

News Briefs

Victim of wrongful conviction hosted by BSLA

The Black Law Student Association hosted Lamonte McIntyre this spring to bring awareness to the injustice he faced after spending 22 years in jail for a crime he did not commit.

On April 15, 1994, at the age of 17, McIntyre skipped school and it turned out to be the biggest mistake of his life. Based on only eye-witness accounts, he was convicted of a double-murder and wrongfully imprisoned. At the Washburn Law event, Cheryl Pilate, his attorney, gave a chronicle of the events that led to his arrest and ultimate freedom from prison.

In October 2017, Wyandotte County District Attorney, **Mark Dupree**, '07, decided to vacate the case against McIntyre, and joined him for a follow up talk with the law students. Dupree has established a conviction integrity unit in the district attorney's office to look into wrongful convictions.



Dean Carla Pratt with Cheryl Pilate (back left), Lamonte McIntyre (back, third from left), and students at a presentation about State v. McIntyre hosted by the BSLA. Photo by Martin Wisneski

Spring Commencement



Top left: Madeline Dickerson, Audrey Koehler, and Jeremy Koehler. Top right: Marvin Tador and Professor Alex Glashausser. Bottom: Jason Steele, Katie McAfee, Dylan Avery, and Cleotha Daniels. Photos by Earl Richardson

Washburn University School of Law graduates joined the ranks of more than 7,300 alumni in 49 states and 14 foreign countries and American territories when they took part in commencement on May 11. Here are some facts about the 2019 spring graduates:

- Ninety-eight percent participated in experiential learning (skills-based) through the Washburn Law Clinic, externships, or internships.
- Forty-three participated in the Washburn Law Clinic, touching the lives of countless individuals of limited means who otherwise would not have had access to legal services.
- They contributed more than 1,500 hours toward the Pro Bono Honors Program.
- Thirty-four percent earned a certificate in at least one of 10 specialized areas of the law.
- Thirteen graduates have relatives who are also members of our Washburn Law family.

We congratulate the 2019 spring graduates and are honored to call them alumni!