

The Pre-Law Community would like to recognize and congratulate those Notre Dame students in the Class of 2021 who are heading off to law schools across the country next fall!



David Phillips

Major: English and PPE
Dorm: Siegfried
Law School: Columbia

Advice: "With all of this said, I was lucky as a low income student to navigate the process and receive admission to a few top schools. By showing that I was a real human, with interests and passions and struggles, I think I was able to sway admissions committees in my favor despite my lower GPA. Your GPA and LSAT are the two most important things, but you may also succeed by writing outstanding essays."



Sophia Stefanovski

Major: English and Constitutional Studies
Dorm: Pasquerilla West
Law School: University of Pittsburgh

Advice: I'd highly recommend talking to as many people as you can when you're deciding about law school: admissions reps, current law students, and your peers who are also contemplating law school. I learned the most about what I wanted through the many conversations I had over the last couple years."



Jacob Winningham

Major: English and FTT
Dorm: Keenan
Law School: UCLA

Advice: "It's never too early to start preparing for law school, whether that means researching different institutions, taking LSAT practice tests or drafting personal statements. Make a well-informed decision and you can't go wrong."



Elisabeth Lasecki

Major: PLS and Dance
Dorm: Howard
Law School: University of Wisconsin-Madison

Advice: "Don't let yourself play the comparison game! Being accepted to and attending any law school is a massive accomplishment and deserves major congratulations!"



Ellen Geyer

Major: International Economics (Spanish); Journalism, Ethics & Democracy

Dorm: Ryan

Law School: The Ohio State University

Advice: "Applying to Law School is a daunting process, but I had support from the Notre Dame community at every step along the way. Taking practice LSAT tests, working on my applications over the summer, and seeking guidance from current law students were all key in my successful application."



Claire Cahill

Major: Finance and ACMS

Dorm: Welsh Family

Law School: UIC John Marshall

Advice: "Don't give up and do what feels right for you!"



Simon Roennecke

Major: Psychology and Political Science

Dorm: Duncan

Law School: Wayne State University

Advice: "Find the best school for you. For some, that might be the best ranking possible. For others, that might be a school with the strongest specific program. The right school will become clear after your applications are sent in!"



Marin Gorman

Major: Political Science

Dorm: Badin and Howard

Law School: Boston College

Advice: "I think that one of the things that helped me the most through this process was talking to people. I talked to people about struggling with applications & LSAT, about my essays, my mental health, school choice, etc. And I think that I had a better outlook on things because I consulted so many people...I would also suggest that people begin studying for the LSAT in the summer time. Once I had school and work on my plate, finding time for LSAT was really difficult, so give yourself the opportunity to succeed by preparing in the summer. Lastly, when it comes to choosing a school I think it's important to consider where you feel you will succeed."



Jack Darrow

Major: Political Science

Dorm: Fisher

Law School: Notre Dame

Advice: "Start prepping for the LSAT as far in advance as possible. Get your applications done early."



Emily Eagle

Major: Political Science and Theology

Dorm: Howard

Law School: University of Texas

Advice: "I want to pursue public interest law: I found it super helpful to talk to the people who coordinate pro bono clinics at the schools I was accepted into! This was ultimately what helped me choose UT!"



Caitlin Fennelly

Major: PLS and History

Dorm: Flaherty

Law School: University of Chicago

Advice: "The best form of studying [for the LSAT] is taking practice tests! And applying earlier gives you an advantage."



Rhetta Eubanks

Major: International Economics (Spanish) and History

Dorm: Pasquerilla East

Law School: New York University

Advice: "Do the best that you can, but don't be too hard on yourself! Everything will work out in the end."



Evan Muller

Major: Political Science

Dorm: Zahm

Law School: Boston College

Advice: "Practice tests are a huge help with law school prep, just 'be you' with regards to your application, figure out why you want to pursue a career in the legal field and use that as your motivation throughout the process."



Ian Marx

Major: Political Science

Dorm: Fisher

Law School: Emory

Advice: "Realize how your resume, activities, personal statement, and recommendations create a picture of who you are and why you want to go to law school. Your GPA and LSAT are critical, but the admissions officers are also looking to see how you can contribute to their law school and what your reason is for going."

Stephen Vukovits

Major: Economics

Dorm: Keough

Law School: University of Chicago

Advice: "Begin the application process early to ensure you have enough time to prepare for the LSAT and craft your narrative about why you would be a strong law student. Also, reach out to alumni to learn about their legal careers and law school experiences."



Bridget Carmody

Major: Science-Business

Dorm: Lewis

Law School: Virginia

Advice: "It can feel like a long process at times, but it's worth it!"



Mary Zakowski

Major: PLS & Spanish

Dorm: Breen-Phillips

Law School: Northwestern

Advice: "Attend Admitted Students Weekends/check out law school campuses in person! And be selective in whose advice you follow."



Tatiana Perneti

Major: Management Consulting & Political Science

Dorm: Lyons

Law School: Georgetown

Advice: "Law schools value academic diversity. When deciding, choose a law school based on the kinds of students they attract and build up. Ranking does not matter once you get into the T-15. They are all equally amazing at that level so the differences lie in the students, professors, and overall environment. Pick the school most committed to creating opportunities for you."



Ally Morcus

Major: Political Science & Spanish

Dorm: Welsh Family

Law School: Notre Dame

Advice: "Start applying early! And choose a school where you genuinely believe you will fit in and be happy."

Charlotte Schmidt

Major: Political Science

Dorm: Badin

Law School: Boston University

Advice: "Consider your career plans and finances before deciding on a law school. As I intend to pursue a career in public interest law, I was grateful to choose a school that offered me a substantial merit scholarship. Don't be afraid to turn down higher ranked schools to



avoid."



Constantine Rodriguez

Major: History, Business Economics

Dorm: Pasquerilla West

Law School: Tulane

Advice: "Start collecting and working on your application materials as early as you can."



Elizabeth Soller

Major: PLS, Peace Studies

Dorm: Flaherty

Law School: Pittsburgh

Advice: "Take the time to make a plan. It is easy to dive right in and apply to a bunch of schools, but give yourself the chance to think through what you want to get out of the experience. The last thing you want is to commit to a school that you know nothing about and felt forced into."



Alexa DeVito

Major: Psychology, Musical Theatre, Sociology and Italian

Dorm: Walsh

Law School: Georgetown

Advice: "How a school treats you during the application/acceptance process is a GREAT indicator of how they'll treat their students. Pay attention to which schools make you feel supported before you even step foot on campus!"



William Clark

Major: Mathematics, CDT and Chinese

Dorm: Dunne

Law School: Berkeley

Advice: "Start thinking now! Apply early!"
