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Dean Logan's Blog

Learnin' and Livin' in the Mother Country

Posted by David Logan on 07/03/2012 at 03:18 PM

Another year, and another cohort of lucky RWU Law students who get an insider's view of the English legal system by attending our unique summer program in London. Unlike most foreign programs, which are classroom-based and focus on doctrine, the RWU Law program gets our students into the chambers of some of London's top law firms and judges for what is quaintly called "a mini-pupilage." This provides an intimate insiders' view of a legal system that provided the basis for the U.S. judiciary. Led by the irrepressible Barrister Bobby Webster, those who enroll for the maximum number of credits also gain enrichment from Prof. Emily Sack's focus on the English criminal justice system, featuring special presentations from London's Chief of Probation, a policy expert who formally was advisor to the Prime Minister, an American professor from Stanford (who was a drug policy advisor to President Obama), and finally a site visit to a halfway house run by probationers released from prison. In short, "Legal London" is a unique educational and social experience.

Below is a summary from Nathaniel Peterson ('14) and then some pics

“*Observing Barristers at work in London has both solidified and expanded the legal education I have received at RWU School of Law. English concepts in tort law and contract law are very similar, while court procedure and even court decorum is noticeably different. By watching and learning from these similarities and differences, my view of the legal world becomes multi-dimensional and of greater practical application. This creates a well-rounded and more competent student of the law. And I may even learn to love some English food beyond fish-and-chips.*”



Barrister Robert Webster, Professor Emily Sack and Law Students



The Royal Family ~ The Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012



Katie Zilgme, Alisha Perry, Allyson Entz and "Conviction" actress, Minnie Driver



John Reyes, Will Averova, Diana Mauro, Hillary Black and Brittany Hepp in Regents Park



The Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012 Celebration



Evan Thompson, Annie Essex, Alisha Perry, Liz McNamara, Katie Zilgme and Allyson Entz at the London
Museum of Natural History



Katie Zilgme, Allyson Entz and Alisha Perry ~ Queen's Jubilee Crown of flowers



Brittany Hepp, Will Avernova and Diana Mauro celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee



Barrister Robert Webster with Law Students at the Lincoln's Inn



Professor Emily Sack, Law Students and Probation Officer Barbara Thomas at Westbourne House