

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONORS

The Sam Allen Memorial Prize, established by the day division Class of 1950 in memory of classmate Harry Samuel Allen, is awarded to a member of the graduating class deemed to have demonstrated outstanding qualities of both leadership and scholarship.

Samantha E. Bingaman

The Roger Howell Achievement Award, established by the day division Class of 1961, is awarded to a member of the graduating class who has contributed significantly to the student activities program and whose leadership, scholarship, and moral character are representative of the high ideals of the legal profession.

Ashley Nicole Metzbower

The Law School Alumni Achievement Award, established in 1971, is awarded to a member of the graduating class deemed by the faculty to have contributed most largely to the school through his or her qualities of character and leadership while a student.

Millicent Ama Sasu

The Larry B. Shoda Award is given to an evening division member of the graduating class who has achieved scholastic excellence and demonstrated the special commitment required of evening students.

Michael Thomas Karper

The Dean's Award for Excellence in the LLM Program recognizes strong academic performance, service to the law school, and engagement with the LLM community.

Chantal Gittens

The Elizabeth Maxwell Carroll Chesnut Prize, also known as the Dean's award, is given to a member of the graduating class for good scholarship in a broad sense, as determined by the Dean of the School of Law based on recommendations from members of the faculty.

Brandon Miller
Johanna R. Vonderhorst

The Public Service Award is given to graduating students who, during their law school careers, have engaged in legal work that significantly advances the public interest.

Brittany Askin
Matthew Byanyima
Byron P. Cheung
Garrett McKinley Garlock
Annette Hallberg
Mya Latrice Jeter
Erin Patricia Krauss
Renae Hee Eun Lee
Jack R. Newhouse
Margaret Noll
Karah Palmer
Amanda Saikali
Catherine P. Scott
Alaina Marie Shibilsky
Braden S. Shuck

The William P. Cunningham Award is presented to graduating students who have been recognized for exceptional achievements and service to the school.

Meera Balasubramanian
Samiah M. Bansal
Haley R. Bernstein
Tiara S. Carr
Shalva Davidovich
Mark N. D'Ostilio
Brynn Claire Drury
Tyler L. Fultz
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Halla McDermon
Prescillia Messa
Giovanna Monti
Anna J. O'Shea
Trevor Patschorke
Bianca A. Iorga Romocian
Samantha A. Semiatin
Rishi Shah
Julianna G. Simpson
Katherine Strauch
Ashley N. Travis
Natalie Ann Ward
Carolyn Wetzel

The Order of the Barristers honors twelve students who excel in trial and appellate advocacy.

Meera Balasubramanian
Samantha E. Bingaman
Angelina Cole
Theodore Samuel David
Hannah Leigh Elster
Marisa Koontz
Giovanna Monti
Trevor Patschorke
Millicent Ama Sasu
Rishi Shah
Alexsandra M. Tamayo
Ashley N. Travis

The University of Maryland Carey School of Law Litigation and Advocacy Award, established in 2007, is given to graduating students selected by the faculty for their outstanding contributions and leadership on the law school's

National Trial Team, Moot Court, and ADR team.

Corinne Bleecker
Amy Bolick
Tyler L. Fultz
Lauren Elizabeth Gammer
Elena Gurau
Ryan J. Harrison
Nathan Holliman
Michael Thomas Karper
Faith L. Kim
Melissa Marie La Motta
Hannah Lee
Maria Nicole Lukens
Adam Christopher Friedgen Perri
Sophia V. Pinta
Austin H. Reed
Emily H. Sedlak
Peter Michael Shenouda
Melissa A. Sobrepera
John T. Sonta
Carolyn Wetzel
Eleanor L. Williams

The Anne Barlow Gallagher Prize for Service to Children and Youth is awarded by the clinical faculty to a graduating student who has performed outstanding work benefiting youth and children.

Fiona M. Carmichael
Ja'Miyah Azuree Price

The Hoffberger Clinical Law Prize, established in 1986, is awarded to an outstanding member of the graduating class who has excelled as a student lawyer in the Clinical Law Program.

Jess K. Grover

The Community Scholar Prize is presented to a student or team of students who provided outstanding assistance to a Maryland community or neighborhood.

Anna J. O'Shea

The Ward Kershaw Clinical Advocacy Prize, established in 1990, recognizes a student who excels in client advocacy through their work in the Clinical Law Office at Maryland Carey Law.

Ashley N. Travis

The Honorable Paul A. Dorf Dispute Resolution Award, first awarded in 2019, recognizes a deserving graduating student who has made outstanding contributions to the study and practice of dispute resolution while at Maryland Carey Law.

Ja'Miyah Azuree Price

The Joseph Bernstein Prizes, established in 1972, are awarded to the graduating students who submitted the most significant piece of legal writing for publication in each of the law school's student-edited journals, as judged by each journal's faculty advisors.

Journal of Business & Technology Law
Simon R. Graf

Journal of Health Care Law & Policy
Anna Kate Cagle

Journal of Race, Religion, Gender and Class
Lauren A. Byrne

Maryland Journal of International Law
Connor Michael Lemma

Maryland Law Review
Mia L. Juliano

The Cordish Awards were established by David Cordish, class of 1963, in honor of his father, Paul L. Cordish, founder of The Cordish Company, and by the National Association of Public Insurance Adjusters (NAPIA), of which Paul Cordish was also a founder and, for many years, the general counsel. Cash prizes are given annually to the students who write the best paper on a topic related to public insurance adjusting.

2025
First Place
Amber Dewey

Second Place
Nicholas T. Doyle

Third Place
Matthew Bartlett

2024
First Place
Samuel Cordish

Third Place
Austin H. Reed

Rose Zetzer Fellows are students who are selected annually by the Women, Leadership & Equality Program by virtue of their strong intellectual interest in and commitment to issues of gender in the legal profession.

Asilah Abdur-Rahman
Sarah A. D'Souza
Adrienne M. Fernandez
Millicent Ama Sasu
Samantha A. Semiatin
Carolyn Wetzel

The William Strobel Thomas Prize, established in 1962, is awarded to the graduate recognized by the faculty as having achieved the highest academic success. Only students completing at least seventy-five percent of their legal education at the School of Law are eligible for the award.

Samantha E. Bingaman

The John L. Thomas Prize, established in 1962, is awarded to the graduate recognized by the faculty as having achieved the second highest academic success. Only students completing at least seventy-five percent of their legal education at the School of Law are eligible for the award.

Johanna R. Vonderhorst

Order of the Coif is awarded to students in the top 10% of the class. Only students completing at least seventy-five percent of their legal education at the School of Law are eligible.

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Samantha E. Bingaman
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Tyler L. Fultz
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Jess K. Grover
Christopher J. Hart
Cyrus W. Jarrett Jr.
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PROGRAM CERTIFICATIONS

Cybersecurity and Crisis Management Law Certificate

Michael B. Chiang
Andrew B. Conn
John Contompasis
Annette Hallberg
Christopher J. Hart
Mya Latrice Jeter
Barbara M. Key
Tyler Michael Mazur
Dallin John Richardson
Braden S. Shuck
Katherine E. Sylva
Stephanie Marie White

Environmental Law Certificate

Ezana A. Assefa
April Denise Banks
Samantha E. Bingaman
Matthew Byanyima
Andrew B. Conn
Emily F. Hurley
Emily Hutter
Maeve Kessler
Samuel H. McCormack
Giovanna Monti
Jenna M. Schaeffer
Lilian Faitoute Schneider
Johanna R. Vonderhorst

Law and Health Care Certificate

Meera Balasubramanian
Anna Kate Cagle
Byron P. Cheung
Margaret D. Collopy
Renee Rochelle Dash
Sara Gifty Devaraj
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Min Ji Suh
Isabel Thornton
Chantel Da'Vanna Williams

SCHOLARLY JOURNALS

Journal of Business & Technology Law

Robert Martin Ovitz Ayres
Haley R. Bernstein
Mark N. D'Ostilio
Courtney Ellis
Gordon Gibson
Simon R. Graf
Max E. Grossfeld
Elena Gurau
Nathan Holliman
Kristy N. McMullen
Michelle Elena Milter
T. Quinlan Murphy
Mary C. Murray
Cesar Enrique Nava
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Katherine Strauch
Matthew Parker Suzor
Isabel Thornton

Journal of Race, Religion, Gender & Class

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CO-CURRICULAR ADVOCACY TEAMS

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 †Cum Laude

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 Master of Public Health**

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Provost and Executive Vice President Roger Ward

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Melissa Marie La Motta
AND
DAY DIVISION PRESIDENT
Halla McDermon

KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Sherrilyn Ifill

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 AND MASTER OF SCIENCE IN LAW CANDIDATES**

CONCLUDING REMARKS
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