’s administration provided remarks from their respective areas. Included were: Nikki Smith, Assistant Dean of Career Services, Zahra Buck-Whitfield, Associate Director of the Government Law Center (Earl Carl Institute), Danny Norris, Associate Director of the Law Library, Susan Bynam, Assistant Dean for Institutional Advancement, and Prudence N. Smith, Assistant Dean of External Affairs. Dean Dannye Holley delivered the State of the Law School address followed by the closing giving appeal by the Honorable Professor April Walker.



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*Which TSML Dean is pictured on the cover? Hint: He was the 4th Dean.



TMSL STREET LAW PROGRAM JOINS TEEN AND POLICE SERVICE ACADEMY TO EDUCATE YOUTH IN HARRIS COUNTY YOUTH FACILITIES



This summer the TMSL Street Law Program collaborated with the Teen and Police Service Academy to present youth currently detained in the Harris County Youth Facilities with a workshop on “Crime and Consequences” at the TAPS Academy Summer Camp.

TAPS is a non-profit organization funded by the US Department of Justice COPS Program with the mission to reduce the social distance between at-risk youth and law enforcement. This accomplished through learning, interaction, and discussion between at-risk youth and the law enforcement personnel who serve their communities. For more information about the TAPS program visit <http://www.tapsacademy.org/>.

This Summer TAPS partnered with Harris County Juvenile Probation and collaborated with like-minded community organizations and programs such and the TMSL Street Law to present the 11 week TAPS Academy Summer Camp inside all 3 Harris County Youth Facilities: Leadership Academy - Katy, TX; Youth Village - Seabrook, TX; and BBRC - Houston, TX. The camp was held from June 27 through July 27.

The Summer Camp brought together over 15 organizations, programs and individuals to educate over 300 post-adjudicated Harris County facility youth, both male and female. The overall goal of the camp was to improve the skills sets of impacted youth so that success is possible when they return to their communities. Youth were educated on several topics to include: goal setting, finding employment, getting hired, law, applying for the military or college, entrepreneurship and giving back to their communities.



The interactive TMSL Street Law workshop was entitled *Crime and Consequences*, was focused on educating youth about:

- The definitions of “crime” and “consequence”
- The categories of crimes
- Analyzing possible consequences of crime to offenders, victims and the community; and
- Understanding and applying the concept of restorative justice to various circumstances and offenses



TMSL STREET LAW PROGRAM JOINS TEEN AND POLICE SERVICE ACADEMY TO EDUCATE YOUTH IN HARRIS COUNTY YOUTH FACILITIES CONTINUED



ECI summer research students along with the TMSL Innocence Project students volunteered their time to assist the TMSL STREET LAW Program in its goal to empower youth through interactive education about law, democracy, and human rights while furthering the professional development of law students.

The TMSL STREET LAW Program, operated by the Earl Carl Institute, is an educational, legal outreach program that trains current law students to teach law at schools throughout Houston-Harris County. The program strives to:

Participants: Amber McCray, Bethany Allen, Shamicka Bell and LaShay Hopkins

- Change the lives of teens by introducing them to legal analysis and critical thinking;
- Provide contemporary positive role models;
- Further the professional development of law students through their teaching of the law.

ECI began administering the TMSL Street Law Program in 2011. Since then, the Institute has continued to educate over 125 high school students at 3 area high schools each Spring. An average of 10-12 TMSL students volunteer their time to participate in the program annually. This program provides opportunities for pro bono service that complies with Standard 302(b) (2) of the ABA Standards for the Approval of Law Schools which provides that “a law school shall offer substantial opportunities for . . . student participation in pro bono activities”.





FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



Professor Emeka Duruigbo's recent comments about the possibility of Nigeria's loss of crude oil market share to eager competitors such as Saudi Arabia and Iran were quoted by a reporter with oilprice.com, regarded as "the most popular energy news site in the world focusing on energy investing, new technology and oil geopolitics." The reporter, James

Burgess, published the article titled "Nigerian Outages Drag Total OPEC Production Down In May" in www.oilprice.com on June 1, 2016. The relevant portion of the article reads: "An oil expert and Professor of Law and Co-Director, Institute for International and Immigration Law, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Texas Southern University, United States, Emeka Duruigbo, said, "There is a real struggle to acquire or maintain market share by existing or fully returning players, notably Iran and Saudi Arabia," oil expert and law professor Emeka Duruigbo told The Punch. "Any opening created by Nigeria's inability to meet its supply commitments is an invitation to these countries to exploit the gap and leverage their strengths. I would be deeply concerned if I were manning Nigeria's economic ship at the moment." See <http://oilprice.com/Energy/General/Nigerian-Outages-Drag-Total-OPEC-Production-Down-In-May.html>. The article was reproduced in The Huffington Post and Yahoo Finance on June 1, 2016 and can also be accessed at http://www.huffingtonpost.com/oilpricecom/nigerian-outages-drag-tot_b_10239722.html and

<http://finance.yahoo.com/news/nigerian-outages-drag-total-opec-144650946.html> respectively.



Professor Tom Kleven was interviewed about his campaign for Congress on the Green Party's Greenwatch program on July 6. The interview is available at <https://vimeo.com/channels/greenwatch/174148906>.



Professor Ahunanya Anga's article, Legal Research in an Electronic Age: Electronic Data Discovery, A Litigation Albatross of Gigantic Proportions, 9 U.N.H. L. Rev. 1 (December 2010), was cited in the ESI Playbook published by the International Association of Defense

Counsel. The ESI Playbook is a special project of IADC's Drug, Device, and Biotechnology Committee. The ESI Playbook suggests some practical issues to consider as part of an organization's electronic information practice plan. Comprised of key considerations, checklists, and action items, the ESI Playbook draws upon leading e-discovery resources and publications to provide a concise, practical assembly of ESI issues to consider as part of an organization's overall plan.



Professor SpearIt has accepted an invitation to be a panelist on the Socio-Economics of Law School Pedagogy panel at the 2017 AALS Annual Conference, where he will discuss the pedagogical "costs" of diversity

in law school. His work was recently cited in the book, Prisoner Radicalization and Terrorism Detention Policy: Institutionalized Fear or Evidence-Based Policy Making? (2016), as well as "BlackLivesMatter Toolkit for Muslims," <http://founderscode.com/blacklivesmatter-toolkit-muslims/>, and was required reading for the University of the District of Columbia Law Review's 2016 Write-on competition.



FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS *Cont'd.*



Professor L. Darnell Weeden's article entitled *Raising the Bar in the Affirmative Action Debate: A Pragmatic Comment on Professor Richard H. Sander's Systematic Analysis of Affirmative Action in American Law Schools* Article, 15. *S. Cal. Rev. L. & Soc. Just.* 195, 224 (2006), was recently cited in *Rutgers Race & the Law Review* by Russell A. McClain, Law School Assistant Professor and Director, Academic Achievement Program, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law. Professor McClain's article is entitled *Helping Our Students Reach Their Full Potential: The Insidious Consequences of Ignoring Stereotype Threat*, 17 *Rutgers Race & L. Rev.* 1, 30 (2016). According to McClain's citation, Professor Weeden like Richard H. Sander (whose research is the subject of Professor Weeden's article) mention stereotype threat only in passing, but Professor Weeden discusses fully other valid criticisms of Sander's work.



Also as part of the scholarship track at the 2016 LWI Biennial Conference, **Professor Katherine Vukadin** presented on "Legal Writing without Borders: How to Cultivate Your Second Teaching and Research Subject." Professor Vukadin's panel comments explained the benefits of exploring a second

research area and gave practical considerations for maintaining a core academic teaching area. Invited co-panelists included Mark Burge (Texas A&M University School of Law), Amanda Peters (Houston College of Law), and Neil Sobol (Texas A&M University School of Law).



Professor Craig Jackson published his latest blog post titled "The Interesting Case of the Notorious RGB (Ruth Bader Ginsburg)" on his blog, *A Progressive's View of Constitutional Matters*. This post discusses the "dust up" over Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's comments about Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump. You may access this and other blog posts by Professor Jackson at <http://aproggressivesview.blogspot.com/>.

Professor Craig Jackson delivered a lecture to the Harris County Democratic Lawyers Association in June for the association's summer CLE course titled: "Constitutional Law Update and the Supreme Court post Justice Scalia". Professor Jackson discussed and critiqued former Justice Scalia's Originalist theory of interpretation and analyzed the major cases that had been decided or were to be decided by the Court with the passing of Justice Scalia as an overriding theme relevant to the outcome of the major cases.



Associate Dean Cassandra Hill shared her insights on the book proposal submission process as part of the scholarship track at the 2016 Legal Writing Institute (LWI) Biennial Conference in Portland, Oregon on Monday, July 10, 2016. The panel, "Playing to Win the Book Proposal Game: Getting Your Idea Noticed and Your Book Published," provided attendees with six manageable steps for approaching the submission process and Associate Dean Hill discussed publishers' proposal guidelines and market and competition research. Invited co-panelists (pictured here) included other book authors, Charles Calleros (Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law) and Christine Coughlin (Wake Forest University School of Law), and a publisher, Scott Sipe (Carolina Academic Press).



FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS *Cont'd.*

Thurgood Faculty Attend Lutie Lytle Conference

The Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Workshop hosted its 10th annual commemorative meeting at the place where it began, the University of Iowa College of Law, of which TMSL was a silver sponsor, joined by the University of Michigan and UC-Berkeley School of Law. Professor Thelma Harmon presented “Morality Disguised as Public Health.” Professor Ericka Kelsaw presented “Mental Illness is No Crime.” Professor Stephanie Smith Ledesma served as a panelist on a panel entitled, “So You Think You Want to Be an Administrator?,” alongside Associate Dean and Professor Tonya Brito (Wisconsin Law) and Jacquelyn Bridgeman, former dean and professor at Wyoming Law. Professor Shaundra Kellam Lewis presented her work-in-progress, forthcoming in Iowa Law Review and entitled “Compulsory Campus Carry Laws: When the First and Second Amendments Collide.” Professor Asmara M. Tekle served as a panelist on a plenary session entitled, “Living Your Best Life,” along with Associate Dean and Professor Adrien K. Wing at Iowa College of Law and Professors Eboni Nelson of South Carolina School of Law and Trina Jones of Duke Law. Professor Tekle also presented, “Cycling and the City.”

(Photographer—Thomas Langdon)





ACADEMIC SUPPORT NEWS

TMSL Faculty & Staff Show Support to Bar Takers

Our bar takers just completed Day 2 of the Texas Bar Exam. The students answered 200 MBE questions testing: Civil Procedure, Constitutional Law, Contracts, Criminal Law & Procedure, Evidence, Real Property and Torts. There was a 3-4 minutes sound nuisance that occurred during the morning portion of the exam. We spoke with the BLE testing director about the noise disturbance to ensure that it was remedied for the after-noon session.



We served lunch to our bar takers who proudly adorned their TMSL shirts and school colors. Joining Academic Support and Career Services were: **DeCarlous Spearman, Danny Norris, Ahunanya Anga, Lydia Johnson, and TMSL 2015 alumni Helen Ashegbeyeri.**





Thank You!!!

On behalf of the July 2016 Bar Takers the Department of Academic Support and Bar Readiness would like to acknowledge the following faculty, administrators and alumni for lending their time and talent to assist our bar passage efforts. The following named individuals served as a bar coach to one or more bar takers, sponsored a bar lunch, sponsored a bar scholarship or facilitated a bar workshop.

Linda Aguilera, (TMSL 2015)	Sarah Monty-Armoni (TMSL alumni)
Helen Ashegbeyeri (TMSL 2015)	Angela Nicewonder (TMSL 2014)
Vonda Bailey, (TMSL 2014)	Danyahel Norris, Assistant Director
Kristy Blurton (TMSL 2014)	Ana Otero, Professor
Elizabeth Campbell, Andrews Kurth	Rebecca Parker (TMSL 2015)
Martina Cartwright, Professor	Erin Quander (TMSL 2015)
Helen Cedillo (TMSL 2014)	Ismael Rivera (TMSL 2016)
Fernando Colon, Professor	Vanessa Ramirez (TMSL 2015)
Anthony Cornejo (TMSL 2015)	Jose Rodriguez (TMSL 2015)
Greggnecia Darrett (TMSL 2015)	Chris Self (TMSL 2015)
Vanessa Goussen (TMSL 2015)	Nikki Smith, Assistant Dean
Olivia Haigler (TMSL 2015)	Dontrey Tatum (TMSL 2015)
Thelma Harmon, Clinic Co-Director	Asmara Tekle, Professor
Dannye Holley, Dean	Susan Thomas, Business Administrator
Eboni Isaac (TMSL 2016)	Paola Tostado (TMSL 2015)
Craig Jackson, Professor	Derrick Wilson, Director of Administration
Faith Jackson, Associate Dean	Reginald Wilson, Jr. (TMSL 2015)
Darrell Jordan (TMSL 2006)	Ahunanya Anga, Professor
Martin Levy, Professor	Paul Stein, Assistant Director
Kendrack Lewis (TMSL 2015)	Trina Leach, Technical Services Specialist
Shaundra Lewis, Professor	Trudy Green, Registrar
Peter Marchetti, Professor	April Walker, Professor
Alexia McWhinney (TMSL 2015)	Marcia Johnson, Professor
Ignacio Mendoza (TMSL 2015)	JoAnn Alridge, Sr. Administrative Assistant
Maritza Menjivar (TMSL 2015)	James Beard, Professor
Peter Olagimoke, IT Assistant	
DeCarlous Spearman, Library Director & Professor	
Lisa Tilton-McCarthy, U of H Law Center	

Through your collective efforts we will reach our bar passage goal. One TMSL!
Marsha Griggs



ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

TMSL Alumna Doris Causey Named President-Elect



Doris Causey, TMSL Class of 2002 was named President-elect of the Virginia State Bar at the Virginia State Bar annual meeting in Virginia Beach, VA. Causey is presently the managing attorney of the Central Virginia Legal Aid Society Inc.'s Richmond office and will succeed President Michael W. Robinson for the 2017-18 term as Virginia State Bar President.

Please join the TMSL family in congratulating Attorney Doris Causey!!

TMSL Alum Mark Styles Appointed New Deputy Probate Commissioner



Mark Styles, Jr., TMSL Class of 2004, was appointed a 4-year term as the new deputy probate commissioner, division 19 Jackson County, MO. Prior to his appointment, Styles was attorney in the Public Administrator's Office of Jackson County where he handled real property, probate, Medicare and Medicaid compliance, constitutional and contractual issues.

Please join the TMSL family in congratulating Attorney Mark Styles, Jr. !!!





ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS ALUMNI ON THE MOVE

TMSL Alum, Loranzo Fleming Appointed Administrative Law Judge



Loranzo Fleming, TMSL Class of 2000 heads to “Hollywood” to accept his appointment to serve as an Administrative Law Judge for the Social Security Administration in Los Angeles, CA. Prior to his appointment, Fleming served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia.

Please welcome our newest TMSL member of the judiciary, The Honorable Loranzo Fleming!!!

TMSL Alum Demarcus Peters Named Director of Diversity



Demarcus Peters, TMSL Class of 2002, was named Director of Diversity for the Cincinnati Metro. In this role, Peters will oversee Metro’s efforts to “identify, expand and accelerate the use of diversity suppliers, including minority-owned, veteran-owned, and small disadvantaged business enterprises.”

Please join the TMSL family in congratulating Attorney Demarcus Peters !!!

In Memoriam: Claudia Abernathy



Claudia Abernathy, TMSL Class of 1984 was laid to rest in June 2016. Abernathy was known as a “Champion for Tenants.” Her published handbook, “Abernathy’s Ultimate Tenant Handbook” was a 151-page guide about landlord-tenant relationships, leases, security deposits and more. She was known to zealously fight for the rights of tenants in the state of Colorado.

It is with great sadness to have lost another TMSL legal pioneer.



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First, we would like to thank you for your previous support of the Law School. But it's that time of year again!

As you know annual alumni support has always been crucial to helping the law school accomplish our mission of "Protecting it, Improving it and Passing it On." Your donations are used to support student scholarship and law school operations. We are coming to the end of our campaign in less than 60 days (August 31st), and we need to meet our goal. If you have supported the Law School before we are asking that you renew your support again this year.



We are asking that you make a gift of \$100, \$250, \$500, or \$1000 to this year's Share Your Success Annual Fund.

You can do so by going to www.tsulaw.edu and click "Make a Donation" or by sending a check in the name of "TMSL" to the return address. We thank you in advance for your support and look forward to you coming back to the Law School and Sharing Your Success.

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TMSL FAMILY:

With your help, we have almost raised our last \$60,000. We only have \$7,000 more to raise by the end of the 2015-16 Annual Fund Campaign!!

Campaign Ends—11:59 pm August 31, 2016

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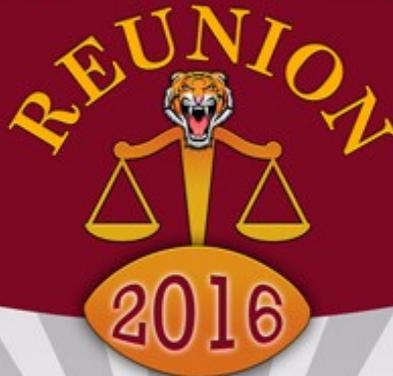
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, October 20th – Saturday, October 22nd
in conjunction with Texas Southern University Homecoming



The classes that will participate are
1951, 1056, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, and 2006, 2011

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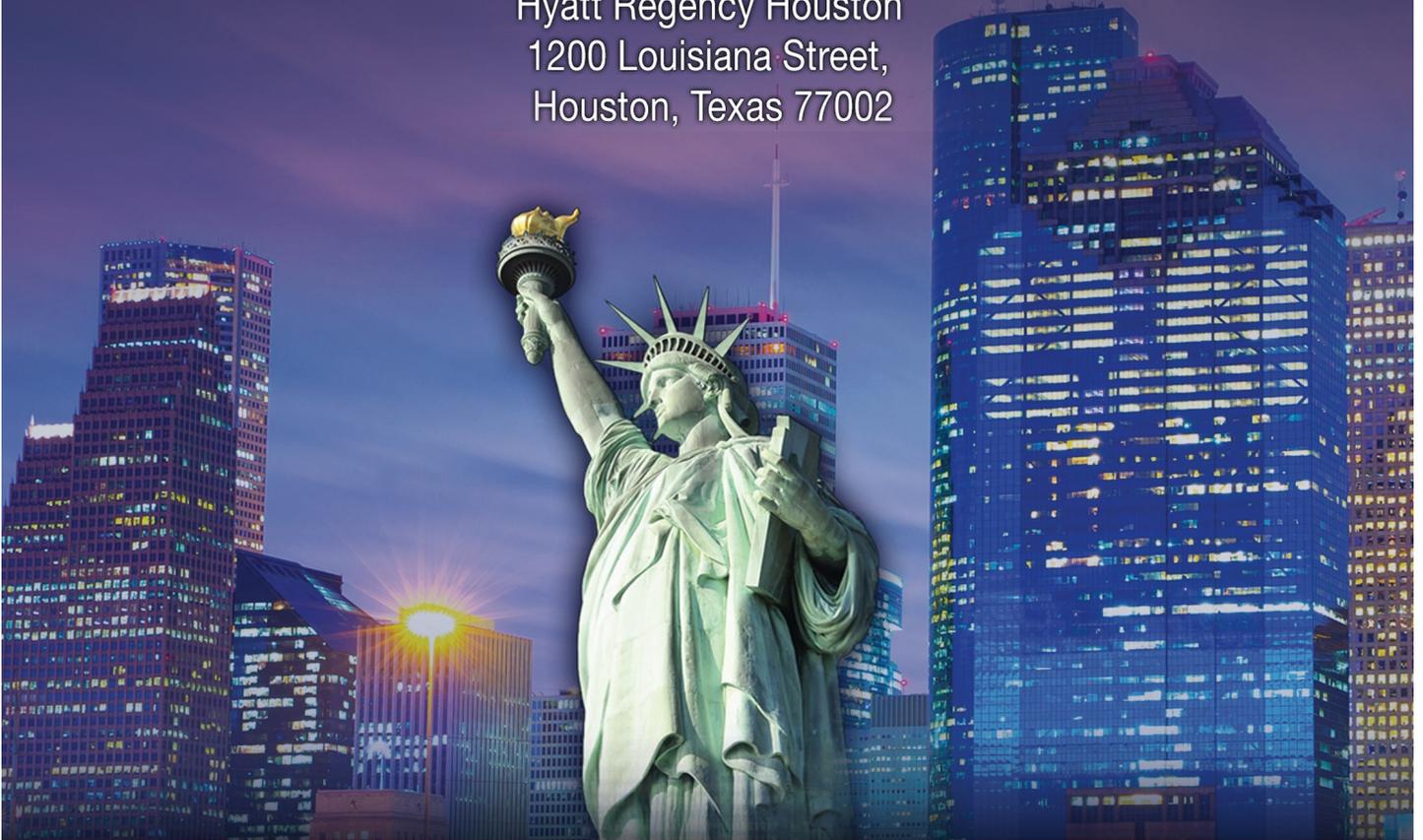
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EVENTS CALENDAR

On-line Registration for ALL TMSL CLEs: www.tmslele.com

August 8th-12th

TMSL 1L Orientation Week

Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law

August 10th-14th

Criminal Law Clinic Boot Camp

Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law

August 15th

First Day of Class

August 17th

Last Day to ADD/DROP

August 17th

Faculty Development

Location: Deans Conference Room

Time: 12:00 noon-1:30 pm

August 17th – 30th

Fall 2016 OCI Phase 1

Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Suite 213 – Interview Rooms

August 20th

De-Criminalizing Poverty

ECl Community Forum

Location: Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Rooms 105-106

Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 noon

August 24th

Faculty Development

Location: Deans Conference Room

Time: 12:00 noon-1:30 pm

August 26th

Alumni & Student Mixer

Become an alumni mentor !!

Location: J Black's
110 S. Heights Blvd.
Houston, TX

Time: 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

August 31st

Touchdown Club Luncheon

Location: Power Center

Time: 12noon

August 31st

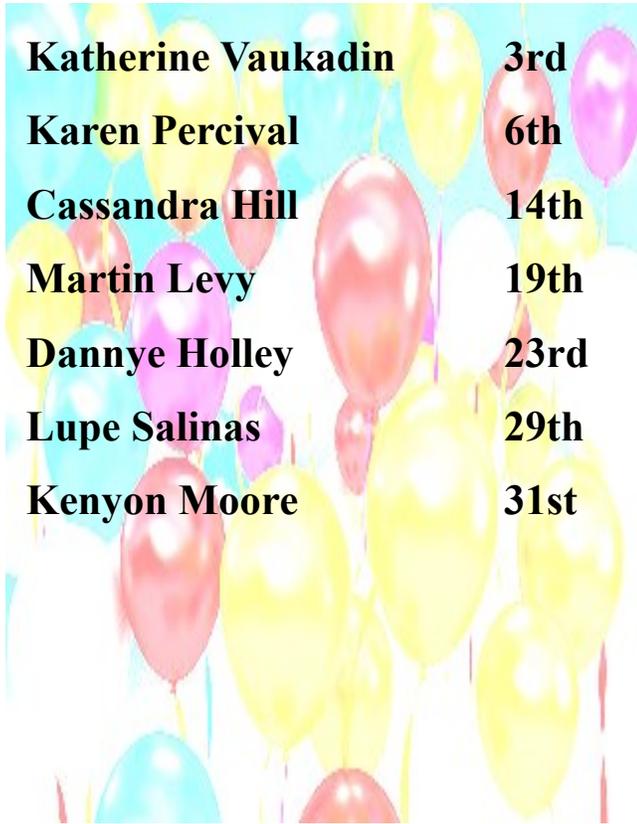
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July Birthdays



Katherine Vaukadin	3rd
Karen Percival	6th
Cassandra Hill	14th
Martin Levy	19th
Dannye Holley	23rd
Lupe Salinas	29th
Kenyon Moore	31st



Recycle reminder

Go Green! Let's remember to recycle our used bottles! The recycle bins are located in two areas of the law school and emptied every morning!

Let's do our part!



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