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Here is the recap from Laurie Barron, the Director of our Feinstein Center, about a fun annual event that brings together many of our public-interest focused students and staff from the Feinstein Center for Pro Bono and Experiential Education, followed by some pictures from the fun evening.

It was a glorious night, thank goodness, for the annual Fall Public Interest Pot Luck Dinner held on Friday, September 6, because the 75 students and faculty members who attended would have been quite cozy inside the home of Laurie Barron and Michael Yelnosky. The Pot Luck, hosted each September and January, has become a tradition at RWU Law School, bringing together public interest-minded students, faculty, and staff, on a Friday evening to raise a glass and learn about the exciting public interest summers of the 2L's and 3L's and introduce 1L's to the energizing culture of pro bono and giving back that thrives here at RWU Law. Marcus Swift, the President of the Association for Public Interest Law (APIL), talked about the mission of APIL and the "family" that he had found within the group. Danielle Dufault and Curtis Pouliot-Alvarez, co-chairs of Alternative Spring Break, inspired students to be one of the 35 (and counting) students who spent spring break providing legal services at 10 different projects in 8 different states. And Auction co-chairs Samantha Clarke and Kate Clark-Dawe told students to get involved and save January 31st for the law school's public interest auction, which raised over \$35,000 last year. Professor Gowri Krishna, teaching the law school's new Community Economic Development Clinic, and Professor Molly Kapstein Cote, teaching the law school's new Prosecution Externship, joined the Feinstein Gang – Eliza Vorenberg, Suzy Harrington-Steppen, and Lauren Macbeth – on a beautiful evening on the lawn to kick off another great year of pro bono work and experiential education at RWU Law School.

















