

# Excited for the Future

Resilience. Strength. Determination. Commitment. Although the past year has not been devoid of challenges, the Washburn community came together to actively demonstrate that it is, indeed, resilient, strong, determined, and steadfastly committed to our beloved institution, its legacy, and its future. The challenges we faced together have illuminated the fantastic alumni community we have at Washburn University School of Law and give every indication for a brilliant future for the school and our alumni network.

Several years ago, we committed to constructing a new law school building. We steadfastly nurtured that commitment, coming together to generate enthusiasm, raise funds, and continually look forward. And, we saw great progress this year. This past summer, we broke ground on the new law school building and our vision for and commitment to our school's future is well underway. Every day, as the building takes shape, we can see the fruits of the intense effort put in by our dedicated community of alumni, faculty, fundraisers, and administrators as, together, we continue to plan for the future of Washburn Law and the future generations of lawyers that will continue the school's legacy of excellence. From the forward-looking design and classroom technology to the beautiful, relaxing student gathering spaces, the new building promises future lawyers with a tremendous place to begin their professional journeys. We look forward to welcoming the first class of students for the Spring 2023 semester.

Our innovative spirit, manifested in our Third Year Anywhere program, entered its first year of implementation, with our current group of 3L students getting the opportunity to learn and work across the country. Many of our alumni have greeted these students warmly and allowed for a one-of-a-kind learning experience that will uniquely advantage student participants as they enter the professional legal market with an expanded network, diverse academic experiences and an appreciation for alternative environments, further differentiating Washburn Law from its peer schools.

And, this year, we also joined efforts with the University's Alumni Association to provide more benefits and opportunities to network to our members. Alumni who join our Washburn Law Alumni Association will automatically be enrolled in the Washburn University Alumni Association as well, receiving the benefits of membership in both organizations. In addition to the added benefits, it is our hope that, as we share resources and programming, opportunities for our Washburn Law graduates to meet and build relationships will expand tremendously, broadening and deepening the Washburn bond.

The challenges of the past year provided us with an opportunity to showcase our innovative capabilities too, and our Alumni Association continued to offer a rich variety of programming over Zoom and through other means. Not only did we maintain alumni engagement, it also offered new opportunities for remote alumni to feel more connected to the school, to our organization, and to each other. We have been excited to see alumni from around the world coming together in new ways, and as we resume offering traditional networking events, we plan to continue to offer remote events.

Resilience. Strength. Determination. Commitment. We saw it in 2021 – and I hope you share my pride in our alumni, our students, our faculty, staff, and administration. We have persevered, and I hope you also share my optimism about our school and about our alumni association. Thank you for all you do to support the school.

Sincerely,  
Lynn S. McCreary, '94  
Chair, Washburn University School of Law  
Alumni Association board of governors



The Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association Board of Governors was first created in 1952. Our mission is to promote the interests of the Law School by engaging our alumni through service to the Law School and the Association, participating in alumni events and programs, remaining connected, and assisting to further scholarship funding. Appointments run July through June.

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