

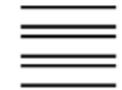


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Student debt is a deterrent to students applying to law school and keeps current students from being able to devote the time necessary to their studies. By reducing student debt early, we can help law students get the best out of their UNM Law experience. A key part of our vision is for a greater number of students to receive some form of aid – in each of their three years.

We now compete to keep our students in New Mexico. You can help us meet the intense competition we are facing in recruiting and retaining our students by considering making an annual gift of \$1,000. Gifts of this size allow the Law School to award more grants to more students. \$1,000 gifts make a big difference toward these needs. \$2,000 gifts to any fund(s) result in Dean's Circle membership and engagement. To ensure we keep the students who want to come here, and that they receive the benefit of an excellent UNM School of Law education and experience, we hope you might consider participating with us at these or at any level you can. All gifts make a difference. Please join your fellow alumni in making a contribution today.

Dear Friends,  
 I hope that all is well with you. Over the past few weeks, I have been reflecting on what makes the UNM School of Law so special.  
 First, I think you would agree that the quality of education is second to none. But more than that is the support system that exists for students. Students helping each other, faculty reaching out in many ways and beyond the classroom, and staff taking a real interest in students are what make the law school unique. That has not changed since your days at the law school. But, if that special culture is to continue, we need your help.



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For the Classes of 1989-1997

# Giving back at the UNM School of Law.

- It starts with your professional accomplishments.
- It responds to the needs of promising law students.
- It maintains a close and diverse educational experience.
- It protects what makes this Law School so special:  
 Small size, caring faculty, unique traditions.

Every gift counts, no matter the size.



## IT'S ABOUT MEETING THE COMPETITION FOR OUR STUDENTS

Alumni 16-24 years out tell us they want to know what impact they will have if they give back.

Annual gifts in \$1,000 increments now have a very specific impact. We are competing with a shrinking market to keep our students in New Mexico. Gifts of this size allow the Law School to make more impactful awards to more students. When students receive aid in the thousands from other law schools, they think, "That other law school loves me, they want me", and if we do not offer them something, they think that we do not.

Awards of \$1,000, \$2,000, and so on, make a real difference in terms of students choosing UNM Law today. At any level you can, we hope you will consider participating to ensure we can support the needs of the Law School, keep the students who want to come here, and that they receive the benefit of an excellent UNM School of Law education.

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### Help us continue to attract eager and promising law students.

I was in the Air Force stationed in Doha, Qatar when I read Nelson Mandela's autobiography and learned more about how he changed Africa's apartheid system. I loved that he was a lawyer. He believed it was possible to change the world around him through the law. After taking Contracts, Property, and Constitutional Rights classes, I came to understand how I had something to offer the world through my pursuit of the law.

- Tarik Booze, Class of 2015

### Because every student has a need.

I was born and raised in the Pueblo of Zuni and was a public health nurse for several years. I saw patients who had been victims of rape, financial exploitation, and abuse. I felt there had to be something more that I could offer. As a mother of four, I was intimidated by law school, but love it here at UNM and am glad I took the plunge. I'm interested in Indian Law, Public Policy, and Consumer Law. I feel my law degree will open many doors to empower others.

- Christy Chapman, Class of 2016

### And every gift counts. No matter the size.

My mom is a maid and my dad is in construction. They've always worked hard and encouraged me to pursue my education. For my undergraduate degree, I worked in construction full-time to support my family and took 18 credit hours every semester. I pursue my education to honor my parents and validate the struggles my family has faced. For me, law school is the American Dream. I'd like to work in Criminal and Immigration Law and one day become a judge.

- Ali Morales, Class of 2016