

LEWIS & CLARK'S 30TH ANNUAL

PILP AUCTION

A MODERN
MOMENT

THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 18, 2021
VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE
6:00 - 6:45 PM

...WITH YOUR HELP

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VOICE FOR JUSTICE

2020 has not been a simple year, but despite numerous obstacles, the Public Interest Law Project has continued our work in local communities and beyond. Fourteen summer award recipients spent thousands of hours engaged in work serving or furthering the interests of under resourced communities. We endeavored to host the most eventful Public Interest Law Month that Lewis & Clark Law School has ever seen. Amidst the smoke and anxieties of the fall, we have constantly attended to our fundraising efforts for 2021 summer awards. Finally, PILP took steps to reaffirm our commitment to becoming a more equitable organization in accordance with the priorities we announced this summer.

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-Natalie Hollabaugh, 3L
Summer Award Recipient

CELEBRATING OUR 30TH

Natalie Hollabaugh, 3L
Summer Award Recipient &
PILP President

As a PILP Summer Award Recipient I had the privilege of spending this summer at Youth, Rights & Justice (YRJ). The pandemic presented a unique challenge for the directly impacted communities alongside which YRJ works. Parents and children faced limited or non-existent visits, youth who were detained had a higher risk of contracting Covid-19, and young people in foster care had to adjust to remote learning. The wellbeing of these folks, many of whom were children, and the protection of their rights, was at the heart of all the work I did this summer.

Without PILP I would not have had the opportunity to continue to say yes to an

organization that focuses on client-centered, trauma informed advocacy. To date PILP has supported the careers of 373 law students at 157 different organizations in the Pacific NW and far beyond.

During these truly unprecedented times, it is imperative that non-profits advancing the public interest have the opportunity for legal interns to join their team without insurmountable financial strain. This year is PILP's 30th Birthday and we are happy to share that we have pivoted in so many ways to keep our efforts on track, but we still need your support.

THIS GIVING TUESDAY WE ARE
HOPING YOU WILL DONATE \$30
BECAUSE WE NEED YOUR HELP TO
KEEP THE DOORS OF PUBLIC
INTEREST OPEN FOR ALL.

» HELP US REACH OUR GOAL

PILP AT A GLANCE

Our Accomplishments This Term



2020/2021 SUMMER
AWARD RECIPIENTS

14

TOTAL SUMMER AWARDS
SINCE OUR FOUNDING

373



SOCKS DONATED TO
HOUSELESS NEIGHBORS

840

EVENTS SO FAR
THIS TERM

16



NUMBER OF STUDENTS
REACHED

398

1L VOLUNTEERS

30



PUBLIC INTEREST

LAW MONTH

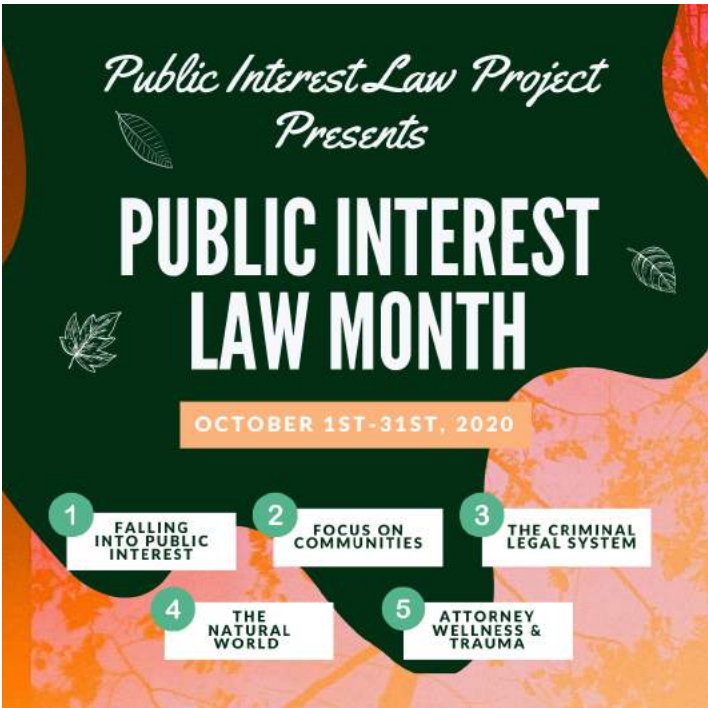
This year instead of just a Public Interest Law Week, PILP deemed October Public Interest Law Month! We filled the month with opportunities for students and community members to gain insight into public interest law, focusing on five themed weeks. We facilitated numerous speakers and events hosted by students and alumni on a wide variety of subjects. Our events included a movement lawyer focused on racial justice and voting rights, a returning citizens panel, in collaboration with Berkeley Law, focused on centering directly impacted folks in conversations about criminal justice policy, and two amazing women discussing their paths to work in public defense at the federal and local levels. PILP highlighted success

stories of individuals and organizations that advance the rights of others and inspire greater equity through their work. We discussed the reality that public interest work may bring about trauma. We even had a famous guest speaker, Dwayne Betts, speak to a virtual audience about his experience as a formerly incarcerated man turned attorney and poet. Partnering with Dwayne, PILP ensured that 50 copies of Dwayne's book, *Felon: Poems* were donated to Oregon's Youth Correctional Facilities.

Hundreds of attendees joined dozens of PILP events throughout the month to listen, learn, and engage with our community. We also led a successful Sock Drive that lasted all month long!

Emily Fox, PILP Database Coordinator, Summer Award

Recipient, and three year board member, offered her reflection on a PI Month event: "PILP's Conversation about Trauma brought together students who otherwise may never have met in the remote academic environment. Our candid conversation left me feeling more centered, supported, and connected with the L&C community. I learned so much from all who attended and appreciated the reminder that none of us are alone in our 2020 struggles."



COMING

TOGETHER, APART

This fall, PILP prioritized bringing tangible help to the Portland community as much as we can during these trying times. PILP's Community Outreach Coordinator, Chloe Williams '22, said it best: "The devastation from the pandemic has, both emotionally and physically, re-emphasized the importance of community to PILP. In part, public interest work is about knowing our community." Given that PILP has acknowledged our positionality as an organization capable of offering support to local communities, we now seek to deliver what assistance we can.

SOCK DRIVE

At first blush, one might not think a sock drive would be a particularly impactful endeavor—but PILP collected 840 pairs of socks during the month of October—more than 27 pairs of socks each day for our houseless neighbors! The socks were donated to local organizations. Special shout out to PILP Alumni and Lewis & Clark Faculty who generously matched donations for our final week.

COMMUNITY MEAL

Just before Thanksgiving, PILP delivered a community meal to one of Transition Projects' local shelters for the second straight year. Students from all over the city prepared portions of a larger meal that was then brought to the

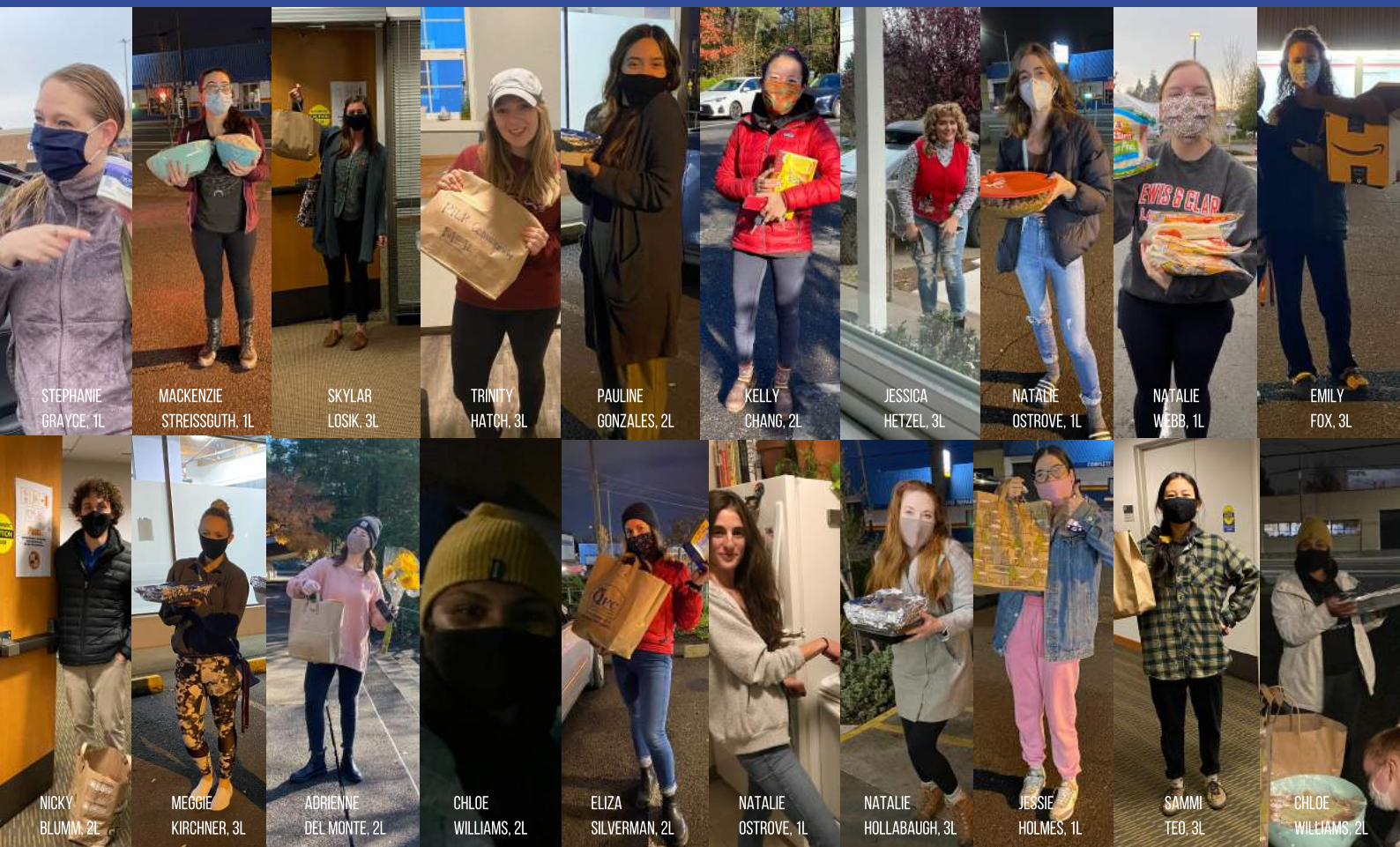
shelter to be served following strict Covid protocols. See the photos below of the 20 students who helped prepare the meal.

BLOOD DRIVE

In a time when health services are in dire need, PILP organized and facilitated a blood drive at Lewis & Clark for willing students, faculty, and staff to give blood safely during an otherwise uncertain time.

ADOPTED FAMILY

Finally, for the holiday season PILP has adopted a multi-generational local family through Cascadia Behavioral Health Care: Second Chance Women Program and the Christmas Family Adoption Foundation. PILP is happy to accept donations on behalf of this family.



"Donating blood for PILP's blood drive was an extra special occasion for me. Twenty-five years ago on Thanksgiving week, I had heart surgery which required a blood transfusion. For me, donating blood means returning the gift I was given."

—Maggie Powers, 3L
Former Summer Award Recipient



MEGGIE KIRCHNER, 3L



MAGGIE POWERS, 3L



DAN POLKOW, 2L



MICHELLE GANOW-JONES, 3L



REBECCA CASSADY, 3L



ERIC WERNER, 3L



JESSICA HETZEL, 3L



AMY STINETT, 3L



GRACE WHITE, 3L

FUNDRAISING FOR THE FUTURE

PILP hit the ground running and started fundraising early for summer 2021 awards:

PILP PARTNER VIRTUAL 5K

We hosted our first annual virtual 5k that partnered with 22 other campus student organizations. Over a hundred people from all over the country ran 500+ miles with PILP, raising over \$1,200 for summer awards and \$750 for our partners.

SUPPORTING LOCAL TAKEOUT

We also joined forces with a local eatery, Danwei Canting, to host a day during which part of the proceeds from all sales at the restaurant went to PILP's 2021

summer awards. Students, faculty, alumni, and community members all enjoyed an evening of takeout in support of our efforts.

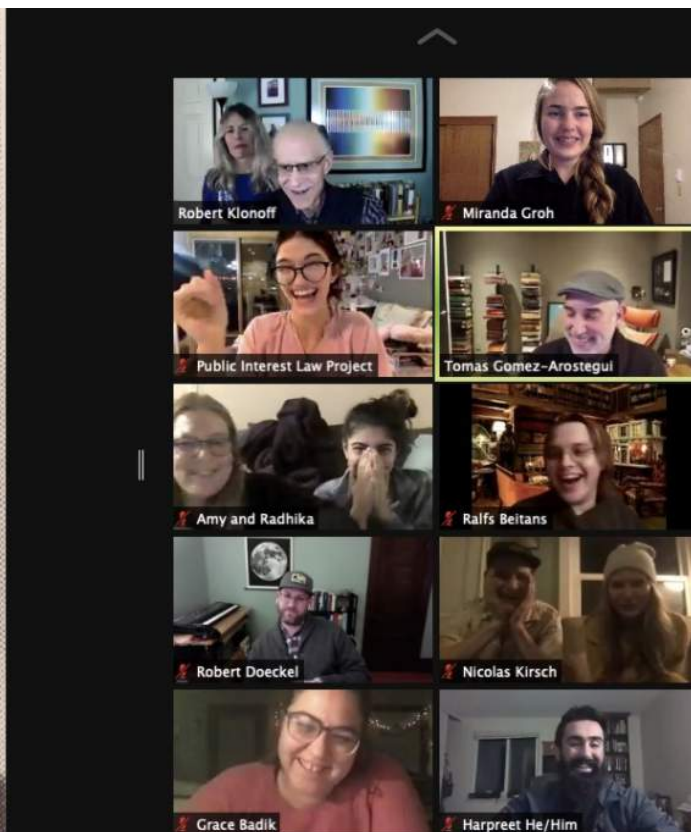
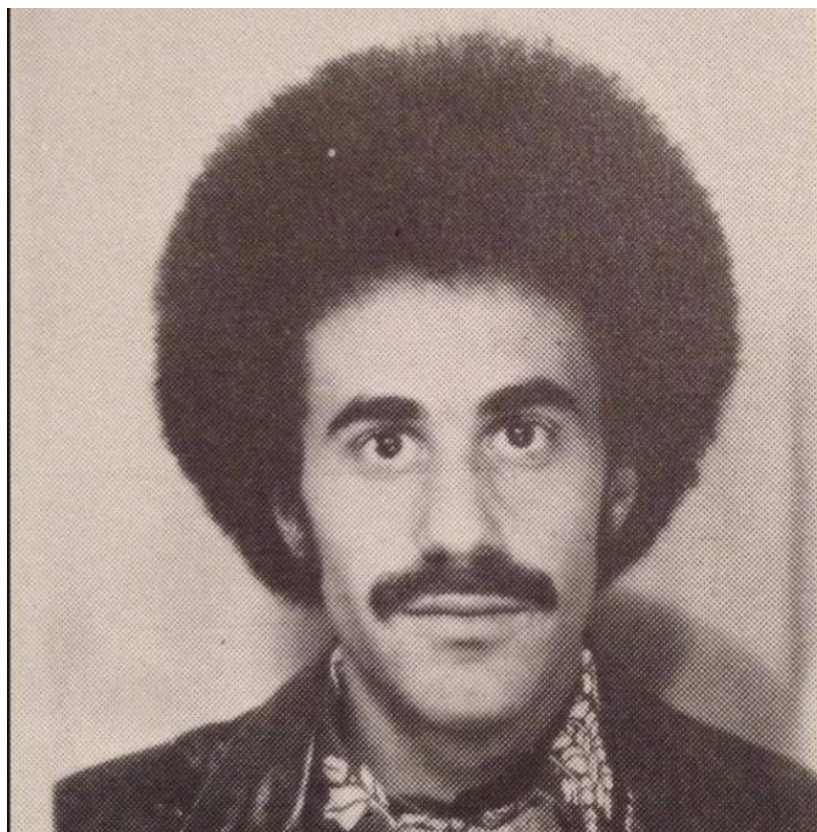
ANNUAL 1L POD RACE

Our new team of 1L's facilitated our annual pod race, a longstanding PILP tradition, getting first year students involved with PILP from the five different pods! During the month, 114 students participated, raising \$575 for PILP! Blue Pod was victorious, which ordinarily entitles the entire pod to a pancake breakfast with professors; this year they celebrated with a Zoom event—featuring professors, including Professor Klonoff, unbelievably pictured below on the left (a few years back) and in the top right

corner on Zoom (just last week). Blue Pod 1L Karli Uwaine said about the pod race, "Buying a keychain for the 1L Pod Race was so much more than winning a prize. Public Interest Law positions are so important and something that I definitely want to be a part of, so being able to help raise money so that my fellow classmates and I can have the opportunity to give back and be a part of public interest work was awesome!"



KARLI UWAIN, 1L



"I cannot thank PILP enough for giving me the opportunity to work alongside so many outstanding environmental attorneys. This award provides aspiring lawyers a chance to securely explore public interest work. I am excited to see the work my fellow award recipients have done and cannot wait to see what future recipients will do.

—Victoria Frankeny, 3L

IMPROVING OUR ORGANIZATION

As active as PILP has been this fall, we acknowledge that our institutional priorities require constant development. To honor commitments we made over the summer to contribute to racial justice and equality— and to be a more equitable organization as whole— we overhauled the process by which we provide students summer awards. Our new system is a matrix, professionally designed by an Equity & Inclusion consultant, which aims to reduce bias and barriers to entry that were previously inherent in the award selection process. We look forward to employing the matrix to select our 2021 summer award recipients. We are confident that the matrix will help PILP actualize our commitment to being more equitable.

Looking to last summer, stipend recipients were active in person

and virtually, helping communities, thanks to PILP's funding. A few stipend recipients offered insights about their experiences...

ELENA CAJACOB

As a statewide organization pursuing justice for low income Oregonians, OLC is working on multiple fronts of the COVID-19 crisis. I assisted with litigation challenging the Oregon Employment Department's failure to meet obligations to provide timely decisions to unemployment applicants and meaningful access to limited English proficient applicants during the COVID-19 crisis.

PAULINE GONZALES

One of the highlights of the summer was working on a mitigation project where I helped compile data for plea negotiations. Part of this data took racial and ethnic patterns into account. Seeing this data on screen emphasized how much race plays a role in profiling, selective enforcement, incarceration,

mandatory sentencing policies, prosecutorial abuse, and police brutality. Overall, this experience reinforced my understanding of the importance of client-centered representation and that every individual deserves equal access to adequate legal representation in order to ensure an equitable chance at justice.

ADRIENNE DEL MONTE

In addition to my work at St. Andrew Legal Clinic I drafted multiple humanitarian parole requests for immigrants currently detained in unsafe detention facilities through BorderX.

DAN POLKOW

Being a law clerk and having the PILP summer award meant so much to me this summer. I have been excited to dive into environmental advocacy and energy policy for a long time. The PILP stipend helped me make this dream a reality, by allowing me to afford the time and space to do so.

A WARM WELCOME

*Lexie Zirschky, Director of
Public Interest Law*



In October Lewis & Clark Law welcomed a new Director of Public Interest Law after Carra Sahler accepted a position at the Green Energy Institute. PILP is delighted to welcome Lexie Zirschky!

In her new role, Lexie will also serve as the Director of PILP. She is deeply committed to Lewis & Clark's outstanding Public Interest program and to the community service that the program provides. After graduating from Lewis & Clark Law School Lexie worked in several positions, including as a judicial clerk, as a state employee focused on alcohol/cannabis policy and regulation, and as the Chief of the Civil Division for an Attorney General's office. In her free time, she volunteers with several advocacy programs and enjoys traveling to new places.

A PREVIEW OF OUR 2021 AUCTION...

This year is our 30th auction—that's 30 years of fundraising to support public interest legal work! The annual PILP auction funds summer awards that provide all students with opportunities to grow roots in public interest work, regardless of whether they can afford to work for free. Our former summer award recipients held numerous positions spread throughout the broad "public interest" field, but shared a commitment to public interest legal work that shapes their legal education and careers. This year is special, not only because we are celebrating our 30th auction, but also because this is our first virtual auction. We are excited to have a virtual event that will allow many more people to attend, bid, and donate to support the public interest legal work PILP has advocated on behalf of for over 30 years. There is no charge for admission, but we are offering

a variety of optional viewing packages for sale. Silent auction items will be viewable several days before the live event on Thursday, February 18th. We are excited to offer an array of goods and experiences to melt your "pandemic winter" blues. You'll love our array of tasty treats, eco-friendly apparel, outdoor gear, handmade jewelry, artwork, cooking supplies, local getaways, and more. Our amazing team of student volunteers have worked tirelessly to procure auction items that appeal to this moment! While our auction will look different this time around, our desire to reflect our commitment to equity and inclusion remains at the core of everything we are doing as we plan this event.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available for anyone who wants to support our event. Please consider how you want to join in the fun, whether through donations of items, experiences, or financial support; event sponsorship, or simply by attending and bidding on some of the fantastic items that we have to offer!

ITEMS WE



**A ZOOM CARTOONING
CLASS BY FAMOUS
CHILDREN'S BOOK
ILLUSTRATORS**

**A PALM SPRINGS
VACATION HOME
WITH A POOL**

**A CAMPING GETAWAY
PACKAGE**

**HANDWOVEN EARRINGS
FROM AUGUSTA
HANDMADES**

**BAINBRIDGE
ISLAND WEEKEND**

**A CABIN IN THE MT
HOOD FOREST**

"The stipend meant the ability to apply all of my time and energy to the work I had in front of me at SOAR, instead of splitting my focus in an effort to make tight ends meet. Financially, the PILP award was a pivotal reason I confidently pursued my summer work in immigration law."

—'Ilima Umbhau, 2L

2020-2021 STIPEND RECIPIENTS



Eliza Silverman, 2L
Metropolitan Public
Defender



Dan Polkow, 2L
Green Energy
Institute



Victoria Frankeny, 2L
WildEarth Guardians



Jenna Richards, 2L
Oregon Innocence
Project



Keri L. Pflieger
Office of Public
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Emelie Frojen, 3L
Defenders of Wildlife



Pauline Gonzales, 2L
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'Ilima Umbhau, 2L
SOAR Immigration
Legal Services



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St. Andrew Legal Clinic;
BorderX; Execution by
the Numbers



Carrie Ng, 2L
SF City Attorney
Energy and
Telecomms Team



Haley Nicholson, 2L
CA DOJ Enviro.
Division Land Law
Section

"AT MPD, I FELT LIKE I WAS A PART OF SOMETHING: A TEAM OF PUBLIC DEFENDERS, INVESTIGATORS, LEGAL ASSISTANTS, CERTIFIED LAW STUDENTS AND VOLUNTEERS, FIGHTING FOR BACK LIVES, HEALTH, SAFETY, HUMAN DIGNITY AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS."

—ELIZA SILVERMAN, 2L

Not Pictured: CJ Fuenzalida Nunez, 3L
NW Justice Project

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WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

PILP always has opportunities for local attorneys, law firms, alumni, and community members...

SPONSOR

Interested in sponsoring our annual auction? Reach out to Sponsorship Coordinator Dan Polkow, dlpolkow@lclark.edu.

VOLUNTEER

Want to speak to students? Serve as a mentor? Or help with other initiatives? Reach out to PILP directly at pilp@lclark.edu.

GIVE

PILP has adopted a family for the holidays. To donate items or funds to this effort reach out to PILP directly at pilp@lclark.edu.

DONATE

Do you have an item, getaway, or mileage you wish to donate to our auction? Reach out to Procurement Coordinator, Eliza Silverman, esilverman@lclark.edu.

SERVE

The PILP Advisory Board anticipates an upcoming vacancy for the 2021/2022 school year. If this is of interest, reach out to PILP President, Natalie Hollabaugh, nataliehollabaugh@lclark.edu.

SUPPORT

And of course support PILP by joining us at our 2021 Virtual Auction, PILP: A Modern Moment. Thursday, February 18th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time. We cannot wait to see you there!