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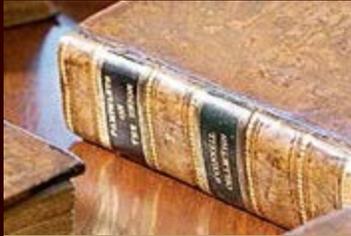
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Newton, MA--Boston College Law School is pleased to welcome its Class of 2016. Evenly divided between men and women and graduates of 100 different colleges and universities, the class of 230 students comes from 30 states and the District of Columbia. The average age is 24, while 106 speak at least one foreign language. Two are National Merit scholars, six are members of the Order of Omega, and seven graduated Phi Beta Kappa. One is a 1<sup>st</sup> place Lincoln-Douglas Debate Champion, while another won four gold medals on the National Latin exam. Twenty have advanced degrees.

Members of the incoming class have served in the Peace Corps, Teach for America, and AmeriCorps Vista. They are volunteer teachers and tutors, having worked for Habitat for Humanity, Appalachia Volunteers, American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Big Brother Big Sister, and Special Olympics, among others. One member of the class created a non-profit that successfully fed 5,000 homeless people on Skid Row in Los Angeles over two years, beginning with preparing meals in an apartment kitchen and transitioning to managing dozens of volunteers. Yet another completed over 800 hours of community service in the greater Cincinnati area as a recipient of the Xavier Service Fellowship, the university's most prestigious academic, leadership, and service scholarship.

Their prior professional experience is extensive. A number have served in the US Army and the US Marine Corps. One served two tours in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, accruing 1600 helicopter flight hours; another is a Bronze Star recipient. They have worked as teachers, CPAs, auditors, healthcare consultants, certified financial analysts, cost control analysts, civil rights analysts and due diligence analysts. Still others are engineers, archaeologists, experts in social media platforms and website design, scientists, environmentalists, artists, writers and booksellers. One is the founder of a technology company focused on developing web-based applications and services in science and engineering, with a patent pending on the method and apparatus for testing liquid quality using mobile communication devices. Another is an amateur auto mechanic who repaired and restored several classic automobiles. Some are poets, artists, cheese makers and aspiring chefs, dancers, singers, songwriters, actors and musicians. One is a tenor soloist.

A member of the class was on the Bemidji State University Division I Women's Hockey Team, and is also a five-time marathon finisher. Another participated for fifteen years as a competitive gymnast and was an Academic All-American at Stanford. Yet another student finished 3rd place in the women's half-pipe, KSBA snowboard championship. One student is a member of the Surfrider Foundation. A mountain climber has reached the summit of Mount Whitney and four other peaks over 10,000 feet.

"This is hardly a complete list of all the interesting and noteworthy aspects of this year's entering class," said Rita Simpson, Assistant Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid. "They have shown themselves to be doers and thinkers and all of us at BC Law are excited to see all that they will accomplish in the next three years."

Boston College Law School opened in 1929 in a small downtown Boston office building with 54 students and two full-time faculty members. Currently ranked 31st in the country by the annual US News & World Report survey, the school's 12,000 alumni practice in 50 states and many foreign countries, holding positions in major law firms, corporate in-house legal departments, the judiciary, government agencies, private industry, academic and public interest organizations, and serving as elected state legislators and members of the U.S. Congress.

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