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COMMENCEMENT

W&M Bids a Fond Farewell to the Class of 2009

Dear Class of 2009,

Time has moved quickly for faculty and administrators who watched you enter the Law School as eager 1Ls in August 2006. Just when we get to know you as highly capable students, motivated leaders, and caring people, it is time for you to leave.

When you entered in 2006, the library renovation project was almost completed. By the fall of your second year, you were able to enjoy fully the elegance of the newly renovated lobby, the panoramic views in the library and that special student room in the library’s “garden” level (where you continue to wear out ping pong paddles). You entered with Taylor Reveley as your dean and watched him ascend to the Presidency. You participated actively in two critical activities – the dean search and the Self-Study process. You have improved the stature of our student-run journals and clearly left your mark on many a moot court and trial team competition. And you have impressed the community and the nation with your leadership, your involvement and your public service.


Do return soon to see us. We will miss you. For us at least, your three years here went by much too quickly.

Cordially,
Lynda Butler
On Teaching, Learning, Living: Final Words from Prof. Moliterno

As Told to Abby Marchinson

Jim Moliterno came to W&M in 1988 to help launch Legal Skills, a curriculum of "experiential learning" that has distinguished our school and its graduates. Before he leaves for Washington & Lee, Moliterno paused to reflect on his 21 years here.

Q: What has been your favorite lesson to teach over the years?

One favorite is "Taco Bell" day, when I introduce the concept of hearsay in Evidence. Thirty minutes before class, I tell a student in the hallway that I ate breakfast at Taco Bell, that I don't feel well, and that I'll be late. I ask her to announce this and describe my statement to the class. I do walk in 5 minutes late, and I start class. Soon enough, I ask why everyone stayed even though I was late. I suggest that they received a bit of second-hand (hearsay-like) information about my being late. Then it turns into a hypo in which I never did come downstairs, someone has come to my office when all the students gave up waiting for me, and found me dead, stuffed over my desk. Heirs of Moliterno find out about the hallway conversation indicating I had been to Taco Bell that morning; they sue Taco Bell. Can they use the statement, and what could have gotten confused in the rendering of the statement?

Q: Can you share a memorable moment from your travels abroad?

In Kosovo, the office where I work employs a driver who, on his days off, takes me out into the country to see interesting sights. His name is Gushta, and he is ethnic Albanian. Although he cannot read or write, Gushta can speak a little English and Italian. One day, he drove quite a distance to show me a 14th-century Serbian monastery. Such places are still guarded by UN troops of various nationalities. This monastery was guarded by Italians. Out front stood a tank, two machine-gun nests, and a guardhouse packed with marks from unsuccessful bullets.

The Italian guards would not let Gushta in. Gushta is a rather scary-looking, giant man with only one good eye. He is well-known for fighting in the ethnic conflict of the '90s. The guards were also hesitant about letting me inside, maybe because of my company.

While Gushta was not bothered to be denied entry, he wanted me to get in. He told the guards, in Italian, that they should let me in because I am Italian-American. One guard asked me, "Dove e la tua communa in Italia?" ("Where is your town in Italy?") I know only a smattering of Italian, but this one I knew! I responded, "Mio nonno era nato in Colobaro, in Basilicata." ("My grandfather was born in Colobaro, in Basilicata.") "Oh, Basilicata!" he shouted. The guards chattered back and forth about my province, and happily let me inside, where I walked among the frescoes and the Serbian Orthodox priests.

So a little bit of Italian helped get me past machine-gun toting guards in Kosovo.

Q: What is unique about being a professor under the model of "experiential learning" you championed in legal education?

Experiential education is especially rewarding for the teacher, watching students develop in the role of lawyer. The most challenging aspect is remaining flexible. The scenarios change course depending on the role players, the student-lawyers, the nature of relationships between one side and the other in the scenario. The teacher has to stay alert for the teaching moments and opportunities, pounce on them and make them valuable for the students.

Q: What advice do you have for W&M students who are about to embark on their professional careers?

My advice is about having a worthwhile, satisfying professional life: make a place in yourself for both hubris and humility. It’s not impossible, as each of us is a mysterious mixture of contrasts.

With a little hubris, you’ll think you can achieve anything, even change the world. You’ll actually try to accomplish enormous, important, and even wildly difficult things. Humility will allow you to have a genuine appreciation for your human limitations. You will recognize your talents and shortcomings. You will be honest with yourself about who you are.

With both hubris and humility, you will try to do the impossible, and not be disappointed if you can’t do it all. Maybe you won’t change the world, but in trying, you will do something worthwhile, important, and meaningful. You’ll be happy with yourself for accomplishing what you could, even if it is not all you set out to do.
Superlatives

Best Smile
Sherwin Ignacio & Heather Stangle

Best Personality
David Crain, Aaron Garrett & Emily Uhre

Best Eyes
Brian Muxted & Reneta Green

Best Hair
Dan Redding & Sarah Simmons

Best Legs
Trenton Brown & Angie Cupas

Best Body
Matt Della Valle & Kelly Brown

Best Dressed
Dana Hall & Lena Munasifi

Best Sense of Humor
Mark Pike & Heather Hamilton

Best Laugh
Mike Smith & Katie Putnam

Best Couple
Todd Garvey/Elisha Seaton & Nate Hagler/Angie Cupas

Biggest Flirt
Andrew English & Nicole Sornsinn

Biggest Partier
Dan Redding

Most School Spirit
Alper Ozinal & Latoya Asia

Most Talented/Musical
Daniel Zoller & Brooke Williams

Most Involved
Bill Smith & Latoya Asia

Most Athletic
Joey Smith & Gabby Culp

Biggest Gunner
Eric Anderson & Meghaan McElroy

Biggest Schmooze
Andrew English & Liz Howard

Best Person to Get Stuck in an Elevator With
Jason Wool & Allison Barger

Most likely to...

Stay in Public Service Forever
Chris Crawford and Sarah Bellinger

Stay in Private Practice Forever
Dana Hall and Meghaan McElroy

Never Take a Law Related Career Path
Trenton Brown and Katie Baker

Become a Professor
Mike Willems and Emily Dodds

Go into Politics
Alan Kennedy-Shaffer and Liz Howard

Become a Judge
Dave Holman and Emily Dodds

Become "the Hammer"
Dave Tyler and Brooke Williams

Turn a Professor's Hair Gray
Alan Kennedy-Shaffer and Satya Kaskade

Stump a Professor
Mike Willems and Liz Riddler

Be Found in the Lobby
Trenton Brown and "Team Schmieder"

Skip Class
Matt Draper and Megan Hay

Be Found at the Leafe
Mike Smith and Jenny Case

Chat in Class
Gray Bowditch and Adrienne Johnson

Be Designated Driver
Austin Musser and Heather Hamilton

Become Dean of the Law School
Dave Holman and Angela Tang

Write-in Categories

Be Confused With Mark Pike
Jason Wool

Get a Dart Through His Nose at the Green Leafe
Todd Garvey

Bring Tupperware to a Party
Christian Miller

Write-in Categories

Biggest Hater
David Tyler

Best Non-law Student Who Always Hangs Out
Marisa Safa

Most-loved Law Students Who Bailed
Rob Derise & Dave Neiman
A Final Toast

Class of 2009:

As we sit here on our bar stools at the Green Leaf, while everyone else is at the library, we decided to look back on the past three years. It all started 1L year when everyone came here after their law camp pizza parties to socialize over the first of many pitches. The walls of this bar have seen some sights. Remember bar crawl our 1L-year...well, at least one of us doesn’t because he didn’t make it past the bushels at Pints and Pipes. The semester rolled along and we had no idea what we were getting into, but we survived that first round of exams and partied like we had just taken the bar. We think it is safe to say that our class learned so much more than just law that first semester. And, the friendships made while cramming last minute in a half-finished library, while trying not to laugh in contracts because someone forgot he left his video chat on, while sitting in the lounge listening to AKS fight for democracy, while struggling through con law, and while waiting in line at our beloved Green Leaf or hitchhiking home from there (or being stopped by the police while walking home and taken to the hospital), will last us a lifetime. The good times continued through the next two years despite the fact that our schedules quickly filled with the demands of an upper-level student. Of course, we had our share of drama — what would a group of 200 law students be without it — and our share of injuries (ACLs, a nose, etc.), but, by far, the good outweighed the bad. William & Mary has been our home for almost three years, and we hope, that like us, it will always have a special place in your heart. So, Class of 2009, raise your glasses to all of our achievements over the past three years and to the success our futures surely hold.

Cheers from the Leaf, Mike Smith and Jenny Case

Congratulations — We are so incredibly proud of you and your accomplishments, but not surprised. You were born to be a lawyer; after all, you had an early start with your favorite game, “Let’s Play Argue,” when you were two years old. It’s been fun visiting “the East” but we are ready for you to come home — so honey, the adventure is over, let’s get in the car and head back to Colorado! Love Mom, Dad, David, and Eric

Congratulations Heather! Love, Mom, Dad and Matt

From K1 to 3L
From Day 1 to now
From a dream to a J.D.
You did it
Keep dreaming and doing

Love Mom and Dad
Congratulations Sarah!!

I love you and I'm so proud of you!!!

CONGRATULATIONS SHANNON!!!
We are very proud of you!
All our love, Mom and Dad

Hello Adrienne!
The World is waiting for you!
I know that you will do great things.
Love and Best Wishes,
Mom

The Jenkins. Congrats!
Congratulations Sarah!
We love you and are so proud of you! Mom, Dad, Megan, Mike, Ben and Benson!

Baby Sarah

P.C.

On the phone...

Off to school...

WE ARE...

Thanksgiving OBX

My Best Friend

ANGIE CUPAS

You Are My Perfect Cast!
Love, Dad
Gray, Congratulations !!! Mom, Dad, Lisa and Family

Latoya,

Since you were a little girl, you have always displayed courage, discipline and perseverance in obtaining any goal that you have set for yourself. We are so proud of your achievements! Our love and blessings are with you as you face a new career and new challenges.

Love Always,

Mom and Dad
Congratulations.
We always knew you would do it.
We are all so proud of you and love you so much.

Love,

Mom, Jordan, Branden, MomMom, Jaime, Wes, Carson, and Delilah
“Kate, we are very proud of how successful you have turned out to be! You have given your parents the best gift ever! Keep up the good work! Love Dad!”

“Thank you Matt, for being Kate’s rock, for supporting her through all these years of school. She could not have done it without you. You both are to be commended for persevering and accomplishing so much. Love, Mom”

“Congratulations Kate. Mi Jeong, Taegon, Jaegon, and Uncle Karl wish you and Matt all the best!”

“Congratulations Kate, we are very proud of you.” Genie and Ed Wall

Best wishes from Miriam and Nema

“Kitty Kate, I’m so proud of you! I know it’s been a long hard road full of challenges; you made it look like a piece of cake. May good luck be with you for the future. Love you so much, Aunt Holly”

“Congratulations and I’m proud of you!” Joe

“Kate, Know that your Nashville relatives are very proud of you and wish you much happiness and success.”

Love, Your “Great”

Aunt Norma

“Congratulations, Kate, on your graduation and achievements. We are very proud of you.” Martha Ann and Bill

“I am very proud of all my grandchildren, but Katie makes me the proudest. She has accomplished the goals that she set for herself. She will make an outstanding attorney, fighting for the rights of others. May she have the knowledge and the courage to make this a better world, and may she always achieve the goals she sets for herself. Congratulations, Katie, and I love you.” Granny

“Hey we heard your good news. Congratulations Katie, you did it. From all of the Brogen family: Dawn, Michelle and Sarah, Rebecca, Mary, Melody, baby Sara, and little Erica. We love ya.”
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JURIS DOCTOR
2009

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