

Building Pathways to Legal Careers

OUR STUDENTS

The Hunter College Pre-Law Program draws on one of the most diverse student bodies in the nation, and our students are committed to higher education. More than a third are the first in their families to attend college. Over 60 percent of them speak a language besides English at home, having come from over 150 different countries. More than half hold jobs while they attend school; the majority come from homes with annual incomes under \$50,000. Despite the



*College Moot Court National Octofinalists
Simon Ayzman and Calypso Taylor*

challenges these students face, their level of academic achievement is high. Students attend Hunter because it is CUNY's premier liberal arts college, one of the strongest, public institutions in the country, and it offers an exceptional education at an affordable price.

OUR PURPOSE

For many students, applying to law school is a step into unfamiliar territory. They also face significant cultural, educational, and financial obstacles. The Pre-Law Program gives students meaningful understanding about the profession; concrete skills they need to be competitive law school applicants and successful law school students; and long term vision that ensures their professional success. Students also develop the confidence to reach for rewarding careers. In the words of one recent alumna, we teach our students to "dream big," and we make sure they have the tools to fulfill their aspirations.

OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND FUTURE GOALS



Sheila Birnbaum (BA '60, MA '62), center, welcomes students to a mentoring lunch at the offices of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom

In 2005, Hunter President Jennifer Raab, a Harvard trained attorney, created the Pre-Law Program in partnership with an Advisory Board of notable attorneys from Cravath, Swaine & Moore; Paul, Weiss, Riffkind, Wharton & Garrison; Frankfurt, Kurnit, Klein & Selz; Seeger Weiss; Morrison & Foerster; Anderson, Kill & Olick and other firms. The Board includes some of the nation's top attorneys, who serve as mentors and program advisors. Since its launch, the Program has achieved significant milestones, including:

- Paid internships for students with a variety of law firms, including those represented on the Advisory Board, and funding for unpaid internships with public offices and nonprofit agencies
- A subsidized LSAT preparatory program sponsored by Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson that provides an affordable, extended classroom course
- A distinguished speaker series with top lawyers, including a debate on concussion litigation by prominent alumni Sheila Birnbaum and Christopher Seeger (BA '87), and others

- A moot court program that culminates in arguments held in the courtroom at Cravath, Swaine & Moore and judged by practicing attorneys who are alumni and friends of Hunter
- Merit based awards to help offset the cost of applying to law school
- Placement of students in elite law schools, including Yale, Harvard, Columbia, and NYU, and scholarship offers from top regional schools



Students and instructors gather at Cravath Swaine & Moore, joined by alumni judges (back row R to L) Fabio Bertoni, B.A. '91; Charles Davi, B.A. '05; Dave Hattem B.A. '78; and Hon. Arlene Goldberg, B.A. '71 (front right)

HOW YOU CAN HELP

The Hunter College Pre-Law Program welcomes your support. There are many ways you can participate:

- Volunteer as a mentor or speaker
- Sponsor a law firm visit for a group of students
- Take part in Hunter's moot court programming
- Offer summer internships
- Participate in professional etiquette workshops for students
- Make a financial contribution to support LSAT prep, academic programs, and scholarships

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Lesley Rosenthal, General Counsel of Lincoln Center, meets with students for a campus Lunch with a Lawyer session