Welcome to the Pre-Law Community!

We hope you have had a successful academic year at Northern Arizona University. As we near the end of the term and academic year, we want to share information pertinent to Pre-Law students, along with faculty and staff involved with Pre-Law advising at NAU. Our goal is to provide an overview of Pre-Law advising and services offered at the Gateway Student Success Center, in addition to other resources across campus. For information on Pre-Law advising at GSSC or to make an appointment, contact us anytime.

Why should students see a Pre-Law Advisor?

The Gateway Student Success Center offers Pre-Law advising for all NAU students and alumni. We can assist with the following:

- Exploring and choosing a major and creating a timeline for each academic year
- Selecting appropriate classes to help prepare you for law school
- Referring students to Pre-Law faculty
- Developing skills and gaining experience recommended in preparation to apply to for law school
- Researching law schools
- Preparing for the LSAT (Law School Admission Test)
- Giving feedback and guidance on your law school applications

To make a Pre-Law advising appointment, call (928) 523.4772.
Phi Alpha Delta: International Law Fraternity

Joining a student organization is a great opportunity to gain leadership experience. We encourage all students planning on attending law school to join the NAU student chapter of Phi Alpha Delta (PAD), the International Law Fraternity. PAD offers a variety of opportunities for pre-law students to network internationally and organizes Regional Pre-Law Leadership Symposia and an annual Pre-Law Conference, Mock Trial and Law School Expo. The NAU student chapter of PAD plans campus events, hosts the mock LSAT and connects students with resources and networking opportunities.

Meetings are every Monday at 7:00pm in the Communications Building—Room 244.

Presentation by Brian Miller of Willamette University College of Law

On March 6th, Phi Alpha Delta hosted Brian Miller, Associate Director of Admission at the Willamette University College of Law, who presented two talks on preparing and applying to law school. Thanks to PAD for organizing this successful and well-attended event.

Staying Informed

We encourage all students, along with faculty and staff, to stay informed and current on all developments and trends in law school admissions, student debt, and future employment.

“Major Shakeups in the Middle Ranks of ‘U.S. News’ Law School List”
(National Law Journal, March 12, 2013)

“Top Law Schools Boost Scholarships and Loan Repayment Assistance”
(National Law Journal, March 12, 2013)

“To Place Graduates, Law Schools Are Opening Firms”
(New York Times, March 7, 2013)

“Law Schools’ Applications Fall as Costs Rise and Jobs Are Cut”
(New York Times, January 30, 2013)

“The 5 Worst and (5 Best) Reasons to Apply to Law School”
(Jennifer Baker, May 25, 2010)
Gaining Experience for Law School

Students are encouraged to gain practical experience prior to applying to law school. Internships, job shadowing, volunteering, community service activities and part-time employment are great opportunities to network and develop connections in law professions, acquire valuable workplace skills, and to become familiar with the day-to-day responsibilities.

For more information, check out the University College internship resource page and contact major departments for internship opportunities.

Resources to Help Prepare Law School Applications

The Law School Admission Council (LSAC) is the first stop to prepare for and apply to law school. The LSAC administers the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) and provides a wealth of resources when registering and prepping for the LSAT. The LSAC also offers data and information on law schools and the LSAT, as well as research, publications and upcoming events around the country.

The Graduate College at NAU offers great resources and workshops, such as writing personal statements, for students who are applying to a graduate-level program.

Gateway Career Services assists students with interviewing, personal statements, and applications by offering feedback and advice as students prepare their materials.

Laurance T. Wren Memorial Scholarship

The Laurence T. Wren Memorial Scholarship is awarded each spring to an NAU Pre-Law student entering their junior or senior year the following fall. The scholarship is named in honor of Laurance T. Wren, a former Coconino County attorney and judge.

This year’s recipient will be announced soon!