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Newton, MA – Boston College Law School is pleased to announce the recipients of this year’s public service scholarships.

### Drinan Scholarship- An “Joe” Le

The Drinan Family Fund awards \$20,000 over two year to a graduating student who will pursue a public sector career. During his tenure at BC Law, Joe was an active member in the public interest community, from participating in the Immigration Spring Break trip, to taking a leadership role in the Holocaust and Human Rights Project. Joe also participated in several conferences including, the Peggy Browning Workers’ Rights Conference and Rebellious Lawyering Conference. His internships with Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition, the Asian Law Caucus, and Greater Boston Legal Services, exemplify his commitment to representing traditionally underserved.

### Edward T. Bigham III Scholarship (prosecutor) – Nancy Frigo

This *Edward T. Bigham III* scholarship was established in memory of Edward T. Bigham, III (BC ’75, BC Law ’78) who served as an Assistant District Attorney in Massachusetts. The scholarship provides financial support to an outstanding third-year student who intends to pursue a career as a prosecutor. This year’s Bigham recipient is Nancy Frigo. Nancy has proven her leadership and dedication to a career in prosecution through her internships, including the Middlesex District Attorney’s Office, the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office and the Suffolk County District Attorneys’ Office. Nancy participated in the Grimes Mock Trial Competition earning a spot as a *Quarterfinalist* and a *Top Ten Brief*. After graduation, Nancy will join the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office.

### The Keefe Family Scholarship – Anna Deal

### The Robert S. Pitcoff Memorial Scholarship – Nicholas Matteson

### The David H. and Mary Murphy Posner Law Scholarship- Alexis Applegate

These three scholarships are for current third-year students who have demonstrated an interest in pursuing a career in the public sector.

Anna Deal is this year’s recipient of *The Keefe Family Scholarship*. Anna has been dedicated to public interest law since entering law school. Her area of particular interest is immigration law. Anna participated on the Immigration Spring Break, was a member of the Immigration law group, and has had several internships with immigration non-profits. After graduation, Anna will join the Department of Justice Executive Office for Immigration Review as a law clerk.

Nicholas Matteson was awarded this year’s *The Robert S. Pitcoff Memorial Scholarship*. Nick has been an active member of the public interest community since participating in the Public Interest Law Retreat his 1L year. After interning with the Committee for Public Counsel Services his first summer, Nick found his passion, criminal defense. In addition to writing his note for the *Boston College Law Review* on a criminal topic, Nick has dedicated every internship and clinical experience to preparing himself to become public defender.

Alexis Applegate is this year’s recipient of *The David H. and Mary Murphy Posner Law*

*Scholarship.* Alexis worked as a paralegal for many years before beginning law school on a team representing American Indians and Tribal Governments and did extensive *pro bono* work on Guantanamo Bay Detainees, Disabled Veterans and Consolidated Black Farmers Discrimination Litigation cases. During law school, Alexis worked with the GBLS-Consumer Rights Unit and the Legal Mobilization Project of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law in DC.

#### **The Lois & James Champy Fellowship - Jessica Frattaroli**

The Lois and James Champy (BC law '68) Fellowship is for an outstanding second-year student who has demonstrated the intention and ability to work in the public interest. The Champy Fellowship is a scholarship of \$10,000 that is paid during the student's third year of law school.

Jessica Frattaroli is this year's Champy recipient. Jessica has a commitment to practicing public interest law that was evident prior to beginning law school, when she was a Site Coordinator for Tutoring Plus, a non-profit that provides tutoring for low-income students. As a law student, Jessica interned last summer with the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Unit, and this year she will intern as a Rule 3.03 student attorney at the Boston Municipal Court. She was also this year's PILF president, helping to raise money to support students working in summer public interest positions. Professor Michael Cassidy says of Jessica, "This is a VERY, VERY impressive young woman, who is going to be a star some day in the Massachusetts legal community."