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A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

The new semester is off to a terrific – indeed in one case historic – start at Roger Williams School of Law. I am delighted to announce that after a rigorous 2 1/2 year process, we have been offered membership into the Association of American Law Schools, the learned society for American legal education.

Validation of the high quality of our students, faculty, and programs by the leaders in the legal academy is a significant step in the evolution of our young and ambitious institution.

The new semester has also been brimming with activities in the building. Our Marine Affairs Institute, headed by Kristen Fletcher, hosted several events in January, bringing policymakers and their critics to campus for in-depth discussions of ecosystem management, an increasingly important tool for addressing environmental problems that by their nature cross state boundaries.

Our Office of Diversity and Outreach, headed by Lorraine Lalli, presented a full slate of programs celebrating the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Among the highlights was an "intergenerational panel" that discussed the civil rights challenges still facing our country. The participants ranged from George Lima, who has been fighting for civil rights since his service in WWII as a "Tuskegee Airman," to LaVerne Singleton, a recent graduate of the School of Law, who spoke from the perspective of a young activist and newly-minted lawyer. The week wrapped up with students and faculty watching, and then discussing, the difficult issues raised by the provocative movie "Crash."

Finally, we welcomed to our Bristol campus Robert Webster, the highly-regarded English Barrister who directs our summer program in London. Barrister Webster is a gifted teacher who adds depth to our International Law offerings. He is teaching courses on EU Law and Comparative Constitutional Law to rave reviews.



David A. Logan
Dean and
Professor of Law

AALS Celebration

The School of Law celebrated its acceptance into the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) at the Hotel Viking, Newport, R.I. on January 29, 2006. The celebration included members of federal and state judiciary, Roger Williams University President Roy J. Nirschel and University administration, School of Law administration, faculty, staff, students, and loyal supporters of the School of Law. The gala was the perfect ending for the 2 1/2 years of hard work that led up to AALS membership.



Above (left to right) Hon. Daniel A. Proaccini, Associate Justice, R.I. Superior Court, Audrey Clifton, Hon. Edward C. Clifton, Associate Justice, R.I. Superior Court, and Kellie Proaccini.

Founding members of the School of Law with Dean David A. Logan, back right, include from left, Professor Anthony J. Santoro, Professor Louise Ellen Teitz, Associate Dean Michael J. Yelnosky, Judy Menzies, Executive Assistant to the Dean, and Professor Bruce I. Kogan.

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President Roy J. Nirschel, Ph.D., left, with Providence Mayor David N. Cicilline.

