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THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021 — 6:00 PM EST — AN ONLINE EVENT
Register at: law.rwu.edu/go/champions

Champions for Justice Virtual Fundraiser

Please join us for a special evening to celebrate and support the students, alumni, partners, and friends whose exceptional devotion to social justice increases access to
JUSTICE FOR ALL.

Thursday, March 11, 2021
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM ET
Zoom Program*

Students - complimentary/registration required.

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Like most events taking place during the COVID-19 pandemic, Champions for Justice will look and feel a bit different this year. To this end, instead of highlighting certain Champions, as we usually do, we are honoring everyone who is fighting for justice during these unprecedented and trying times. Next year we hope to return to our usual in-person format of recognizing individual and community Champions.

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Making a Difference Together

RWU Law's extended family gathered Thursday night for an 'online edition' of its signature Champions for Justice event, raising more than \$95,000 for the school's public service legal initiatives in Rhode Island, Southeastern Massachusetts, and beyond.

March 15, 2021

Michael M. Bowden



Glimpses of Champions for Justice 2021. Top row (l-r): Dean Gregory W. Bowman, Feinstein Center Director Laurie Barron, RWU President Ioannis N. Miaoulis; middle row: Joshua Xavier '14, 3L Sophia Weaver, U.S. District Court Judge William E. Smith; bottom row: 3L Jessica Insurriaga, RWU Provost Margaret Everett.

It wasn't the packed ballroom event that the Roger Williams University School of Law community has grown accustomed to over the years, but Thursday night's "online edition" of Champions for Justice still delivered an intimate, spirited evening – one that raised a grand total of \$95,495 for the school's pro bono, clinical and externship programs.

And because the law school saved many of the costs associated with a physical event, the funds left for student programming “should be about the same as last year’s net,” said RWU Law Dean Gregory W. Bowman. “That's pretty amazing during a pandemic.”

Champions for Justice is one of the premier annual events for the Rhode Island legal community. “Tonight’s program, because it is online, is different than in previous years,” Dean Bowman noted in introducing the event. “We will not be handing out any awards this evening. We are waiting until next year to do that, when we are all back together in person.”

Instead, Thursday’s event featured inspiring testimonials from two current law students – 3Ls Jessica Insurriaga from El Paso, Texas, and Sophia Weaver of Charlestown, R.I. – and alumnus Joshua Xavier '14, now an associate with Partridge Snow & Hahn LLP. The three talked in turn with Laurie Barron, director of RWU Law’s Feinstein Center for Pro Bono & Experiential Education, about how they benefited from funds raised at past Champions events.

“What started out as an auction at the law school to support our public interest summer stipend program has grown and transformed into a huge gala that raises thousands upon thousands of dollars for the Pro Bono Collaborative, our Alternative Spring Break Program, Clinical

Externships, Clinical Law Programs, and our public interest summer stipend program,” Dean Bowman said.

“We are Rhode Island’s law school, and we are fiercely proud of that. We succeed because of you – and you make us better. Collectively, we are making a difference in Rhode Island and the world.”

Fundraising efforts Thursday focused largely on a Silent Auction organized by 3L Cory Lee and featured items donated by RWU Law alumni, faculty, and staff, as well as corporate partners such as Kaplan and Themis (which contributed bar review courses worth more than \$1,000 each). Popular items included a wine-and-cheese board donated by the Feinstein Center; a one-month pass to park in the Dean’s parking space in front of the law school; and dinner with four RWU Law deans – Bowman, Bruce Kogan, David Logan, and Michael Yelnosky.

Attendees included students, alumni, faculty, and staff; members of the federal and state judiciary; elected officials; members of the law school’s Board of Directors, the Law Alumni Association Board of Directors, and the University’s Board of Trustees, and past RWU Law honorary degree recipients, as well as returning Champions for Justice honored in previous years. Besides Bowman, speakers included the RWU President Ioannis N. Miaoulis; RWU Provost Margaret Everett, and the chairman of RWU Law’s Board of Directors, U.S. District Court Judge William E. Smith.

Bowman closed Champions for Justice 2021, saying: “If you are a graduate of RWU Law, we are your law school. And if you are *not* a graduate – we are *still* your law school. We are Rhode Island’s law school, and we are fiercely proud of that. With your support and your help, we will continue to support the dreams and ambitions of our students, and the work of our great faculty and staff. Everyone here this evening has supported our law school in some way, and we are very, very grateful for that. We succeed because of you – and you make us better. Collectively, we are making a difference in Rhode Island and the world.”

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Our whole-hearted thanks to all of you for supporting the 2021 Champions for Justice Event. Because of you, the evening was a remarkable success.

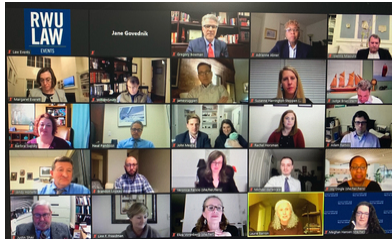
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This year's virtual event gathered the bench and the bar along with our alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends to celebrate the fight for access to justice during these unprecedented and trying times. The evening was a wonderful affirmation of the shared values that unite us as a legal community.

Many thanks again for your generous support of the Champions for Justice Event and RWU Law. We hope to see you next year in person with our return to an awards ceremony.

Best regards,

Dean Gregory W. Bowman
Roger Williams University School of Law



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