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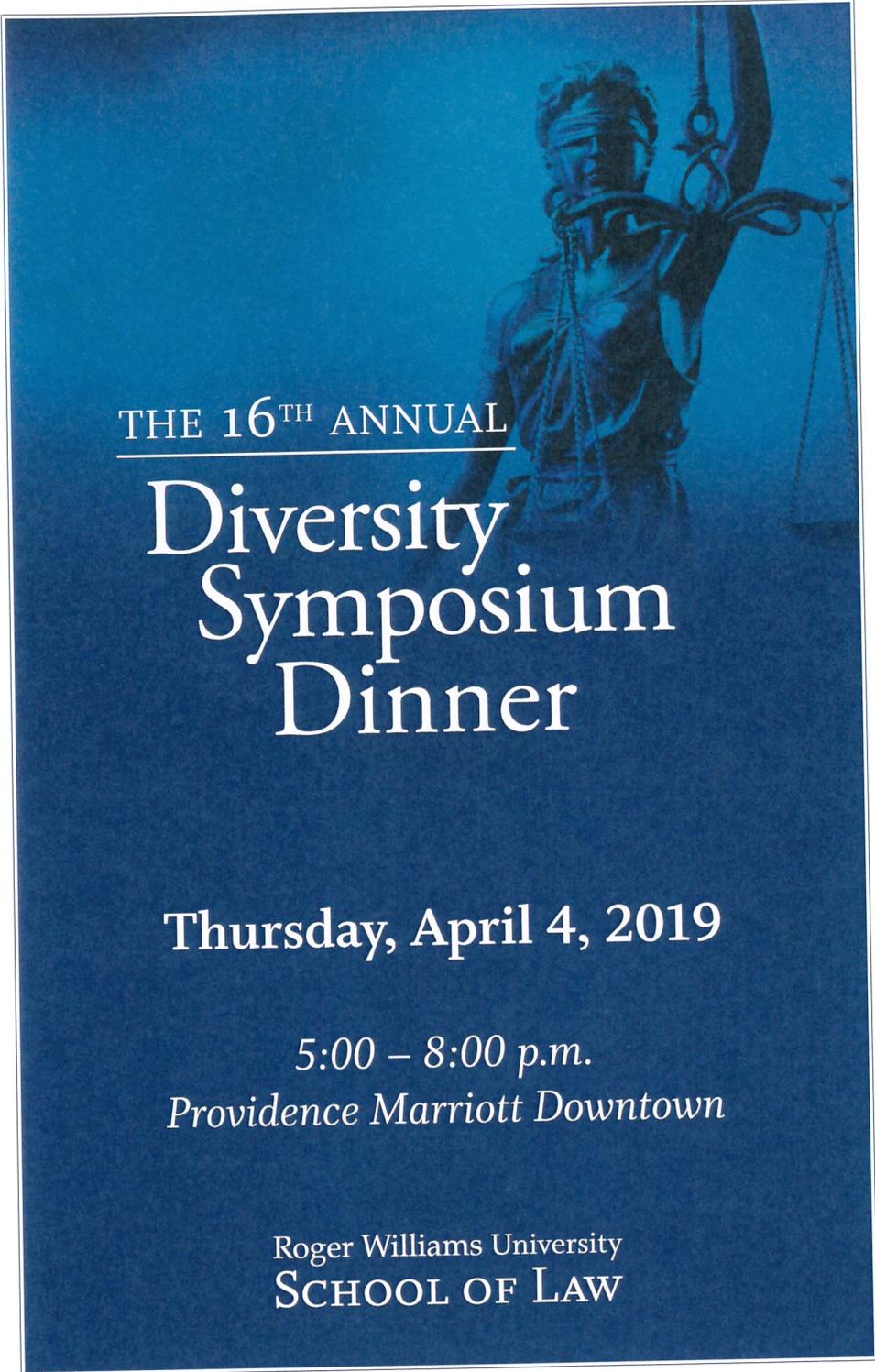
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THE 16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL

Diversity  
Symposium  
Dinner

Thursday, April 4, 2019

5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

*Providence Marriott Downtown*

Roger Williams University  
SCHOOL OF LAW

*Presented by:*

RWU LAW MULTI-CULTURAL LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION  
THURGOOD MARSHALL LAW SOCIETY OF RHODE ISLAND  
RHODE ISLAND HISPANIC BAR ASSOCIATION

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## **WELCOME**

MODERATOR:

Angelyne E. Cooper, Esq. '08  
*Senior Counsel*  
*Pannone Lopes Devereaux & O'Gara*

## **REMARKS**

Michael J. Yelnosky  
*Dean, Roger Williams University School of Law*

## **DINNER AND TABLE DISCUSSION**

### **PANEL DISCUSSION**

Bre'Anna Metts-Nixon '20  
*Roger Williams University School of Law Student*

Professor Diana J. Hassel  
*Roger Williams University School of Law*

Lynette Labinger, Esq.  
*Attorney at Law*

Honorable Luis Matos  
*Associate Justice*  
*Rhode Island Superior Court*

### **CLOSING**

Lorraine Lalli '01  
*Assistant Dean of Students*  
*Roger Williams University School of Law*

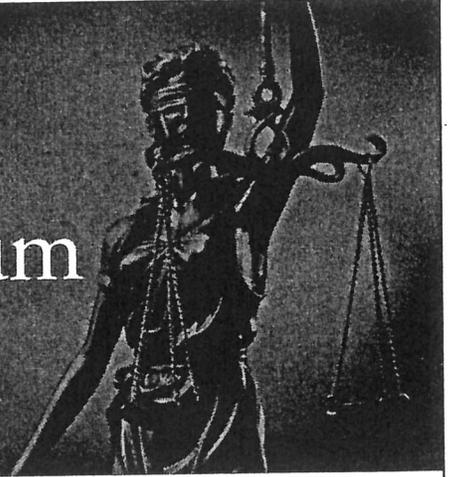


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# Diversity Symposium Dinner



## Discussion Questions

- Do you believe that equal access to a college education is essential to social mobility? Please explain.
- Do you believe that colleges and universities are making admissions decisions based on merit? Please explain.
- If you are unsatisfied with the state of college and university admissions, how would you reform the process? What factors should colleges and universities use to make admissions decisions? Should colleges grant preference to athletes or consider race, sex, sexual orientation, religion, or national origin in making decisions? Should schools rely so heavily on SAT scores? Please explain.
- Lori Loughlin and her husband have been accused of paying bribes totaling \$500,000 in exchange for having their two daughters designated as recruits to the University of Southern California crew team, despite not actually participating in crew. If they are convicted of that crime, what sentence would be appropriate? Please explain.

April 8, 2019

## The 16th Annual Diversity Symposium Dinner

Last Thursday, RWU Law students, faculty, staff and friends gathered with diverse members of the Rhode Island bar and judiciary to talk about the legal profession with high school and college students from around the state.

The discussion moderator was Angelyne E. Cooper, Esq. '08, Senior Counsel with Pannone Lopes Devereaux & O'Gara. Panelists included RWU Law Bre'Anna Metts-Nixon '20, RWU Law Professor Diana J. Hassel, Attorney Lynette Labinger, Esq., and the Honorable Luis Matos, Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court.

RWU Law Dean Michael J. Yelnosky offered opening remarks; Assistant Dean of Students Lorraine Lalli '01 closed the presentation.

The Event was cosponsored by Nixon Peabody LLP and Roger Williams University School of Law, and presented by RWU Law's Multi-Cultural Law Students Association, the Thurgood Marshall Law Society of Rhode Island, and the Rhode Island Hispanic Bar Association.