Joyce Thompson, 2014 Commencement Speaker

Joyce Thompson is an associate director in the enforcement department at the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). Working in college athletics keeps Thompson close to her love of sports, the law and her commitment to fair play, and integrity in intercollegiate athletics. For more than 12 years, Thompson has served in the enforcement department, and is one of the most senior investigators on the enforcement staff.

She is responsible for the development of investigative strategies involving violations of NCAA legislation at Division I, II, and III member institutions. Once an investigation is complete, Thompson also presents evidence of rules violations before the respective divisional adjudicative body. Thompson is the primary contact in Level I and Level II infractions cases and serves university presidents, institutional, and outside legal counsel, university and athletics department personnel, current and prospective student-athletes and parents. One of Thompson's most notable cases involved Baltimore Ravens standout Michael Oher. This case lead to Joyce's character being featured in the movie "The Blind Side." Thompson also spends time educating member institutions and conference offices on NCAA legislation and its impact on infractions matters. Prior to starting at the NCAA, Joyce worked at the Indiana Attorney General's Office and the Indiana Department of Health.

Joyce Thompson is a native of Indianapolis, and received her bachelor's degrees in Criminal Justice and African-American Studies from Indiana University in 1995. She received her Juris Doctorate degree from Valparaiso University Law School in 1999. In her spare time, she has taken on the challenge of "paying it forward" by trying to mentor other Valparaiso law school students about seeking alternative legal careers. Thompson also assists children from the second grade with their reading comprehension skills at Garden City Elementary School in Indianapolis.

Faculty Hooders

As selected by the 3L Steering Committee, the faculty hooders for the Valparaiso University Law Class of 2014 will be Professors Bruce Berner, Michael Murray, and Jesse Bowman.

Professor Bruce Berner

Professor Michael Murray

Professor Jesse Bowman
The Spirit of Liberty and the Calling of Law - Cane Walk Speech

By: Bruce Berner ▼ Class of 2014 Advisor

What appears below was delivered at the Porter County Courthouse at the end of the 2014 Cane Walk on April 25. Much of it is a reading of Learned Hand's famous “Spirit of Liberty” speech given near the end of WWII, one of the most famous patriotic American speeches. Thousands heard it and he was asked to recite it again in years following after the war ended. Millions have read it since. I combined it with some thoughts about how the law and law school fit into this picture. My added remarks were surely forgotten by 7 PM that same night. Together I called the talk: The Spirit of Liberty and the Calling of Law.

“We have gathered here to affirm a faith, a faith in a common purpose, a common conviction, a common devotion, both to America and to the law thereof. Some of us have chosen America as the land of our adoption; the rest have come from those who did the same. All of us chose law school. For these reasons we have some right to consider ourselves a picked group, a group of those who had the courage to break from the past and brave the dangers and the loneliness of a strange land and a mysterious calling. What was the object that served us, or those who went before us, to these choices? We sought liberty; freedom from oppression, freedom from want, freedom to

First, what is this liberty which must lie in the hearts of men and women? It is not the ruthless, the unbridled will; it is not freedom to do as one likes. That is the denial of liberty, and leads straight to its overthrow. A society in which men recognize no check upon their freedom soon becomes a society where freedom is the possession of only a savage few; as we have learned to our sorrow. What then is the spirit of liberty? I cannot define it; I can only tell you my own faith. The spirit of liberty is the spirit which is not too sure that it is right; that considers the opinion of every other man and woman alongside its own without bias.

Second, what is that law that we have been learning these past few years? It is nothing more and nothing less than watching that boundary where one person’s liberty threatens to run into the liberty of another. Guarding that boundary is not easy but it is absolutely necessary if liberty can work at all. None of us can be free until we are all free. Go forth and do that work. It is your calling. You have that knowledge; you need only the courage to do your chosen service to this great nation.”

On April 25, 2014, the 3Ls participated in a Valpo Law tradition, the 3L Cane Walk. The 3L classmates met in Wesemann Hall, received their canes and walked as a group to the Courthouse. The 3L Cane Walk began in 1902. The graduating law students walked as a group to the courthouse with canes in order to inform the community that they were the new lawyers in town. One of the canes from this era of the Cane Walk was donated to the School of Law by Francis Tilton Weaver, 25’, and still hangs in the hallway of Wesemann today. According to Marilyn Otis, the Cane Walk was forced to stop because of World War II and was not revived until the 3L Steering Committee reinstated the Walk for the 125th Anniversary of the Law School in 2004.

At the court house Professor Bruce Berner, the class advisor, gave a speech congratulating the class on its accomplishments and welcoming them to the world of legal practice. Afterwards, the classmates gathered for a reception at Tommy B’s Steakhouse. See the next article for a transcript of Professor Berner’s speech.
FAREWELL GRADUATES

One of the great things about working at a law school is the opportunity to meet a new class of students every August. Another great part of the job is the opportunity to participate in graduation every May and feel the sense of accomplishment, pride and happiness shared by the graduates as well as their families and loved ones. However, May also has a negative side for us who work at the law school – the departure of a class of students with whom we have worked closely for three years. So, May is a time of mixed feelings, not only for us but I expect for many students as well.

The happiness of graduation is diluted a bit by the anxiety that accompanies change, preparation for a bar examination, and for some, a continuing search for a job. I wish we could make the anxiety disappear, but that is not possible. However, on behalf of the faculty and staff, I want you to know that we do not consider our job completed upon your graduation. As you know, the law school has a continuing stake in your success. The faculty recently approved a program aimed at improving your chances of success on the bar examination. We hope to work with those of you who will be continuing your search for a job after graduation. We are confident that Symplicity, with its “law community” program, will facilitate your ability to remain in contact with each other after you leave. And, of course, we hope to see you at alumni gatherings.

Congratulations and best wishes!

Ivan E. Bodensteiner • Interim Dean & Professor of Law

“And do as adversaries do in law:
Strive mightily, but eat and drink as friends.”

--William Shakespeare

Dear Class of 2014,

Congratulations! It is hard to believe, but when I came to Valparaiso, you were in the middle of your first semester of law school. It has been a fast couple of years! You made me feel very welcome here from the beginning and for that I will always be grateful. I wish you all happiness and success, wherever life and the law take you. Enjoy graduation and stay in touch!

Sincerely,

Jesse Bowman • Digital Services Librarian & Assistant Professor of Law Librarianship

Congratulations to the members of the Valpo Law Class of 2014.

Onward and Upward,

Professor Clare K. Nuechterlein • Distinguished Practitioner-in-Residence
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STUDENT PROFILES

CLASS OF 2014 PROFILES

Ajla Alunovic
Undergraduate School: Saint Louis University.
Which Bar are you taking?: Missouri.
Favorite Valpo memory?: 3L Barristers Ball.
Would you do this over again?: Absolutely!
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Tax Clinic.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: I can speak 4 languages.
Any farewell words to your classmates?: Let’s go conquer the world!!

Sohaib Ahmed
Undergraduate School: DePaul University.
Which Bar are you taking?: Illinois.
Favorite Valpo memory?: Studying for finals.
Would you do this over again?: I would probably still go to law school.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Federal Income tax.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: I’m an adrenaline junky.
Any farewell words to your classmates?: I had a pleasure getting to know everyone in my class, and it was a great experience.

Ken Biggins
Undergraduate School: Indiana University.
Which Bar are you taking?: Indiana.
Favorite Valpo memory?: Berner standing on the front desk to imitate Prof. Adams.
Would you do this over again?: Probably.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Trial Practice.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: I’m a talented musician and artist.

Brittany Boatman
Undergraduate School: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
Which Bar are you taking?: North Carolina.
Favorite Valpo memory?: Probably participating in the Annual Swygert Moot Court Competition, even though presenting an oral argument in front of Judge Easterbrook was terrifying.
Would you do this over again?: Yes.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Remedies - Professor Lind is a fantastic professor and the class is great for 3Ls preparing to take the bar.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: I have a total of seven siblings, one of which is my twin.
Any farewell words to your classmates?: Good luck to everyone in your future endeavors!

Richard Bogdan
Undergraduate School: University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.
Which Bar are you taking?: Indiana.
Favorite Valpo memory?: Going to Mumbai for International Moot Court.
Would you do this over again?: Yes.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Labor Arbitration.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: I have a tattoo.
Any farewell words to your classmates?: Congratulations everyone for making it!

Trey Maurice Brasel
Undergraduate School: Purdue University.
Which Bar are you taking?: Illinois.
Favorite Valpo memory?: Making great friends.
Would you do this over again?: Definitely, yes.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Trial Practice.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: Secretly like social security disability law.
Any farewell words to your classmates?: It was great getting to know each and every one of you. Thanks for the memories.

Michael J. Bratta
Undergraduate School: Lake Forest College.
Which Bar are you taking?: Illinois.
Favorite Valpo memory?: Meeting Nicole Nystrom.
Would you do this over again?: Yes.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Civil Clinic.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: If I told you, they would know.
Any farewell words to your classmates?: “Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed.” - Booker T. Washington.

Shanon Adeola Buari
Undergraduate School: Eastern Michigan University.
Which Bar are you taking?: Indiana.
Favorite Valpo memory?: Meeting the good friends I’ve made here.
Would you do this over again?: Not in a million years. All this money spent and not guaranteed return on this investment.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: ALL TAX EVERYTHING, and whatever Carter taught.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: I’m a die-hard Buckeye fan!
Any farewell words to your classmates?: It’ll only get better, it can’t be any worse than this.

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STUDENT PROFILES

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Chelsea Caldwell

Undergraduate School: University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.
Which Bar are you taking?: Illinois.
Favorite Valpo memory?: Staying up until 3 o’clock in the morning studying Property with Rachel Prezek and Aaron Lopez so we could then go have McDonald’s breakfast.
Would you do this over again?: Again? HA... no.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Federal Income Tax wit Prof. Herzig.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: I hate the word “seeping.” It’s disgusting and no one should ever say it.
Any farewell words to your classmates?: “Believe in yourselves. Dream. Try. Do good.”
-Mr. George Feeny.

Dani Campbell

Undergraduate School: Indiana Tech.
Which Bar are you taking?: Indiana.
Favorite Valpo memory?: I think graduation day is going to be my favorite memory.
Would you do this over again?: Yes, but I would do a few things differently.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Civil Procedure or Legal Writing.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: Contrary to popular belief, I’m not just a cat lady -- I love all animals equally.:)
Any farewell words to your classmates?: Best of luck to everyone!

Ashley Canan

Undergraduate School: Ball State University.
Which Bar are you taking?: Indiana.
Favorite Valpo memory?: Meeting some amazing individuals who I know I will be in touch with for a very long time.
Would you do this over again?: Absolutely...if the school decided to pay off all my prior student loans.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: I love criminal law so anything taught by Professor Carter is always interesting. Criminal Law Clinic with Professor Welter was extremely beneficial as well.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: That I wanted to be an attorney since I was 5 years old. I guess I was an extremely weird child.
Any farewell words to your classmates?: We did it! Let’s win lotto to pay off these loans! =)

Steven Cichon

Undergraduate School: Augustana College.
Which Bar are you taking?: Illinois.
Favorite Valpo memory?: None that could be printed here.
Would you do this over again?: No.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Trial Practice.
Any farewell words to your classmates?: Good luck.

Shane P. Crotty

Undergraduate School: Valparaiso University.
Which Bar are you taking?: Indiana.
Favorite Valpo memory?: Moskowitz’s Con Law 1: Loving v. Virginia class discussion.
Would you do this over again?: Yes.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Civ Pro.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: My classmates don’t know me
Any farewell words to your classmates?: Let’s get productive?

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FORUM 3L EXEC BOARD MEMBERS!!

MARK FOSCO
JONATHAN ZIMMERMAN
ANDREW CARLSON
Ryan Andrew Deutmeyer

Undergraduate School: St. Ambrose University.
Which Bar are you taking?: Indiana.
Favorite Valpo memory?: Taking school funded trips to New York City and Miami for International Moot Court.
Would you do this over again?: If someone paid me a lot of money.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Criminal Clinic.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: Things I don’t tell them!
Any farewell words to your classmates?: I’m a Food Network junkie.

Colleen Doherty

Undergraduate School: Eastern Illinois University.
Which Bar are you taking?: Illinois.
Favorite Valpo memory?: Barrister’s Ball 2014. Particularly the Rolls Royce!
Would you do this over again?: Sure would.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Criminal Clinic.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: I’m a Food Network junkie.
Any farewell words to your classmates?: Good luck everyone! Go bring some justice.

Amie Durfee

Undergraduate School: Purdue University.
Which Bar are you taking?: Indiana.
Favorite Valpo memory?: Going to Chicago with Richard, Dani, Louie, and Katie.
Would you do this over again?: I don’t know if I would do it again. Maybe I’d get my MBA instead.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: All my tax classes have been extremely valuable and practical.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: I really have blonde hair.
Any farewell words to your classmates?: Good luck to everyone!

Katie Ellis

Undergraduate School: Purdue University.
Which Bar are you taking?: Indiana in July and Illinois in February.
Favorite Valpo memory?: Studying abroad in South America after my 1L year.
Would you do this over again?: Of course. It’s where I met Jasmine and DJ!
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Probably legal writing. I don’t think there is much way to get around writing if you are a lawyer, so I think it’s important that you have that solid base, especially if you have a great professor like I did.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: I’m obsessed with buffalo.
Any farewell words to your classmates?: I hope you all pass the bar the first time...so I get more money...that’s how it works right?

Tiffany Estes

Undergraduate School: Indiana State University.
Which Bar are you taking?: Indiana.
Favorite Valpo memory?: Barristers Ball 2014.
Would you do this over again?: Yes.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Legal Writing.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: I speak three languages.
Any farewell words to your classmates?: Congratulations and best of luck to everyone! The past three years have been the best!

Charles Ferguson

Undergraduate School: Middle Tennessee State University.
Which Bar are you taking?: Tennessee.
Favorite Valpo memory?: Graduation.
Would you do this over again?: Ask me again in 5 years
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Clinic.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: Nothing, I’m an open book.
Any farewell words to your classmates?: It’s been real, and it’s been fun, but it’s not been real fun.

Benjamin C. Fink

Undergraduate School: Ohio University.
Which Bar are you taking?: Illinois.
Favorite Valpo memory?: Everything about Bruce Berner.
Would you do this over again?: I do not understand the question, and I won’t respond to it.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Evidence.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: Most people don’t know that I had surgery to correct my vision.
Any farewell words to your classmates?: Bye!

Mark Fosco

Undergraduate School: Indiana University - Bloomington.
Which Bar are you taking?: Illinois.
Favorite Valpo memory?: 1L year, Con Law in Professor Moskowitz’s class, learning about Loving v. Virginia. Oh, and going to Chile and Argentina.
Would you do this over again?: Yes?
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Any skills-based course.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: I’ve yet to see a James Bond movie.
Any farewell words to your classmates?: I want to cry so bad, but I don’t think I can spare the moisture.

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CLASS OF 2014 SUPERLATIVES

Most likely to run for office: Dan Didech
Most likely to be on the Supreme Court: Brittany Boatman
Most likely to come back and teach at Valpo Law: Chris Hammer
Most likely to have his/her own reality show: George Clauser & Jen Fisher
Most likely to stop court to answer his/her cell phone: Marina Takagi & Wally Hernandez
Most likely to have a billboard: Wally Hernandez
Most likely to go bankrupt fighting for a cause: Dani DeWinter & Dani Campbell
Most likely to answer every question on the bar exam right: Janelle Thompson
Most likely to be best dressed in the courtroom: Patricia Spicca
Most likely to be the best dancer at his/her firm’s holiday party: James Weber & Shanon Bauri
Most likely to open his/her own firm: Trey Brasel
Most likely to become the first judge: Katlyn Rowe
Most likely to be famous for a reason unrelated to the law: Dan Didech & Brett Galvan
Most likely to work at the White House: Patricia Spicca
Most likely to argue before the Supreme Court: Katlyn Rowe
Most likely to be elected President: Daniel Didech
Most likely to host his/her own talk show: Judene Hylton, Ben Fink & James Willyard
Most likely to live on another continent: Michelle Prasad
Most likely to oversleep and miss the bar exam: Randy Dawkins
Most likely to be interviewed on national television: Katie Wilson
Most likely to be on a reality TV show: Jen Fisher
Most likely to be a legal rebel: Danny Matlock
The most changed throughout law school: Chris Hammer
Most likely to retire a billionaire: Daniel Didech
Most likely to forget about a court date: Benjamin Fink & Ian Mac Laue
Most likely to need his/her own attorney: Osman Mirza
Most likely to represent him/herself: Osman Mirza
Most likely to live in Valparaiso the rest of his/her life: Chris Hammer

Biggest night owl: Dick Wolfe
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Brett R. Galvan

Undergraduate School: Purdue Calumet.
Which Bar are you taking?: Indiana.
Favorite Valpo memory?: Carrying a body up stairs with Joseph Musselman.

Would you do this over again?: Absolutely.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Crim Pro with Carter.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: The Wizard of Oz freaks me out...
Any farewell words to your classmates?: Stop, Hammer Time!

Maen M. Hassuneh

Undergraduate School: IUPUI.
Which Bar are you taking?: The Land of Lincoln.
Favorite Valpo memory?: Participating in the diversity event.

Would you do this over again?: Definitely.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Del Wright’s Corporate Finance.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: I was born in Doha, Qatar.
Any farewell words to your classmates?: Good luck to all.

Danielle Hensley

Undergraduate School: University of WI - Eau Claire.
Which Bar are you taking?: Wisconsin.
Favorite Valpo memory?: Laughing with friends about things only law students would find funny.

Would you do this over again?: Yes.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Civil Clinic.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: I am a big fan of music and theatre and take in as much as I can in my down time.
Any farewell words to your classmates?: I hope everyone is successful in their future endeavors. Keep in touch!

Wally Gabriel Hernandez

Undergraduate School: University of Central Florida.
Which Bar are you taking?: Florida.
Favorite Valpo memory?: Zack Schmidt tripping on his way out of the Civ Pro final.

Would you do this over again?: Yes.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Criminal Clinic.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: I have a twin sister.
Any farewell words to your classmates?: Stay hungry and humble, but don’t let anyone take food off the table.

Judene Hylton

Undergraduate School: Grove City College.
Which Bar are you taking?: Illinois.
Favorite Valpo memory?: Friday nights at Pepe’s!

Would you do this over again?: Yes, but much differently.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Constitutional Law.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: I was a contestant in the Miss Pennsylvania USA Pageant in 2006.
Any farewell words to your classmates?: “Love the life you live. Live the life you love!” - Bob Marley.

Kylie Johnson

Undergraduate School: Valparaiso University.
Which Bar are you taking?: Indiana.
Favorite Valpo memory?: First day of class - fear and excitement and meeting people for the first time.

Would you do this over again?: Yes, but a bit differently.
Which class did you find the most valuable?:

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STUDENT PROFILES

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Legal Research-IL and advanced. 

What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: I speak French. 

Any farewell words to your classmates?: “May the wind be always at your back 
May the wind be always at your back 
May the sun shine warm upon your face
And the rain fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.” — Irish Blessing

Valerie Johnson

Undergraduate School: IU Kelley School of Business, Indianapolis.

Which Bar are you taking?: Kentucky (Maybe but still undecided).

Favorite Valpo memory?: Watching Tennell Barksdale shout to “Shout” at Barrister’s Ball this year. I really wish I had that on film.

Would you do this over again?: Certainly! Which class did you find the most valuable?: Law school.

What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: They probably don’t know it for a reason so why list it here?

Any farewell words to your classmates?: Be amazing people. You all have greatness in you. I’ve been glad to know you.

Megan K. Jones

Undergraduate School: Berry College.

Which Bar are you taking?: Georgia.

Favorite Valpo memory?: Study abroad summer 2012 in Cambridge with Professor Trujillo and Professor Morris. Professor Trujillo’s 12 year old son completely schooled every single one of us law students. We were in the group van going to Windsor Castle. Professor Trujillo’s son began reciting, from memory, the entire succession of the Kings and Queens of England. That’s one 12 year old that I am definitely not smarter than.

Would you do this over again?: In a heart beat. Practicing law has been a dream of mine since I was a young child.

Which class did you find the most valuable?: Hm. The most valuable and painful would be Advanced Legal Research. The most valuable and enjoyable would be Trusts and Estates with Dean Stuart.

Matthew R. Kochevar

Undergraduate School: Valparaiso University.

Which Bar are you taking?: Indiana.

Favorite Valpo memory?: Debating policy with classmates in National Security Law.

Would you do this over again?: Yes, I would try to be a bit better at it.

Which class did you find the most valuable?: Advanced Legal Research.

What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: I like science fiction more than I like politics, and I really like politics.

Any farewell words to your classmates?: Be good at what you do. You are now the support that will keep the foundation of our nation from crumbling.

Mary Lawson

Undergraduate School: Illinois State University.

Which Bar are you taking?: Illinois.

Favorite Valpo memory?: Going to Puerto Rico to compete with the Trial Advocacy team.

Would you do this over again?: Yes, it’s my dream.

Which class did you find the most valuable?: Criminal Procedure probably because I want to work in the prosecutor’s office.

Cecilia Lopez

Undergraduate School: University of California - Riverside.

Which Bar are you taking?: Indiana & California.

Favorite Valpo memory?: Spending the summer in Cambridge/London with my classmates.

Would you do this over again?: YES! Especially going to Cambridge/London.

Which class did you find the most valuable?: Immigration Clinic and Criminal law/procedure.

What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: I have 9 nieces and nephews, and one on the way.

Any farewell words to your classmates?: Good luck! It was a great 3 years!

Geoff Lorenz

Undergraduate School: University of Wisconsin - Madison. Go Badgers!

Which Bar are you taking?: Wisconsin.

Favorite Valpo memory?: Singing karaoke to “We Are the Champions” at Franklin House after winning our second consecutive Intramural Championship in soccer.

Would you do this over again?: Tough call. Honestly, probably not.

Which class did you find the most valuable?: Legal Writing with Professor Murray.

What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: Made it through three years of law school without ever taking a sip of coffee.

Any farewell words to your classmates?: “To the next step!”

Stephanie Maris

Undergraduate School: Purdue University.

Which Bar are you taking?: Indiana.

Favorite Valpo memory?: All of the times I’ve spent with my friends at the law school. If I had to choose one I would choose the time I tried to use Jasmine’s student ID (because I forgot mine) to check out a book at the law library, and the librarian looked down at the picture and up at me. She wouldn’t let me check out the book because I was obviously not Jasmine. I got flustered and ran away, ha.

Would you do this over again?: Yes, I have loved my time at Valpo Law School and would do it again with no hesitation!

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CHRISTOPHER HAMMER

Congratulations!!!!!!!!!!
What a talented and intelligent young man you have become. We are continually impressed with your abilities, perseverance, and accomplishments. Believe in yourself and you will accomplish all that you can. We are excited for this part of your life to conclude and for the next stage to begin. Remember we will always be by your side. May God keep you safe as you pursue your goals and dreams.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Aaron, Grandpa, Aunt Pat, and the “girls”

“You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself in any direction you choose.
You’re on your own.
And you know what you know.
You are the guy who’ll decide where to go.”

~ Dr. Seuss

MICHAELE JAMES
BRATTA

Goodluck to Michael James Bratta and the entire 2014 Valparaiso University Law School Class. We are very proud of you.

GEOFF LORENZ

Geoff,
We are so very proud of you and your accomplishment. Congratulations!

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Steph & Corey
Danny Matlock

Undergraduate School: Rhodes College.
Which Bar are you taking?: Missouri.
Favorite Valpo memory?: Cigar nights & listening to Brett Galvan’s band at Franklin House.
Would you do this over again?: Elsewhere, yes.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Practical for life, Fed. Income Tax; practical for law Legal Writing.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: I was pigeon-toed as a child.
Any farewell words to your classmates?: “Two things define you: your patience when you have nothing and your attitude when you have everything.” - Unknown. Stay humble.

Joseph May

Undergraduate School: Indiana University - Bloomington.
Which Bar are you taking?: Indiana.
Favorite Valpo memory?: De minimis student loan debt.
Would you do this over again?: Yes.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Civil Procedure.

Mia Mayberry

Undergraduate School: Northeastern University.
Which Bar are you taking?: Illinois.
Favorite Valpo memory?: Hands down, the comment in Constitutional Law: “Once you go black, you can’t come back.”
Would you do this over again?: Absolutely.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Sports Law.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: I’ve met President Obama.
Any farewell words to your classmates?: Keep calm and lawyer on.

Michael F. McFarland

Undergraduate School: Indiana University.
Which Bar are you taking?: Indiana.
Would you do this over again?: Yes, my horizons have been expanded exponentially.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Property.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: I have a child on the way due in August.

Osman Mirza

Undergraduate School: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
Which Bar are you taking?: Illinois.
Favorite Valpo memory?: That time in Chile, Toronto, D.C., Argentina, and New Orleans. Would you do this over again?: I would do it again but more efficiently.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: International Law.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: I’m married w/ two incredible boys.
Any farewell words to your classmates?: Get all the facts before reaching a conclusion.

Joseph Musselman

Undergraduate School: Thomas Edison State College.
Which Bar are you taking?: Colorado.
Favorite Valpo memory?: Our class; I’ve never met so many people trying to do so much good.
Would you do this over again?: In a heartbeat, it was a very rewarding experience.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Carter’s Crim Pro. Maybe that is because I like to argue.
Any farewell words to your classmates?: “Reality is the court of final appeal.” - Ayn Rand; “...the ultimate achievement is to defeat the enemy without even coming to battle...” Sun Tzu.

Allison Muth

Undergraduate School: Roosevelt University/University of Colorado-Boulder.
Which Bar are you taking?: Illinois.
Favorite Valpo memory?: Chile/Argentina trip.
Would you do this over again?: Probably yes.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Trial Practice.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: I’m invoking the 5th on that one! ;)
Any farewell words to your classmates?: You guys, we made it! All the blood sweat and tears, but we did it!! Also, Always stay true to yourself and always remember how hard you worked to get here!! Good luck to each and every one of you!

Erica Parker

Undergraduate School: Albion College.
Which Bar are you taking?: Michigan.
Favorite Valpo memory?: Studying abroad in Chile and Argentina with an awesome...Continued on page 14
Chadd Reynolds

Undergraduate School: Berry College
Which Bar are you taking?: Indiana or Georgia.
Favorite Valpo memory?: The jokes told by Bernard Trujillo.
Would you do this over again?: Probably yes.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Pretrial Skills.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: I have pet chickens.
Any farewell words to your classmates?: Go where you please and please where you go.

Whitney Rhew

Undergraduate School: North Central College, Naperville, IL.
Which Bar are you taking?: Indiana.
Favorite Valpo memory?: Winning the moot court competition in California with Katlyn Rowe, Ebenee Dawson, and James WIllyard.
Would you do this over again?: Yes!
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Juvenile Law Clinic.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: I studied dance for 12 years and minored in it in college.
Any farewell words to your classmates?: I’m very grateful for the opportunities I have had and friends I have made along the way. Best of luck, everyone! Looking forward to seeing the great things everyone will accomplish!

Olivia Robinson

Undergraduate School: Howard University.
Which Bar are you taking?: Illinois in July; California in February.
Favorite Valpo memory?: All of the late nights and early mornings with my favs.
Would you do this over again?: Only for the life lessons I’ve learned
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Pretrial Practice.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: Too many things.
Any farewell words to your classmates?: “We may encounter many defeats, but we must not be defeated.” - Maya Angelou.

Katlyn M. Rowe

Undergraduate School: Hope College.
Which Bar are you taking?: Illinois.
Favorite Valpo memory?: “Hi, are you Katly-ny- Ali’s friend?” “I’m Marina.. Ali’s friend.. I found you online...” - the rest was history.
Would you do this over again?: No doubt.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Tax! Now I can finally file my own!
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: I had a buzz cut in 4th grade.. thanks, Mom!
Any farewell words to your classmates?: Challenge... ACCEPTED!

David Slotsema

Undergraduate School: Calvin College.
Which Bar are you taking?: Michigan.
Favorite Valpo memory?: When I realized there was a White Castle in town.
Would you do this over again?: Would not do this again.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Trial Practice.

Mariana Sotiroski

Undergraduate School: Valparaiso University.
Which Bar are you taking?: Indiana.
Favorite Valpo memory?: Walking out of Civ. Pro. as my first final, knowing that this law school thing was doable with hard work and dedication.
Would you do this over again?: Yes, BUT I would have started out full-time instead of switching second year.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Federal Income Tax & Civil Procedure.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: I immigrated to the United States at the age of 8.
Any farewell words to your classmates?: Good luck to each and every one of you, I wish you...Continued on page 17
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ASHLEY N. CANAN

Dear Ashley,

Words cannot express how extremely proud our family is of all that you have accomplished. Though the road was not an easy one, you have shown courage, strength, adaptability, and ambition. You have grown into a responsible, intelligent, and beautiful young woman who will achieve all your goals!

Love, Linda K. Canan

DAVID STRING

CONGRATULATIONS, SON!
YOU HAVE COME A LONG WAY
From your first day of Kindergarten to your last year of Law School and Graduation

Through many years of hard work, you have reached this great milestone. Be the best lawyer you can be. We are so proud of you and your accomplishment.

Love,
Mom and Dad

MARK J. FOSCO

Congratulations, Mark.

You've achieved another major goal. We are so proud of you. Your hard work, determination, and work ethic are so admired. We wish you happiness, continued success, and a life fulfilled.

With much love,
Mom, Dad, Chris & Doug
ANNA AGUILAR  

Anna,

Congratulation on your graduation! I am so proud of you and all your accomplishments! Continue to follow your dreams!

Love, Always,

Bonnie

ANNA AGUILAR  

Anna,

Graduation is the beginning of your journey to adulthood. We've watched you as you've became a unique and wonderful person you are today. Always believe in yourself and forever keep in your heart what it is that makes you happy. We love you and we are so proud of you.

Congratulations!

Esther & Lorenzo Aguilar

RACHEL PREZEK  

Congratulations Rachel Prezkek, J.D. You did it!

We are so proud of you.

All our love,

Mom, Dad, Sarah, and your friends and family.
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much success in your careers. I hope our paths cross in the future!

Patricia Spiccia

Undergraduate School: Indiana University - Bloomington.
Which Bar are you taking?: Illinois.
Favorite Valpo memory?: When a classmate provided quite an interesting response to one of Prof. Moskowicz’s questions regarding mixed-race marriages.
Would you do this over again?: Yes, but I might have done some things differently.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Legal Writing or Civil Procedure.
What is the one thing your classmates don't know about you?: I was adopted from Brazil at the age of 6 and brought to America; I did not know any English at the time.
Any farewell words to your classmates?: Good luck in your future endeavors!

Samuel J. Spurney

Undergraduate School: UW-Stevens Point.
Which Bar are you taking?: Wisconsin.
Favorite Valpo memory?: Meeting Mary Stahler at Orientation!
Would you do this over again?: Once is enough for me.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Business Planning tied with Land Use.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: Apparently when I was a kid I aspired to be a Walmart greeter. Looks like my plans changed.
Any farewell words to your classmates?: “There are people who make things happen, there are people who watch things happen, and there are people who wonder what happened. To be successful, you need to be a person who makes things happen.” -- Jim Lovell

Mary Stahler

Undergraduate School: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
Which Bar are you taking?: Wisconsin.
Favorite Valpo memory?: Probably going to Popcorn Fest.
Would you do this over again?: Only if I could skip 1L year!
Which class did you find the most valuable?:
I found business planning with Professor Morrisson to be the most valuable. I liked the fact that we didn’t have a casebook, and he taught practical approaches to business law.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: Most probably don’t know that I actually went to college with the intention of becoming a veterinarian, not a lawyer!
Any farewell words to your classmates?: Good luck!!

David String

Undergraduate School: Temple University’s Fox School of Business.
Which Bar are you taking?: Pennsylvania & New Jersey.
Favorite Valpo memory?: Dressing up as a hula dancer (in a full grass skirt and coconut bra) on Halloween in Prof. Lind’s Civ Pro class (and winning 1st prize, of course).
Would you do this over again?: No, I would never want to go through law school again.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Legal Research II: knowing how to use those free online resources will impress the partners in your firms.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: I was interviewed by Chris Matthews, when he taped an episode of Hardball at my undergrad in fall of 2010.
Any farewell words to your classmates?: It’s been a great 3 years, best of luck to you all.

Marina Takagi

Undergraduate School: Kalamazoo College.
Which Bar are you taking?: Illinois.
Favorite Valpo memory?: Getting scolded by Dad in Miami, most IMC moments.
Would you do this over again?: Shore. Even though it’s a beach.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Legal Writing with Brew Crew.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: Ask Katlyn.
Any farewell words to your classmates?: You’ll be fine.

Adrienne Thompson

Undergraduate School: Chicago State University.
Which Bar are you taking?: Illinois and Indiana.
Favorite Valpo memory?: Talking in the Atrium with my friends.
Would you do this over again?: Most definitely. I’ve enjoyed some great conversation and established nurturing and wonderful relationships with professors and classmates.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Family Law Practicum.
Any farewell words to your classmates?: I have a pen addiction, like I love pens. Thank you Westlaw, LexisNexis, Kaplan, Barbri and Themis for feeding my addiction.
Any farewell words to your classmates?: We have been trained to be advocates. With that training comes a responsibility to be a voice for those who sometimes go unheard. Don’t forget that obligation. Don’t neglect that obligation.

Janelle Thompson

Undergraduate School: Elmhurst College.
Which Bar are you taking?: Indiana.
Favorite Valpo memory?: Arguing in front of Judge Eastbrook at Swygert (although that’s also one of my most terrifying memories).
Would you do this over again?: Most definitely.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Business Associations with Professor Huss.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: I love to travel. In college, I studied abroad in London and Oxford during the summer of my junior year, and played volleyball in Italy with my college team after my senior year.
Any farewell words to your classmates?: PLEASE represent Valpo well...

Saba M. Uddin

Undergraduate School: Loyola University Chicago.
Which Bar are you taking?: Illinois.
Favorite Valpo memory?: Barrister’s Ball 2014.

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JAMES JOSEPH WILLYARD

James,

We are very proud of you. We love you! Remember always "...it is not what someone is born, but what they grow to be." – Albus Dumbledore.

Congratulations!

Love,

Mom + Dad

MARY LAWSON

We are so proud of you. It's been a destination and today you have arrived. We know you are going to be a great lawyer because you are an amazing individual.

We love you and wish you the very best and much success.

MARY ELIZABETH STAHLER

From a precious little girl to a beautiful young lady, you have always strived to achieve your goals. You have never disappointed us and you never will. Words cannot express how proud we are of your accomplishments!

We love you!

Mom, Dad, and Jimmy
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KAITLYN WILSON

REMEMBER this ad we did for you when you graduated from high school?

Well now you are graduating from LAW SCHOOL. Wow! Your dreams are in reach. We know how much hard work you have put into this accomplishment. No doubt you will carry yourself forward with strength & professionalism in your future quest for your passion and future career. Good luck studying for the bar!

We are so PROUD of our little girl.

Love,

Mom & Dad

FUTURE JUDGE KATIE WILSON,

It's time to let you out of the box and pursue your dreams. We are so proud of the young lady you've become and the accomplishments you've achieved. Remember - we will always be there to encourage and support you. Go State!

Love,

Mom and Dad

ERICA C. PARKER

We knew from age two that someday we would be watching you graduate law school. Even then you could argue your case! Erica you got here all on your own merit, you have excelled in school while being a dedicated mother as well. Be as proud of yourself as we are of you. We love you sis!

Love,

Mom, Dad, Brien, Maximus & Steven

CHRISTINA M. LUCENTE

Dear Christina,

Can't believe time has flown by. We look at you and are amazed what an incredible person you are. Thank you for letting us share this journey with you. Can't wait to see what your next adventure will be. We love you and are so proud of you.

Your Loving family,

Mom, Dad, Nikki & Entire Family
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Would you do this over again?: Not a chance! I don’t think I could go through 1L year over again!
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Legal Writing.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: Yes, I go to sleep with this thing on my head...
Any farewell words to your classmates?: Best of luck! Always remember to believe in your intellect, believe in your vision, and believe in yourself.

Joe Vanchieri
Undergraduate School: Illinois Wesleyan University.
Which Bar are you taking?: Illinois.
Favorite Valpo memory?: Cigar Night.
Would you do this over again?: No.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Federal Income Tax for Individuals.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: I’m Batman.

James A. Weber
Undergraduate School: Iowa State University.
Which Bar are you taking?: Iowa.
Favorite Valpo memory?: My trip to England.
Would you do this over again?: Yes, it all worked out for the best.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Contracts.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: I lived in a peach when I was 7.
Any farewell words to your classmates?: Allons-y.

Anastasia M. Weidner
Undergraduate School: Purdue University, West Lafayette (Boiler Up!!).
Which Bar are you taking?: Indiana.
Favorite Valpo memory?: The WLSA Wellness Fair 2L year because so many people showed up and had a great time. It made all the weeks of planning worth it.
Would you do this over again?: Of course.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Trail Practices with Judge Cherry.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: My high school Math Bowl team won the Indiana State Championship in 2005.
Any farewell words to your classmates?: Best of luck in your careers. If we ever meet in a courtroom somewhere, prepare to be schooled.

Adam Weingart
Undergraduate School: Northern Arizona University.
Which Bar are you taking?: Arizona.
Favorite Valpo memory?: That one time I was in class or the other time I was in class.
Would you do this over again?: Hell no.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Criminal Clinic.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: I have a secret love for the legend of Zelda...... and beer.
Any farewell words to your classmates?: Don’t lose your soul, it might be the one thing that’s not for sale.

Kaitlynn Wilson
Undergraduate School: Michigan State University - Sparty On!
Which Bar are you taking?: Michigan.
Favorite Valpo memory?: Besides meeting some of my best friends here in Valpo, I would have to say my externship experiences. Gaining real-life legal experience was invaluable when compared to sitting in a classroom.
Would you do this over again?: Yes, I would, but I would probably watch a little less Netflix.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: My most valuable class would have to be Family Law because that is what I most want to practice. However, my most enjoyable class was taken on a whim and that was Intellectual Property with Prof. Cichowski.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: When I was 16, I first discovered that I wanted to go to law school when I received a speeding ticket and I went to court to fight the ticket. I looked at the judge and felt so intimidated and I thought to myself, “I want your power.”
Any farewell words to your classmates?: “It might sound crazy, but it ain’t no lie. Baby, bye, bye, bye.”

J.R. Wydra
Undergraduate School: Trinity Christian College.
Which Bar are you taking?: Indiana.
Favorite Valpo memory?: I have a lot of great memories here, it’s too difficult to pick just one!
Would you do this over again?: Absolutely.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: All of my legal writing courses.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: I haven’t the faintest idea.
Any farewell words to your classmates?: Good luck, and see you in court!

Mary E. Zastrow
Undergraduate School: Valparaiso University.
Which Bar are you taking?: Missouri.
Favorite Valpo memory?: So many to pick! Finishing finals after 1L year and celebrating with friends was an awesome feeling!
Would you do this over again?: Yes, especially if I could go back knowing what I know now.
Which class did you find the most valuable?: Civil Procedure with Professor Dooley.
What is the one thing your classmates don’t know about you?: I sang at Carnegie Hall in high school.
Any farewell words to your classmates?: Thanks for the memories! Can’t wait to see where life takes us all! ✿
How do I get tickets for the commencement ceremony and how many may I have?
There are no tickets for the ceremony, and you are not limited to the number of guests you invite.

How long is the ceremony?
About one and a half (1½) hours. Following the ceremony there is a reception for all law students and families in the Ballrooms on the second floor of the Harre Union (the building across the street from the Chapel of the Resurrection). The restrooms in the Chapel of the Resurrection are not accessible by wheelchair. People who cannot climb stairs must use the restrooms in Harre Union across the street. Can I wear my graduate (master's degree) apparel to the Law Commencement?
No. Protocol dictates that you wear the apparel of the highest degree received, which is LAW. Also, graduation cords are not part of the law regalia. Please do not wear them.

Can I buy my cap, gown and hood?
Please check with Lisa Todd. The cap, gown, and hood that you will wear are rentals and not available for sale. The cap and gown companies will usually sell commemorative apparel and for any members of your family that are in a wheelchair. Also, an interpreter is provided for the deaf and an usher can lead them to the area where the interpreter will be located.

Can there be accommodations for handicapped at commencement?
Yes and no. You can contact the Office of Integrated Marketing and Communications (219-464-6800) to reserve a spot at the end of a pew for any members of your family that are in a wheelchair. Also, an interpreter is provided for the deaf and an usher can lead them to the area where the interpreter will be located.

How should I do with my cap, gown, and hood after the ceremony?
Your cap, gown, and hood will be collected in the Valpo Room #261 in Harre Union immediately following the ceremony. When you have returned your cap, gown and hood you will receive your diploma.

Can a relative hood me?
Only if the relative is a parent, spouse, grandparent or sibling and they are a law graduate of Valparaiso University Law School. This must be arranged through the Registrar Debbie Gleason, prior to the day of the ceremony. Are there accommodations for handicapped at commencement?
Yes and no. You can contact the Office of Integrated Marketing and Communications, (219-464-6800) to reserve a spot at the end of a pew for any members of your family that are in a wheelchair. Also, an interpreter is provided for the deaf and an usher can lead them to the area where the interpreter will be located. The restrooms in the Chapel of the Resurrection are not accessible by wheelchair. People who cannot climb stairs must use the restrooms in Harre Union across the street.

Can I wear my graduate (master's degree) apparel to the Law Commencement?
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Frequently Asked Questions about Graduation
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How do I get tickets for the commencement ceremony and how many may I have?
There are no tickets for the ceremony, and you are not limited to the number of guests you invite.

How long is the ceremony?
About one and a half (1½) hours. Following the ceremony there is a reception for all law students and families in the Ballrooms on the second floor of the Harre Union (the building across the street from the Chapel of the Resurrection). The restrooms in the Chapel of the Resurrection are not accessible by wheelchair. People who cannot climb stairs must use the restrooms in Harre Union across the street. Can I wear my graduate (master's degree) apparel to the Law Commencement?
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Can a relative hood me?
Only if the relative is a parent, spouse, grandparent or sibling and they are a law graduate of Valparaiso University Law School. This must be arranged through the Registrar Debbie Gleason, prior to the day of the ceremony. Are there accommodations for handicapped at commencement?
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are officially graduated). The web address for ordering transcripts is http://www.valpo.edu/registrar/transcript.php. There is a $5.00 fee for official transcripts.

Also, all Dean’s bar certification forms and requests should be submitted to Assistant Registrar Linda Canada, Room 214, linda.canada@valpo.edu no later than April 15 to meet Board of Bar Examiners’ deadlines.

**WARNING:** Please check for “restrictions” (holds) on DataVU. Your transcript and diploma will be retained by our office if you owe money to the Finance Office, Campus Police, Christopher Center or Law Library, or the Law School Emergency Loan Fund. All fees and tuition must be paid to the University and Law School as of 5:00 p.m. Friday, May 16 (offices are closed on Saturday).

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If I am receiving my degree in August can I participate in the May 2014 Commencement Ceremony?

Yes – and we hope that you will. You should notify Registrar Debbie Gleason if you are planning to do so.

If I received my degree in December 2013 can I participate in the May 2014 Commencement Ceremony?

Yes – and by now you should have informed Registrar Debbie Gleason that you are doing so and requested a cap, gown and hood.

How soon can my guests arrive at the ceremony?

The doors will open to guests at 9:00 a.m.

Is there a rehearsal for the Commencement ceremony?

No. There is no rehearsal that is organized by the administration. A line up list will be provided at the Grad Finale (April 30) and you will have an opportunity to proof your line-up position at that time. In good weather line up will take place outdoors at the south entrance to the Chapel. In inclement weather line up will take place up the staircase of the Chapel.

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Questions: Lorrie Hodge | Lorrie.Hodge@valpo.edu | 219.465.7829
LAW GRAD FINALE

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!
MARK YOUR CALENDAR BECAUSE YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS...

LAW GRAD FINALE
OPEN HOUSE IN WESEMANN CAFE
APRIL 30, 2014 | 3 – 5 P.M.

One-stop shopping for the May 2014 graduates to learn everything you need to know about graduation. This event is designed to ensure things go smoothly as you prepare for the May Commencement ceremony and life after graduation.

Pick-up your cap and gown, participate in the mandatory financial aid exit counseling sessions, enter to win prizes, enjoy refreshments, receive your class gifts from the Steering Committee and obtain information about preparing for the bar exam.

Participation at this event is REQUIRED as this is the only location these services will be provided.

What you can expect to accomplish at the Law Grad Finale:

- Pick-up caps, gowns & hoods
- Receive graduation line-up & hooding instructions
- Review your name reader cards for graduation
- Receive your mini-class composite & glass gift
- Receive commencement photo details from Grad Images
- Obtain graduation information for family members
- Complete the Graduate Survey
- Learn what to do with your law school email and document accounts
- Obtain information about bar prep
- WIN PRIZES including Graduation Diploma Frames
- Participate in mandatory financial aid exit counseling for federal student loan borrowers (Two exit counseling sessions offered: Tabor Classroom at either 3:00 p.m or 4:00 p.m.)