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We are glad to support the many public-interest oriented students drawn to RWU Law, and this year, once again, a talented group from all three classes journeyed to snowy New Hampshire for the 27th Annual Robert Cover Retreat, which brings together dozens of law students and Public Interest lawyers for idea-sharing and networking.

Here are comments from 3L Andrew Rogers and 1L John Ryan-Henry and below that some pics from this important event:

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Every winter aspiring and practicing attorneys congregate in wood cabins surrounded by miles of forests, lakes and hills for the Robert M. Cover Retreat in Peterborough, New Hampshire. The Northeast's most progressive and socially conscious attorneys bring their combined centuries of experience to bear in this three day retreat designed to both inspire and motivate young activist law students. This year, Roger Williams University School of Law was able to send ten such students to New Hampshire to take part in the retreat.”

First year student John Ryan-Henry had this to say about Derrick Evans, a Boston teacher who moved home to coastal Mississippi to join a struggle to save his community from rampant development and industrial pollution:

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I'm so grateful to have been given the opportunity to attend the Cover Retreat this year, hopefully my first of many. Of the dozen tremendously helpful interactions I had with practitioners, an afternoon roundtable conversation with Derrick Evans stands out in particular. We first heard the story of how Mr. Evans, Reilly Morse, and the people of Turkey Creek have fought for the environmental and cultural survival of their community. Then after, the group

discussed in detail the legal tactics and considerations that went into the campaign - how to learn from Turkey Creek and apply its model elsewhere, and how to spread that knowledge to a new generation of law students.”



